

2025 Q4 OPERATIONAL UPDATE



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Q4 SUMMARY

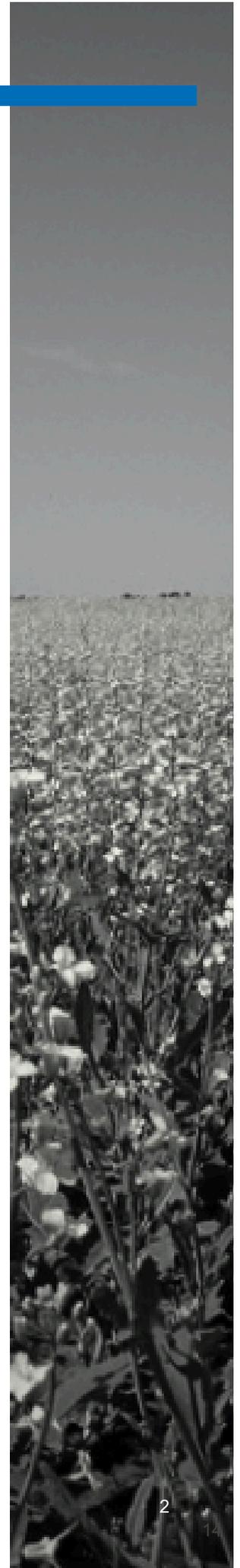
The 2025 Municipal Election took place in Q4, with a little over 2,400 votes cast. Residents voted for Reeve, their local Division Councillor and School Trustee. Detailed results can be found on the County website under [‘Governance’ > ‘2025 Municipal Election’](#). Following the election, your new Council participated in orientation to better understand their role in municipal government. The County will continue providing opportunities throughout the first year of the new term to build on their orientation.

Though we experienced a fairly mild October and November, we saw temperatures drop considerably in December, along with heavy snowfall and bouts of rain. This presented many challenges for our road maintenance crews. However, staff worked incredibly hard to ensure the roads were clear for safe travel, even volunteering to come in on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Council and I thank Public Works staff for their hard work and commitment to public safety.

A reminder for this document to look at it in tandem with the [2025 Operational Plan](#). The Operational Plan lists the tactics noted for each department’s strategy; while the strategies are repeated in this document, the tactics are not. In looking at the two documents side by side, you will see how the updates listed here align with the tactics of the Operation Plan.

We look forward to sharing our progress as we develop a long-term strategic plan for 2026-2029.

-Jason Wallsmith, Chief Administrative Officer



NEXT STEPS FOR ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT STRATEGY

ADMINISTRATION

1. Governance

1.1 - TRANSPARENCY TO DEMONSTRATE ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE

- October-December Council Highlights and Remuneration published on the website under Governance > Council Activity Report

1.2 - CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICES AND OPERATIONS

- 2026 Budget discussions held December 4 & 5

1.3 - COLLABORATE WITH MUNICIPAL PARTNERS

- Reviewed Bi- and Multi-Lateral recreation agreements for 2025-26; increased the County's 2025 allocation from \$620,000 to \$685,000 (which will be the same allocation for 2026). Discussions to be held in 2026 for 2027 agreements
- Held Joint Council Meeting on December 16 with the Town of St. Paul

1.4 - PARTICIPATE ON COMMITTEES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO GOVERNANCE AND SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE COUNTY

- Meetings with Community Futures, County Library Board, Elk Point Seniors, Evergreen Committee, MD of St. Paul Foundation, and STEP Committee

ADMINISTRATION

1. Governance

1.5 - APPROVE APPROPRIATE POLICIES FOR THE COUNTY

- To discuss a policy outlining procedures around building a road on an undeveloped road allowance
- Amended OHS-3 Personal Protective Equipment, PW-17 Mechanic/Welder Allowance, HR-4 Benefits, and HR-12 Hours of Work and Rest.

1.6 - IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDIGENOUS NEIGHBOURS

- Consulted with Frog Lake Historical Society on the placement of signage for the Smoking Hill site monument along Township Road 562.

