COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

Committees for Organizational Meeting
October 31, 2025

Administration

Regional Assessment Review Board (4-year term) – made up of members from the County of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, Town of St. Paul and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. All board members are trained for the Local Assessment Review Board (LARB) and Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) in a 4-day course by Municipal Affairs (every 3 years) and a 2-day refresher course every other year. The board is called on when a ratepayer files an assessment complaint. An appeal date is set and, depending on the complaint, either the CARB or LARB meet. The CARB consists of a provincial member and two local board members, LARB of three local board members. Council appoints **one Councillor** and two Members-at-Large.

> *Councillor: Gerald Michaud*
> *Members-at-Large: Ross Krekoski, James Szpajcher*

Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (4-year term) – consists of **three Councillors** and five Members-at-Large. This Board is made up of members from the County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. Five board members are called to sit on an ISDAB hearing; as each hearing is only allowed one elected official, that official shall not be from the Municipality where the appeal is generated. The committee meets only when there is a subdivision appeal or an appeal on a development permit. New members are required to take a 3-day course offered by Municipal Affairs, or continuing members are required to take a 2-day course. Training is valid for 3 years.

> *Councillor(s): Dale Hedrick, Gerald Michaud, Shane Smith*
> *Members-at-Large: Maria Cueva, Ross Krekoski, Cliff Martin, Rick McDonald, Doug Zarowny*

Policy Committee (1-year term) – meets on an ad-hoc basis to amend old policies or prepare new policies to be presented to Council for final approval. Council appoints **four Councillors** to the committee, with one selected as the Chairperson.

> *Councillor(s): Maxine Fodness, Gerald Michaud, Shane Smith, Darrell Younghans (Chair)*

Cemetery Committee (4-year term) – consists of **three Councillors,** two employees, and two Members-at-Large. The purpose of the committee is to ensure that the County-owned cemeteries (St. George, St. Michael, Pochaiw, St. John, Northwood, Norberg, Starosielski, and

Heinsburg) are properly managed. The committee provides financial assistance on an individual request basis, at the discretion of the committee. The committee meets on an ad-hoc basis.

Councillor(s): Louis Dechaine, Glen Ockerman, Shane Smith
Members-at-Large: Jim Kiss, John Yewchin

County of St. Paul Community Association (4-year term) – was formed to apply for grants to update/improve recreation infrastructure on County-owned land or in the Region. The Association is made up of **four Council members**, along with the Director of Community Services, who handles the administration of the association, which meets ad hoc.

Councillor(s): Louis Dechaine, Dale Hedrick, Glen Ockerman, Shane Smith

Agriculture

Agricultural Service Board (1-year term) – implements programs that will have a future impact on agriculture. The Board helps implement policies to achieve the ASB's goal of a sustainable and productive agriculture industry. The ASB mission is to provide services and encourage sustainable and value chain agriculture. The Board provides education and implements policies and programs that help maintain or improve the agricultural industry. Ideally, the Board meets a minimum of 6 times per year. **Three Councillors** are appointed to the Board, with one serving as Chairman. The Board includes two Members-at-Large.

Councillor(s): Louis Dechaine (Vice Chair), Shane Smith, Darrell Younghans (Chair)
Members-at-Large: James Preston, Dean Smith

Weed/Pest Appeal Board (1-year term) – reviews landowner appeals when/if the Ag Service Department issues a weed or pest notice. **Four Councillors and four Members-at-Large** are appointed. The Director of Community Services serves as the clerk for this Board, with the Ag Foreman appointed as the Weed/Pest inspector for the duration of their employment.

Councillor(s): Maxine Fodness, Dale Hedrick, Gerald Michaud, Glen Ockerman
Members-at-Large: James Capjack, David Dechaine, Allan Tkachyk, Ron Wirsta
Member Alternates: Kellie Nichiporik, Derick Plante

St. Paul Municipal Seed Cleaning Association Board (1-year term) – helps to keep the Seed Plant sustainable and viable to local agricultural producers. Representatives help the Board make decisions to keep services local and cost-effective for agricultural producers in the County of St. Paul. This Board meets every other month – February, April, June, August, October and December – in the evening or during a breakfast meeting. **Two Councillors** are appointed to this Board with voting capabilities.

Councillor(s): Louis Dechaine, Maxine Fodness

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) (1-year term) – to conduct applied research, demonstrations, and extension programs that provide valuable, unbiased information to local producers. LARA's mission is to conduct innovative, sustainable, unbiased applied agricultural research and extension throughout the Lakeland. The committee meets approximately 10 times annually and attends workshops and field days hosted by LARA. **One Councillor and one alternate** sit on the LARA Board along with six farm members, Councillors from the MD of Bonnyville, and one member from Lakeland Forage Association (LFA).

