

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

Council Meeting – Highlights

February 13, 2024

including the January 30 Public Works Meeting

Council & Public Works meetings are [live-streamed](#) on YouTube under '[County of St. Paul No. 19](#)'.

The public is welcome to observe the Council proceedings from the Public Gallery in the Council Chambers, located in the Administration Building. Our next meeting, Public Works, is on February 27 at 10 a.m.

Administration

Council approved the **publication of the [2023 Q4 Update](#)** for the Strategic Plan.

After a discussion with **St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 (SPERD)** to understand the funding requirements of the proposed **new school in Mallaig**, Council agreed to **contribute up to \$300,000** of the cost of the **daycare space construction**.

Administration is coordinating a **Councillors meeting** with the County of Vermillion River and the County of Two Hills to discuss **regional alignment** regarding **alternative energy in the Land Use Bylaw**.

Council approved a **\$1,000 transportation grant** to the **St. Paul Senior Citizens' Club** for 2024. This grant was also approved in 2023, covering some expenses for the club's educational and cultural trips.

Council approved **\$300** for the **St. Paul Junior Curling Club's annual bonspiel**, coming up on February 24, to go towards age-appropriate door prizes for the young athletes.

Bylaws and Policies

Bylaws and Policies can be found on the County website under '[Governance > Bylaws & Policies](#)'.

A **Public Hearing was held for Bylaw 2023-26** for the amendments of Land Use Bylaw 2021-13. Attendees were mostly against the Bylaw's proposed amendments concerning alternative energy and farming land. Administration is compiling the feedback for consideration and will notify the public when further amendments are available for review.

Bylaw 2024-03 Tax Installment Payment Plan was passed by Council. This update provides Administration the discretion to charge residents an NSF fee as set out in the Fee Schedule Bylaw, when their pre-authorized monthly property tax payment has been returned NSF.

Council approved **amendments** to the following **policies**: HR-11 **Service Awards** Policy; HR-7 **Conference and Education** Policy; HR-12 **Hours of Work and Rest** Policy; HR-14 **Maternity Leave** Policy; and HR-17 **Recruitment and Selection** Policy.

Public Works

The **Open Houses** for the Lottie Lake, Ashmont, and Mallaig water infrastructure – called the **LAM Water** project – are scheduled for 7 p.m. for February 20, Ashmont Legion; February 21, Cork Hall; and February 22, Mallaig Legion.

Dust Control applications are now being accepted at the Public Works office until May 15. With the approval of Fee Schedule Bylaw 2023-24, residents who request dust control are **required to pay 25%** of the cost, based on 2023 prices.

Council has asked to **rehabilitate the Ashmont Raw Water Truckfill Station** based on the \$20,000 estimate that was presented. This will be a **coin-op service for residents**, upgrading the existing structure to act as a backup water source if needed. **Note that this will not be potable water.**

Council approved two resolutions to **cancel portions of two public highways** (county roads), as the existing road plans are no longer required as the **road was realigned in 2015** but these new road plans were not registered at that time: **Road Plan 4541EO in West ½ 36-57-8-W4** and **Road Plan 852 1427 in East ½ 2-58-8-W4**. The County will be using the new road plan to survey boundaries for the residents located in SW 36-57-8-W4 and reimburse them \$800 for the incorrect survey work previously completed.

Community Services

Council awarded the **purchase of fire trucks** to Fort Garry Fire Trucks and directed Administration to purchase all **three trucks for delivery in 2025**. These trucks will be allocated to the Elk Point, Mallaig, and St. Paul fire stations.

The **Regional Director of Emergency Management**, Trevor Kotowich, presented to Council **the Regional Emergency Management Report** and the St. Paul Fire Department Annual Report for 2023, touching on staffing changes, training for volunteers, and call statistics.

Council approved a scope change to **bring the Town of Elk Point under the Joint Quality Management Plan** with the County and the Town of St. Paul for safety codes work in the fire discipline.

Economic Development

STEP Economic Development Alliance has purchased a joint booth space for its regional partners at the **Edmonton Boat and Sportsmen's Show** taking place March 14-17. Council also agreed to a cost-share with regional partners for the Sherwood Park Great Canadian Trade Fair & Show (April 12-14) and the Fort McMurray Spring 2024 Trade Show & Artisan Market (April 26-28).

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