1.7 - SUPPORT CRIME PREVENTION EFFORTS WITHIN THE COUNTY

- CAO participation on a new Integrated Community Safety committee

1.8 - REALLOCATE EXISTING DOLLARS FOR STRONGER COST AND SERVICE EFFICIENCIES

- Interim Budget passed on December 9

1.9 - FINANCIALLY SUPPORT COMMUNITY GROUPS

- 8 community, event, and sports group donations provided, valued at roughly \$3,100

1.10 - ADEQUATELY FUND LIBRARY SERVICES WITHIN THE COUNTY/REGION

- Agreed to a 1.5% levy increase for 2026 funding to the Northern Lights Library System
- Allocated \$66,000 in 2026 interim budget for County Library Board

1.11 - PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN THE ST. PAUL REGIONAL EDUCATION DIVISION AND ECOLE DU SOMMET

- Funding for 5 scholarships included in the 2026 Interim Budget

ADMINISTRATION

1. Governance

1.12 - WORK TOWARDS A MUNICIPAL CENSUS, INTERMEDIATE TO THE FEDERAL CENSUS, TO ENSURE ACCURATE GRANT FUNDING

- Assess with possible Federal Census; no key updates

1.13 - CONDUCT THE 2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

- Advance Polls open for three separate dates
 - October 9, 10, 11 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the St. Paul Legion for all Divisions
 - October 11 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Elk Point Seniors Centre for Divisions 1, 2, and 3
- Election Day October 20; started counting Advance Poll ballots at 7:30 p.m.; began to post results live on the County website after 8 p.m.
- Official results shared October 24 at 12 p.m. and submitted to Municipal Affairs

2. General Administration

2.1 - CONTINUE WORK ON ASSET MANAGEMENT PROJECT, MAKING INFORMED DECISIONS ON THE REPLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- User Training and User Acceptance Training for financial software ongoing; a new go-live date has not been set
- Provided additional Catalis files to MRF to finalize GIS transfer

2.2 - CONTINUE BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AND PUBLIC WORKS SHOP

- Regional Team Building took place November 6 for the County, Town of St. Paul, and Town of Elk Point staff
- Annual Staff Christmas Party held on November 29

2.3 - IMPROVE CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE, UPDATING COMMUNICATION METHODS TO CREATE A MORE USER-FRIENDLY DIGITAL EXPERIENCE

- MRF finalizing an app for residents to submit road concerns; will allow the County to create work orders and track progress through MRF software in equipment

ADMINISTRATION

3. Corporate
Services**3.1 - CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE HUMAN RESOURCES FRAMEWORK TO IMPROVE EXPERIENCE FOR MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES**

- Continue to review job descriptions to develop a County Service Catalogue

3.2 - CONTINUE TO RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRANT FUNDING

- No key updates to report.

3.3 - ENSURE ADDITIONAL NAMED INSURED ORGANIZATIONS UNDERSTAND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, PROTOCOLS, AND TOOLS

- Working with RMA to set up info session for ANIs i the new year

3.4 - DEVELOP A CLOUD-BASED RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES LAND FILES AND GENERAL DOCUMENTS

- Drafted folder structure and retention coding to share with staff for feedback to ensure a new system will work for current processes

3.5 - CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE COUNTY-OWNED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

- Considered two renovations to the 2026 Budget
 - Administration building's downstairs bathrooms
 - Public Works' lobby

3.6 - INCREASE PROACTIVE COMMUNICATION ON COUNTY INITIATIVES AND INFORMATION

- Scheduling content one month in advance, based on recurring County services

DEPARTMENT

STRATEGY

ADMINISTRATION

3. Corporate Services

3.7 - ENSURE ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND STAFF ARE SUPPORTED WITH QUALITY, TIMELY, AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

- Q4 focuses: Construction Program projects, Rural Public Transit Solutions survey closure, Snow Flags early bird and late pricing, Election poll locations and results, Working Well workshops, Halloween events and safety, Christmas events and closures

3.8 - INCREASE PUBLIC INFORMATION ABOUT COUNTY HISTORICAL, TOURISM, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EVENTS, ETC. THAT WILL INCREASE INTEREST IN LOCAL EVENTS

- St. Paul/Elk Point Regional Destination Marketing Committee (STEP DMC) meeting held December 11; discussed regional marketing initiatives budgeted in 2026 and upcoming collaborative opportunities

4. Access to Information (ATIA) and Protection of Privacy (POPA)

4.1 - PROVIDE PUBLIC WITH THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION THROUGH THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