Councillor: Louis Dechaine (alternate, Gerald Michaud)

Airport

St. Paul Airport Committee (4-year term) – to take care of the operating function (including financial) of the St. Paul Airport (jointly owned by the Town and County). The committee meets 3 times per year. **Two Councillors** and one Member-at-Large are appointed to this board.

Councillor(s): Maxine Fodness, Dale Hedrick
Members-at-Large: Lance Reszel

Economic Development

STEP Committee (4-year term) – formed to explore a regional economic development partnership. It is comprised of the County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. **One Councillor is appointed.**

Councillor: Darrell Younghans

HUB (1-year term) – a regional economic development alliance of 42 members, incorporated as a not-for-profit in 2010. Ten of those members comprise the Board of Directors, who elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary/Treasurer. Alberta HUB focuses on regional development issues, including positioning the region for future growth, encouraging investment, labour force development, and municipal collaboration. Alberta HUB strives to increase knowledge and information exchange between communities, post-secondary educational members, and business/industry members to support the individual and collective initiatives of each. A minimum of 4 board/membership meetings are held per operating year (Apr 1-Mar 31), with an AGM in June. Council appoints **one Councillor and one alternate** to the Board.

Councillor: Glen Ockerman (alternate, Gerald Michaud)

Community Futures St. Paul/Smoky Lake (4-year term) – a program funded by Western Economic Diversification Canada. Community Futures organizations are not-for-profits, guided by a volunteer board of directors and staffed with business professionals. Staff are actively engaged in helping develop and implement community-based economic development and diversification strategies through business counselling, business loans, and various CED initiatives. Regular board meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, except July and August (unless required), with board members, the general manager, and the business analyst in attendance. Council appoints **two Councillors** to this board.

Councillor(s): Dale Hedrick, Gerald Michaud

Environmental

North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) (1-year term) – develops strategies to protect the North Saskatchewan River Basin from the headwaters to the Saskatchewan border, being part of the watershed affected by both surface and groundwater. Meetings are held 3-to-4 times annually or on an ad-hoc basis. Council appoints **one Councillor and one alternate**.

Councillor: Shane Smith (alternate, Gerald Michaud)

LICA (new committee) (1-year term) – a community-based not-for-profit association that is a Synergy Group, The Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC) for the Beaver River Watershed, and an Airshed Zone. LICA focuses on environmental monitoring, environmental

management, community education and outreach. Currently, the CAO is appointed to this Committee for a 1-year term.

Fire/ Emergency

Regional Emergency Advisory Committee (1-year term) – As per the Emergency Management Act, the County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay have a Joint Servicing Agreement regarding Regional Emergency Management. This advisory committee has been established as the municipal emergency management agency for the Region. They are tasked with the development and updating of the Regional Emergency Management Plan. They are also responsible for the direction and management of emergency preparedness activities within the Region. This group meets at a minimum of 4 times per year. **Two Councillors** are appointed to this committee and require additional training than the training required for all Council members.

> *Councillor(s): Maxine Fodness, Darrell Younghans*

Town of Elk Point Fire Protection (1-year term) – to manage how revenues and costs are handled, perform joint management of the equipment, and provide fire protection within the Town of Elk Point, as well as Divisions 1 & 2 of the County of St. Paul. The Committee meets bi-monthly at 7 p.m. in the Elk Point Fire Hall. The Board consists of four members, the CAOs from the Town of Elk Point and County of St. Paul, and the County's Director of Community Services. **Two Councillors** are appointed to this board (historically, Divisional Councillors).

> *Councillor(s): Shane Smith, Darrell Younghans*

St. Paul & Area Joint Fire Protection Management Committee (1-year term) – to discuss matters related to the St. Paul, Mallaig, and Ashmont Fire Departments. Committee members from the County of St. Paul and the Town of St. Paul meet a minimum of 3 times per year. Council appoints **the Reeve and two Councillors,** along with the Mayor and two Councillors from the Town of St. Paul. Meetings are also attended by the Town of St. Paul CAO, County of St. Paul CAO, the County's Director of Community Services, and the Joint Fire Chief.

> *Councillor(s): Louis Dechaine, Dale Hedrick, Glen Ockerman*

Fire Guardian (1-year term) – appointed at the annual Organizational meeting, typically the CAO, Director of Community Services, and Director of Corporate Services.

St. Paul / Elk Point Fire Technical Advisors (1-year term) – The Director of Community Services, who oversees the Fire Departments, and the CAO are appointed as the advisors.

Health & Wellness

Regional Family and Community Support Services (4-year term) – FCSS is a partnership between the Province, Municipalities, and Métis Settlements that develops locally driven, preventative social initiatives to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities. FCSS receives its mandate from the Family and Community Support Services Act and the Family and Community Support Services Regulation pursuant to that act. Council appoints **one Councillor and one alternate,** and two Members-at-Large to this Committee.

