COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences



Council Highlights – October 14 Meeting

including the September 23 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. The October 28 Public Works meeting has been cancelled.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Thank you to all the residents who voted in the 2025 Municipal Election! Your new Council will be in orientation on October 30 and hold their Organizational Meeting on October 31 before **resuming Council activities at the November 12 Council Meeting**.

ADMINISTRATION

Council **met with the Regional Director, North Central for Transportation and Economic Corridors,** with the Government of Alberta, to review the current projects on Hwy 28, 29, and 41, as well as the proposed projects from the Government for Hwy 28, 36, 857, and 881.

Council approved the publication of the **2025 Q3 Operational Update**. The document can be found under 'Governance' > 'Strategic Plan'.

County Administration **reviewed bilateral and multilateral recreation agreements** with administration of the Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. County Council supported the increase of the County's 2025 allocation from \$620,000 to \$685,000.

Council **accepted a 1.5% levy increase** to \$5.55 per capita, from the Northern Lights Library System, at a total of \$35,897.40 to be provided for 2026.

The County has **signed a Health Professional Allowance Agreement** with the Town of St. Paul for the relocation for five (5) doctors to St. Paul, anticipated to arrive in the community over the coming weeks.

The County has **signed a 2-year service contract** to continue assessment services with Accurate Assessment Group.

Council has **designated a trail at Lot 1ER Block 1 Plan 0224389** in the Labreque Subdivision of Lac Sante based on DEV-4, Reserve Lands Management Policy. The trail will not be maintained by the County.

BYLAWS AND POLICIES

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

Due to changes in the Municipal Government Act, Council **rescinded Bylaw 2021-20** Councillor Code of Conduct and **Bylaw 2018-18** At-Large Board Member Code of Conduct.

The County approved amendments to OHS-3 **Personal Protective Equipment** Policy, PW-17 **Mechanic/Welder Allowance** Policy, HR-4 **Benefits** Policy, and HR-12 **Hours of Work and Rest** Policy.

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PUBLIC WORKS

The **Bridge File project planned for 2025 has been pushed back to 2026** due to a Water Act Approval denial from Alberta Environment. As the bridge is a safety concern, the County will be sending a letter to Alberta Environment asking for clarification on why the file was denied.

Council directed Public Works to **consult with Frog Lake Historical Society** on the placement of signage for the Smoking Hill site monument along Township Road 562.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The County **agreed to a 3-year funding commitment** for the Riverland Recreational Trail Society at an annual cost of \$6,720. The County will also contact Muni-Corr to review the master agreement regarding County of St. Paul's commitment.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

STEP Economic Development Alliance will be **applying for the 2026 Alberta Community Partnership** (**ACP**) **Grant intake** on behalf of regional partners for the following projects: Regional Recreation Review; Retail & Commercial/Industrial Gap Analysis; and "Alberta's Next Trail Destination" Planning Project.

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