- FOIP Statement replaced with ATIA Statement on several County program and service application forms
- FOIP webpage changes drafted to rename and revise the page to reflect ATIA and POPA
- Revising Request for Information online form to reflect ATIA/POPA changes before launching
- ADM-36 Access to Information and Protection of Privacy being reviewed for references to FOIP and to reflect new legislation requirements

ADMINISTRATION

5. Planning and
Development**5.1 - DEVELOPMENT OF AREA STRUCTURE PLANS AROUND URBAN NEIGHBOURS TO REDUCE EXPENSE FOR DEVELOPERS**

- 50/50 cost-sharing a Traffic Impact Assessment with the Town of St. Paul, to incorporate into the St. Paul North ASP

5.2 - RESURVEY IDENTIFIED LOCATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY TO RESOLVE OWNERSHIP CONCERNS

- Residents affected by the Vincent Lake project coming into the office to sign the necessary paperwork
- The amended subdivision application for the Mallaig road closure is being circulated as required by the MGA

5.3 - DETERMINE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT AND REDUCE RED TAPE

- Bylaws 2025-11 and 2025-13 passed, approving the Onicikiskwapowin Crossing Area Structure Plan and proactively redistricting a portion of the plan from Agricultural (A) District to Industrial/Commercial (IC) District to better allow for future development; staff are now in discussions with an Agent on the first development proposal for the land

5.4 - PROVIDE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES TO THE PUBLIC ON PLANNING TOPICS

- No responses or feedback received from the update mailed in November to all affected landowners for the St. Paul North ASP; adjustments to the Land Use components and TIA in the draft IASP are underway.
- Staff continue to utilize the website to notify the public of approved Development Permits.

6. Economic Development

6.1 - CENTRALIZED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ALIGNING REGIONALLY ON PRIORITIES AND PROCESS

- Continued advancement of Windsor Salt Phase 2 reuse planning (investor site visits, data-centre deep-dive report with consultants); follow-up meetings scheduled
- Advanced regional investment readiness coordination with municipal planning departments; prep preliminary site info packages, and engage with Invest Alberta (Project Bounce)
- Reviewed Regional Housing Study draft findings; follow-up meetings with consultants; scheduled workshop with CAOs to address identified shortcomings and align implementation priorities
- Released an Affordable Housing Partnership Program (AHPP) Expression of Interest; provided direct support to an interested proponent advancing a potential application
- Consistent engagement with all four municipalities through CAO coordination, council presentations, manager meetings, and ongoing collaboration with municipal departments
- Submitted ACP application for the Regional Retail and Commercial/Industrial Gap Analysis; began parallel planning for a 2026 CECI / Foreign Direct Investment application to support coordinated regional marketing and investment attraction activities

6.2 - FOCUS ON KEY INDUSTRY SECTORS, WHICH INCLUDE AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, TOURISM, MANUFACTURING, AND FILM

- **Agriculture:** Advanced Ag Inventory/Strategy through stakeholder visits and follow-up meetings; continued Meat Processing Feasibility work with bi-weekly consultant meetings and literature review; progressed Cassava R&D relocation to CP Pharms following the Innotech lab closure, and drafted a partnership agreement; met with Seed Cleaning Association and Stantec regarding potential expansion; confirmed STEP contribution to Open Farm Days 2026
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6. Economic Development

- **Tourism:** Submitted ACP application for Regional Trail Master Plan Strategy “Alberta’s Next Trail Destination”; continued monthly coordination on AIHT Staging Area project, including expanded scope discussions for additional lands; completed the second Waterbodies Access, Health & Feasibility workshop and awaited draft reporting; confirmed Destination Marketing Committee funding in the 2026 STEP budget, identified trade shows, and began collecting operator marketing materials in coordination with Travel Alberta and regional DMO partners.
- **Energy / Waste:** Continued stranded-asset exploration and engagement with potential greenhouse and energy partners; advanced Regional Waste Study (led by Town of St. Paul); initiated work to better understand natural gas availability and regional constraints; met with multiple data centre investor groups as part of ongoing energy diversification and infrastructure reuse efforts

6.3 - INVESTMENT ATTRACTION, FROM SITE SELECTION TO LEAD GENERATION AND ENGAGEMENT

- Submitted ACP application for the Regional Retail and Commercial/Industrial Gap Analysis
- Advanced development of a CECI / Foreign Direct Investment application for 2026, including defining scope, preparing preliminary investment materials, and aligning with regional priorities
- Conducted investor tours and meetings, supported site selection discussions with municipal planning teams, and began assembling standardized information packages on available land, buildings, and utilities.
- Advanced engagement with Invest Alberta (Project Bounce) and initiated outreach to commercial realtors regarding Portage College facilities and broader regional site readiness opportunities