> *Councillor: Maxine Fodness (alternate, Shane Smith)*

St. Paul Dr. Recruitment Committee (1-year term) – established to recruit doctors for St. Paul. This is a joint committee with the Town of St. Paul. Doctors and hospital staff also sit on this committee. Meetings are held as needed. Council appoints **one Councillor**, along with the CAO, for this committee.

Councillor: Glen Ockerman

M.D. of St. Paul Foundation (1-year term) – The Foundation supplies affordable senior housing. This includes apartments and lodges, and the administration of Social Housing Programs. This organization is provincially funded, as well as through requisition of the municipalities it serves. The committee is made up of members from the Town of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point, and meets on the last Tuesday of each month (only as required in July and August). Council appoints **three Councillors** to this committee.

Councillor(s): Louis Dechaine, Maxine Fodness, Darrell Younghans

Intermunicipal Committees

Intermunicipal Collaboration Committees (1-year term) – As per the Municipal Government Act, the County was required to negotiate Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) with any other municipality that touched our border. Therefore, eight of these ICFs were negotiated between our neighbours. Each ICF requires the development of an Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC). These are recommending bodies that meet on an as-needed basis to develop recommendations to the Councils on all matters of strategic direction and cooperation affecting the residents and ratepayers of both parties.

ICC – SV of Horseshoe Bay: Two Councillors and CAO appointed.

Councillor(s): Louis Dechaine, Dale Hedrick

ICC – Town of Elk Point: Two Councillors and CAO appointed

Councillor(s): Shane Smith, Darrell Younghans

ICC – Town of St. Paul: Two Councillors and CAO appointed

Councillor(s): Maxine Fodness, Gerald Michaud

ICC – County of Two Hills: Council as a whole and CAO appointed.

ICC – County of Vermilion River: Council as a whole and CAO appointed.

ICC – Lac La Biche County: Council as a whole and CAO appointed.

ICC – MD of Bonnyville: Council as a whole and CAO appointed.

ICC – Smoky Lake County: Council as a whole and CAO appointed.

County of Two Hills Intermunicipal Development Plan – (IDP) – established to manage the "fringe" between the County of Two Hills and the County of St. Paul. The Committee meets on an ad-hoc basis. One Councillor and the CAO are appointed.

Councillor: Maxine Fodness

County of Vermilion River Intermunicipal Development Plan – (IDP) – established to manage the "fringe" between the County of Vermilion River and the County of St. Paul. The Committee meets on an ad-hoc basis. One Councillor and the CAO are appointed.

Councillor: Shane Smith

Lac La Biche County Intermunicipal Development Plan – (IDP) – established to manage the "fringe" between Lac la Biche County and the County of St. Paul. The Committee meets on an ad-hoc basis. One Councillor and the CAO are appointed.

Councillor: Louis Dechaine

MD of Bonnyville Intermunicipal Development Plan – (IDP) – established to manage the "fringe" between the MD of Bonnyville and the County of St. Paul. The Committee meets on an ad-hoc basis. One Councillor and the CAO are appointed.

Councillor: Gerald Michaud

Smoky Lake County Intermunicipal Development Plan – (IDP) – established to manage the "fringe" between Smoky Lake County and the County of St. Paul. The Committee meets on an ad-hoc basis. One Councillor and the CAO are appointed.

Councillor: Dale Hedrick

Libraries

County Library Board (3-year term) – provides financial management and policy direction for the libraries operated in the County, housed in the Ashmont and Mallaig Schools. The Board's goal is to strengthen communication between the Board and each individual library, and to implement greater idea-sharing between the libraries themselves. The board meets every month except July and August. Council appoints **two Councillors** and three Members-at-Large.

Councillor(s): Maxine Fodness, Dale Hedrick
Members-at-Large: Maria Cueva, Zan Reilly

Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) (1-year term) – one of seven regional library systems across Alberta, helping to deliver comprehensive, efficient library services to all Albertans. The Board meets 4 times per year. At the AGM, eight Members-at-Large are elected to the Executive Committee. Council appoints **one Councillor and one alternate.**

Councillor: Maxine Fodness (alternate, Dale Hedrick)

Elk Point Municipal Library (1-year term) – oversees the operation of the Elk Point Library. They receive funding from the County Library Board and meet once a month (except July and August). Council appoints **one Councillor** to the board.

Councillor: Shane Smith

Public Utilities

Elk Point/St. Paul Regional Water Commission (1-year term) – to discuss the operations of water services from St. Paul to Elk Point, which is jointly owned by both municipalities. This Board meets quarterly. **Three Councillors** are appointed, along with Council members from the Town of Elk Point.

