

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences



Council Highlights – December 9 Council Meeting *including the November 25 Public Works Meeting.*

Council meetings are [live-streamed](#) on YouTube under '[County of St. Paul No. 19](#)' and are available on the County's YouTube channel for 72 hours following the meeting.

The public is welcome to observe Council proceedings from the Public Gallery in the Council Chambers, located in the Administration Building. The next meeting, scheduled for December 23, is cancelled.

ADMINISTRATION

The **2026 Interim Budget has been approved**. Final Budget will be finalized in April 2026.

With the recent Provincial funding announcement, the County approved their proportional share of a **capital funding commitment of \$703,739.95 for the Sunnyside Manor expansion project**. This funding would be expected in 2027 and is in addition to \$2,814,960 approved in November 2024.

Council **approved \$98,630 for the 2025 Allocation for Recreational Facilities Grants** to be distributed to 21 Community Organizations.

Council also **approved the allocation of the \$75,000 for the Elk Point Recreation Grants**. This amount has allocated \$25,000 for the Elk Point Curling Rink; \$10,000 for the C.G. Baker Arena; and \$40,000 for the A.G. Ross Arena.

Council approved **additional work for the Town of St. Paul North Area Structure Plan** to complete a Traffic Impact Assessment at a cost of \$6,000, with a proposed 50/50 cost share with the Town of St. Paul.

The County is **contributing to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance** at \$0.60 per capita, totalling \$3,643.80.

Council approved **two donations to the St. Paul Ag Society**: \$1,500 for the upcoming Skijoring event on February 14, 2026, and \$1,000 for upcoming Bull-a-rama event on March 21, 2026.

BYLAWS AND POLICIES

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

Two Public Hearings were held regarding **Onicikiskwapowin Crossing**: for the Area Structure Plan (Bylaw 2025-11) and, as part of that plan, to rezone parcel SE-3-58-11-W4 from Agricultural (A) District to Industrial/Commercial (IC) District (Bylaw 2025-13). No written submissions were received; four attendees were present, who discussed access off the highway, stormwater and drainage, and the undeveloped land around the ASP area. With this, Council passed both Bylaw 2025-11 and 2025-13.

Council gave **first reading to Bylaw 2025-17**, to reflect the rebuilt and re-aligned Road Plan 3571MC and Plan 032 4245 by cancelling the existing road, registering a new road right of way, and disposing of the surplus. A Public Hearing will be held in the new year.

Council **passed Bylaw 2025-14 to update the meeting procedures for Council**, to better reflect current practices, updated legislation, and to provide greater transparency to ratepayers. The most notable changes are that both monthly meetings will be referred to as Council Meetings and that the livestream recordings will be viewable for 72 hours following each meeting.

Borrowing Bylaws 2025-15 (Current Expenditures) and 2025-16 (Master Card Account) were passed, taking effect on January 1, 2026. These are annual Bylaws to support County operations.

PUBLIC WORKS

Council **ratified the submission of six applications** to the 2025 Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) grant application under the Local Road Bridge stream. Four of the bridge file applications are resubmissions from the 2024 intake.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The County **has provided a letter of support** for the Town of St. Paul's Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) grant application for the Legasse Park Boardwalk & Trail Project.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The County of St. Paul has agreed to be the **lead municipality for an Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant application**, in partnership with Alberta HUB and participating member municipalities, for Phase 2 of HUB's Skyways Project.

The County will respond to the **Government of Alberta's Nuclear Energy Request for Information**, neither endorsing nor opposing nuclear development, but confirming that further consideration would depend on Council direction, regulatory clarity, and public engagement.

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