ADMINISTRATION

6. Economic
Development**6.4 - FOSTERING LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND
PROVINCIAL PARTNERSHIPS TO ADVOCATE FOR
REGIONAL PRIORITIES**

- Continued collaboration with AB Hub, Portage College, Chambers, and industry partners on shared initiatives, including campus engagement sessions and aerospace/innovation projects
- Supported planning for the Procurement & Workforce Series; funding confirmed and consultants engaged
- Closed the Rural Public Transit Survey, provided results to consultants, and advanced preparation for council presentations; submitted the RTSF Capital Project grant application
- Maintained regular participation in Chamber business support meetings, delivery of council briefings, and coordination across municipalities to sustain shared regional development capacity
- Continued advocacy and partnership work related to housing, workforce, transportation, and economic diversification through ongoing CAO collaboration and intermunicipal engagement

7. Emergency
Management**7.1 - ENHANCE REGIONAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS**

- Engaging regional stakeholders to ensure their emergency response programs are in alignment with the Region of St. Paul
- Working on the new Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) program the Province is rolling out, with online training programs being completed
- Scheduled training through AEMA for Municipal Elected Officials; to take place in Q1 2026

**7.2 - INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND
EDUCATION ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- No key updates to report

ADMINISTRATION

8. Occupational Health & Safety

8.1 - CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- Updating our safety manual as needed
- Safety audit results provided, working to implement suggested improvements

8.2 - CONTINUED ACCESS AND USE OF THE REGIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- Continuous orientations for new hires, rehires, and contractors when required

8.3 - ESTABLISH ENHANCED OH&S TRAINING STANDARDS AND TRACKING

- Rigging Essentials course will be booked in 2026
- Online training for Hazard Management posted in WorkHub

8.4 - ESTABLISH SYSTEM FOR THE ASSURANCE OF COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

- Continuing competency assessments; very time-consuming for managers/foremen

8.5 - CONTINUED USE OF ENHANCED SYSTEM FOR THE COLLECTION AND COMPLETION OF INCIDENT REPORTS/ANALYSIS ALONG WITH CORRECTIVE ACTION TRACKING

- Q4 incident cost tracking is approximately \$5,625
- YTD total – approximately \$33,257

8.6 - IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT EFFICIENCIES RELATIVE TO ADMINISTRATION OF REGIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- Electronic FLRAs and Tailgate Meeting forms process working smoothly
- Starlink mobile unit working well for the construction crew to assist in submitting FLRA's and Tailgates in the field where service is limited

8.7 - ENSURE CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE TO SAFETY PROGRAM

- Continuous work with contractors to ensure we have the proper documentation prior to them conducting any work for the County

NEXT STEPS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

DEPARTMENT STRATEGY

COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. Parks and Recreation

1.1 - INCREASE USAGE OF OUR PARKS, CAMPGROUNDS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- Lac Bellevue left open for the winter season, allowing residents access to the lake for ice fishing; barrier placed to remove access to the playground

1.2 - MAINTAIN, STREAMLINE, AND UPGRADE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

- Previous caretaker has expressed interest in managing all four campgrounds. Data on usage and revenue/expenses provided, waiting for caretakers' proposal

1.3 - ENHANCE VALUE IN PARKS AND RECREATION OPERATIONS

- Seeking quotes from suppliers to provide firewood bundles

2. Waste Management

2.1 - IMPLEMENT EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR) PROGRAM

- Circular Materials Phase 1 of the EPR Program expanded to include Styrofoam; determining how transfer stations can properly collect the material for reimbursement
- Staff working with Circular Materials to review County options for Phase 2 participation, including impacts to transfer stations and waste collection bin sites as additional materials are included

2.2 - IMPROVE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Promoted Fire Prevention Week, used as an opportunity to share information on battery recycling in the County

2.3 - MAINTAIN, STREAMLINE, AND UPGRADE WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND OPERATIONS

- Regional Waste Study data collection is nearing completion and the next step will be to have a workshop to determine the areas to focus on for further analysis
- Supporting Public Works with planning and prioritization for future Class 3 landfill cell development at Mallaig and Ashmont

