# **COUNTY OF ST. PAUL**

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences



# Council Highlights – August 12 Meeting

including the July 22 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 Council proceedings from the Public Gallery in the Council Chambers, located in the Administration Building. Our next meeting, Public Works, is on August 26 at 9 a.m.

### **MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Make sure you're registered to vote in the October 20<sup>th</sup> Municipal Election! Register, update, or verify your information through www.voterlink.ab.ca by August 29.

The County will **hold Advance Vote Polls** on October 9, 10, and 11 at the St. Paul Legion for all Divisions and on October 11 at the Elk Point Seniors' Centre for Divisions 1, 2, and 3. Each advanced day will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Assessors will be conducting **physical inspections of properties from May to August** throughout the County. Their vehicles will be clearly marked with the County of St. Paul's name and logo, and they will be carrying identification tags. Designated Industrial Property inspections will be conducted by the Provincial Assessors, whose trucks will be marked with the Government of Alberta logos. Thank you for cooperating with the Assessors, as it is essential in determining equitable property assessments.

Council was happy to have MLA Scott Cyr (Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul) attend the August 12 Council Meeting to discuss concerns around Highway 29 and Highway 881; funding for the replacement of water and wastewater infrastructure; and the state of agriculture throughout the Lakeland.

The County and Town of St. Paul are **amending the proposed St. Paul North Area Structure Plan** to address resident concerns.

Council approved the publication of the **2025 Q2 Operational Update**. The document can be found under 'Governance' > 'Strategic Plan'.

The County is **sponsoring \$1,000** to the **Mallaig Cabrini Park Challenge Cup** on August 23.

The County is sponsoring \$500 for the meal for the LRA Rodeo Kick Off Event on August 27.

Council approved **3 front-load bins and a 30-yard bin to the St. Paul Ag Society**, provided for the LRA Rodeo Finals at no charge. Additionally, the Ecole Mallaig School Athletic Fundraising Group was selected to clean-up the public stand/areas after the LRA Rodeo Performances in collaboration with a group selected by the Town of St. Paul.

## **BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

Bylaws and Policies can be found on the County website under 'Governance > Bylaws & Policies'.

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A Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed rezoning of lots in the Hamlet of Heinsburg from a General Urban District to Direct Control (Bylaw 2025-09). No written submissions were received; four attendees were present, one of whom spoke in favour of the Bylaw. With this, Council passed Bylaw 2025-09.

**Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw 2025-10** was passed, with revisions to clarify the use of CAP Levy Funds and the definition of community groups/organizations.

Council approved amendments to ADM-1 Cellular Phones Policy; ADM-5 Council Office Equipment Policy; ADM-13 Delinquent Accounts Receivable Policy; ADM-20 Council Remuneration and Expenses Policy; HR-7 Conference and Education Policy; HR-10 County Social Committee Policy; and HR-11 Service Awards Policy.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The County of St. Paul has **declared a State of Agricultural Disaster**, as of August 12, due to dry weather conditions and drought affecting local farmers.

Council **appointed CAO Wallsmith to the LICA Board of Directors Committee** for a one-year term, commencing Fall 2025.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Council **adopted the Tourism Capacity Building Project**, recognizing it as a guiding document to support continued tourism and economic development initiatives within the County and surrounding partner municipalities. This project was funded through the Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) Program.

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