Councillor(s): Maxine Fodness, Gerald Michaud, Shane Smith

Elk Point/County of St. Paul Joint Transfer Station Committee (1-year term) – **two County Councillors** are appointed to this Committee, with two Town Councillors and Administration staff from both municipalities.

Councillor(s): Shane Smith, Darrell Younghans

St. Paul Transfer Station Committee (1-year term) – to discuss the operation of the Joint Transfer Station in St. Paul. The committee is comprised of **two County Councillors**, two Town Councillors, and Administration staff from both municipalities.

Councillor(s): Maxine Fodness, Gerald Michaud

Evergreen Regional Landfill Committee (1-year term) – Evergreen Waste Management Services Commission consists of seven appointed members and seven alternates from the seven member municipalities (County and Town of St. Paul, County and Town of Smoky Lake, Town of Elk Point, Village of Vilna, and Village of Waskatenau). They meet monthly to oversee the management and operation of the Commission, which includes the Regional Landfill and 13 waste transfer stations. Council appoints **one Councillor and one alternate.**

Councillor: Maxine Fodness (alternate, Louis Dechaine)

Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission (1-year term) – working with Smoky Lake County, Thorhild County, Town of Smoky Lake, and Villages of Waskatenau and Vilna to bring water to the Hamlets of Ashmont, Lottie Lake and Mallaig. The committee meets monthly. **One Councillor is appointed, with one alternate.** Currently, the County of St. Paul is <u>not</u> a voting member of the Commission, as we are a customer of the Commission. This may change in the future, as the Commission is expanding to provide water to Whitefish First Nation; once these projects are complete, they may revisit the Commission membership.

Councillor: Dale Hedrick (alternate, Louis Dechaine)

Water Technical Committee (1-year term) – The Utility Supervisor and CAO are appointed as these technical advisors.

Public Works

Aggregate Levy Committee (4-year term) – uses expertise from the public and industry to develop a valuable resource efficiently and in an environmentally-responsible manner while minimizing the impact on the community. **Two Councillors are appointed**, with one appointed as the Chair, two Members-at-Large, and three industry members.

Councillor(s): Shane Smith, Darrell Younghans
Members-at-Large: Maria Cueva, Lester Nicholls

Heavy Oil Committee (1-year term) – maintains a relationship with the locally operating oil companies and meets ad hoc. Council appoints **three** Councillors and selects one as Chair. Additionally, the CAO and Director of Public Works attend the meetings with industry.

Councillor(s): Glen Ockerman (Chair), Shane Smith, Darrell Younghans

Recreation

Town of St. Paul Recreation Board (4-year term) – based on an agreement between the County and the Town of St. Paul to provide funding for recreation. The Board meets monthly and consists of **two County Councillors**, two County Members-at-Large, two Town Councillors, and three Town Members-at-Large.

> *Councillor(s): Maxine Fodness, Dale Hedrick*
> *Members-at-Large: Chris Habiak, Ross Krekoski*

Alberta's Lakeland DMO (1-year term) – a non-profit organization made up of municipal and industry members. Alberta's Lakeland is a governing body with one seat for each municipality that holds a current membership, along with a specific number of seats for industry, non-profits, and others, such as Chambers, First Nations, and Métis Settlements. Municipal members may appoint an elected official to represent their interests on the Board. The Board meets every 4th Thursday of the month, online and/or in the County of St. Paul Board Room, from 1-3 p.m. Council appoints **one Councillor**.

> *Councillor: Dale Hedrick*

Muni-Corr Ltd. (4-year term) – a Part 9, not-for-profit company, incorporated in Alberta under the *Companies Act*, that owns the abandoned CN rail corridor. Holdings include the 99-foot right-of-way, all sidings, and a significant portion of station lands. NE Muni-Corr has ten equal owners – City of Cold Lake, MD and Town of Bonnyville, Town of Elk Point, Town and County of St. Paul, Villages of Vilna and Glendon, and the Town and County of Smoky Lake. Each Municipality has one seat on the Board of Directors and one vote in the organization. A board member must be an elected official appointed by Council. NE Muni-Corr manages the land base and leases the 99-foot right-of-way to Riverland Recreational Trail Society (RRTS), which operates the corridor as a multi-use recreation corridor known as Alberta's Iron Horse Trail. The board meets monthly, with **one Councillor and one alternate** appointed to this committee.

> *Councillor: Shane Smith (alternate, Gerald Michaud)*

Riverland Recreation (1-year term) – discusses grants and issues regarding the Iron Horse Trail to bring back to Muni-Corr. The committee meets on an ad-hoc basis. Council appoints **one Councillor and one alternate**.

> *Councillor: Dale Hedrick (alternate, Gerald Michaud)*

Elk Point Regional Allied Arts (1-year term) – **One Councillor** is appointed, and the committee meets monthly.

> *Councillor: Shane Smith*