COMMUNITY SERVICES

3. Agriculture
Services**3.1 - BUILD PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT AGRICULTURAL SERVICES**

- NE Region is hosting AAAF IST events. The conference includes a market of local vendors. Coordinated with STEP to promote the market to St. Paul Region ag producers (i.e. those who participated in Open Farm Days)
- Members at Large selected for another 4-year term for the ASB; orientation for ASB members (both Council and Members at Large) held on December 15
- Regular Facebook posts and updates to the Agriculture webpage

3.2 - MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE PROGRAMS FOR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

- Pulling 2025 spray data off tablets to put onto a map; planning underway for 2026 roadside spraying and weed inspections
- Agreement with current mowing contractor has ended; working on an RFP for another 3-year service contract (with the option to extend if service is going well)
- Reviewing ASB policies to updates required; to discuss at the final 2025 ASB meeting

3.3 - MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

- To work on improving the design of the spray boom on the spray truck to meet our needs
- Reviewing ventilation requirements and options for the chemical warehouse to improve safety and compliance

4. Fire Services

4.1 - MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

- All three new County pumpers delivered before December. Any deficiencies were noted at the time of delivery, either to be addressed by Fort Gay or County has been paid to address the issues directly. Training provided for the new units and units are now in service.

4.2 - SUPPORT THE ATTRACTION AND RETENTION OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

- No key updates to report

4.3 - SHARE COMMON STRATEGIES FOR POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND OPERATIONS BETWEEN REGIONAL DEPARTMENTS

- No key updates to report

4.4 - ENGAGE RESIDENTS IN FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION AND PROGRAMS

- Promoted the 2025 theme for Fire Prevention Week
- Changes in Fire Advisory Levels:
 - Advisory, October 22

4.5 - MAINTAIN AND CONSIDER NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR REGIONAL COLLABORATION WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS

- No key updates to report

COMMUNITY SERVICES

5. Bylaw Enforcement

5.1 - EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

- Reviewing different options for delivery of bylaw services (e.g. contracted individual or company, full-time staff, part-time staff, regional cost-shared position)

5.2 - ENGAGE AND EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY

- Bylaw Bulletins: holding off until Bylaw Enforcement position is filled; to prepare a calendar of Bulletin topics for 2026
- Redirecting Town and Province complaints to the appropriate authorities

6. Cemeteries

6.1 - MAINTAIN COUNTY-OWNED CEMETERIES

- No key updates to report

6.2 - MAINTAIN AND UPDATE RECORDS MANAGEMENT

- Will be reinspecting cemeteries for accurate records of the cemeteries and reserved plots

6.3 - ASSIST PRIVATELY-OWNED CEMETERIES WITHIN THE COUNTY

- County approached by several private cemeteries inquiring about assistance with maintenance

COMMUNITY SERVICES

7. Regional
Family &
Community
Support
Services
(FCSS)**7.1 - PROVIDE FUNDING FOR REGIONAL FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES**

- COMPLETE

7.2 - REPORT ON PROGRAMMING WITHIN THE COUNTY COMPLETED BY REGIONAL FCSS

- Promoted Disability Employment Awareness Month
- Attended the NCSA Open House and Chamber Job Fair to make connections and build partnerships
- Staff training and development included sessions on Vtra Level 1; UCA Power Hour; Who Decides? Busting legal myths about Enduring Powers of Attorney; Canada Disability Benefit; Regional Team Building event; team building at Metis Crossing; ESS Regional Meeting; and GOA Seniors Financial Assistance refresh training.
- Submitted bi-annual Activity Reporting and semi-annual Financial Reporting

7.3 - PROVIDE SUPPORT, INFORMATION, AND PROGRAMMING FOR RESIDENTS THAT IS AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE

- Caregiver programs under LFRN, including Triple P Parenting and Moms Matter
- Interagency meeting held October 6 (14 attended), November 4 (17 attended), and December 8 (22 attended)
- Refreshing Friendly Welcome and Baby Wise Bundle Bags.
- Lenora's No Frills Pumpkins in the Park in St. Paul saw 700 community members. The event had 8 partners and numerous volunteers
- Annual Christmas Tree Lighting was very cold, but still had a great turnout given the weather with 150 community members

7.4 - PROVIDE SUMMER PROGRAMMING THROUGHOUT THE REGION

- COMPLETE

COMMUNITY SERVICES

7. Regional
Family &
Community
Support
Services
(FCSS)**7.5 - RECOGNIZE THE VOLUNTEERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

- Numerous volunteers assisted with Lenora's No Frills Pumpkins in the Park
- Attended the Chamber Job Fair to promote volunteerism in the community
- Recruiting new drivers for the volunteer Meals on Wheels program

7.6 - INCREASE SENIOR SUPPORT

- Continued office drop-in Tuesday & Wednesday in Elk Point to learn about Alberta Seniors Benefit and other senior-specific programs available
- Advertising for new volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program
- Urban Poling in Elk Point and St. Paul paused until the spring
- Attend senior advocacy group meetings

7.7 - INCREASE YOUTH SUPPORT

- St. Paul Youth Council - election held and most spots filled (1 empty); new terms of reference sent to the Town of St. Paul and the County for review; new council worked on planning new events:
 - Halloween Costume Contest (online)
 - Library Game Night
 - Craft Circle
 - Gingerbread Contest (online)
- Held Learners Education Class in Mallaig (10 attended)

NEXT STEPS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

DEPARTMENT STRATEGY

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Transportation

1.1 - ENSURE SAFE ROAD AND BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PUBLIC

- Range Road 102 construction completed on October 24, finishing ahead of schedule
- Began construction on Township Road 561A (between Range Roads 44 and 45) on October 27; originally estimated to finish on November 28, delayed to Spring 2026 due to heavy wet snowfall (60% complete)
- Focusing on chipping and slashing during the winter months; specifically, cleaning up along bus routes and addressing sightline problems at intersections
- Mulching along roadways in preparation for spraying in the spring
- From end of August to December 15, Snow Flag Program totalled at 441 snow flags
- Seeing a high volume of industry traffic; notifications coming through for new drills, reviewing as received to ensure that proper road use agreements are issued and routes are identified
- Drop in temperatures and large amount of snowfall kept crews busy with snow clearance for most of December

1.2 - IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY AGGREGATE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

- Advertised for the 2025 Q4 CAP Levy Grant Application deadline (December 20); to review applications early 2026

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Transportation

1.3 - LEVERAGE THE GRAVEL SALES PROGRAM

- Program closed with a total of 568 gravel orders and a total of 27,362 tonne of gravel delivered
- Gravel testing south of Ashmont Lagoon on County land

1.4 - MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

- 8 lease trucks replaced with new lease units
- Welders busy welding corks on the tracked units that will be used in the winter (four dozers and two track hoes)
- Completing repairs on units coming in from the summer's work, plus ongoing work to gravel trucks and loaders
- Starting winter maintenance on crusher

2. Utilities

2.1 - ENSURE SAFE SUPPLY OF WATER TO RESIDENTS OF MALLAIG, ASHMONT, LOTTIE LAKE, AND ALONG THE TRANSMISSION LINES

- All summer residents shut off complete
- RV dumps also shut down for the winter
- Winterization complete at Ashmont and Mallaig

2.2 - MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY LAGOONS AND COLLECTIONS SYSTEMS

- Continuing to haul from Lafond to Ashmont, 1-2 times per week
- Waiting on results from Omni-McCann to see if levels are good for release at Whitney Lake lagoon; levels are currently high, but will suffice for the winter

PUBLIC WORKS

2. Utilities

2.3 - MAINTAIN A CONSISTENT RATE STRUCTURE FOR THE USE OF COUNTY FACILITIES

- No changes to rate structure for 2025

2.4 - EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROCESSES AT ASHMONT OR MALLAIG LAGOONS TO REDUCE MAINTENANCE COSTS AND IMPROVE EFFLUENT QUALITY

- Monitoring rebuilt pumps at Mallaig

3. Energy Management

3.1 - IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AT ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

- LED lights purchased for a retrofit of the Mallaig Fire Department; to be replaced in Q1 2026

4. Airports

4.1 - COLLABORATE WITH TOWN OF ST. PAUL FOR MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS AT LOCAL AIRPORTS

- Reviewing options for regionalization of airport operations
- Elk Point Terminal Building was lost to a fire on December 18, with damages also affecting the rental trailer on site; reviewing options for a temporary terminal building
- Public Works maintaining the Elk Point runway and clearing snow as required

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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