

# COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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*Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences*



## May Council Highlights

*including the April 28 and May 12 Meetings*

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 Council meeting is on May 26, starting at 10 a.m.

### **TAX AND ASSESSMENT**

**2026 Tax Notices & Property Assessments** were mailed out on **May 14**. Payment without penalty is due **June 30**.

The County is holding an **Assessment Open House on June 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Schedule an appointment by calling 780-646-6806 or emailing [tax@county.stpaul.ab.ca](mailto:tax@county.stpaul.ab.ca). If you are unable to attend the Open House but wish to discuss your assessment, call Accurate Assessment at **1-877-438-2305**.

The **Public Auction of Lands** took place for one property on the tax arrears list. No bids were received.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**Council approved the 2026 Operating & Capital Budget of \$42,353,732.** With the 2026 Budget, the County expects a \$236 surplus. The **2025 Surplus totalled \$2,575,630**, with Council motioning to transfer to reserves: \$2,000,000 for Capital Equipment Replacement and \$575,630 for General Operation.

Administration **submitted a letter to GoA's Transportation & Economic Corridors** regarding conditions near the St. Brides intersection and St. Paul Airport intersection; signage at the Hwy 29/36 intersection and the Hwy 881/646 intersection; and the speed limit on Hwy 28/36 approaching Ashmont.

The County **provided a letter of support to the Elk Point Curling Club** to accompany their CFEP application for a new ice plant for the curling rink. If successful, the County will match 25% of the matching portion of the grant as per policy ADM-25.

The County is **sponsoring** the beef-on-a-bun supper at **the District 4-H Show & Sale** being held on June 1.

### **BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

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

Council **held a Public Hearing for Bylaw 2026-08**, to close and purchase parts of Railway Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Street East, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and all Lanes in Block 1, all within Plan 867CL in the Hamlet of Owlseye. No attendees were present, and one submission requested clarification (answered prior to the hearing). The Bylaw will be sent to the Minister of Transportation for approval before being brought back to Council for second and third readings.

**Tax Rate Bylaw 2026-11** was passed, **imposing the 2026 Municipal Tax Rate** to raise revenue towards the expenditures and transfers set out in the County budget and the requisitions.

Council approved amendments to the ADM-1 **Cellular Phones** Policy, ADM-5 **Council Equipment** Policy, ADM-20 **Council Remuneration and Expenses** Policy, HR-7 **Conference and Education** Policy, HR-19 **General and Declared Holidays** Policy, and PW-5 **Private Gravel Sales** Policy.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Council opted for a **Depot-Only approach** as part of Phase 2 of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Program, meaning Circular Materials will provide recycling bins and transport for materials brought to County bin sites. This will result in an increased level of recycling service for residents while reducing County costs, with a proposed launch date of October 1.

The County will offer a **maximum of 6 bottles of emergency strychnine per producer at \$20/bottle**. To purchase the product, producers must have a valid Producer Pesticide Training certificate and should understand that, due to the limited supply, they may not receive the allotted amount before June 15.

Administration will **work with the Lac Bellevue & District Recreation & Agriculture Society** to obtain a response from the Province regarding the Society's long-term Tourism Commercial Recreation Lease (TCL) and the solar energy project at their campsite.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

The County **extended its contract with Grynn Contracting Ltd.** to mix up to 45,000 tonnes of cold mix asphalt for the 2026 season, amending the contract to increase the cost from \$14.83 to \$16.20 per tonne.

Public Works will include **drainage improvement work on 2nd Avenue in Ashmont** in the 2026 Construction Program. The project list can be found on the County website:  
[www.county.stpaul.ab.ca/public-works/#current-projects](http://www.county.stpaul.ab.ca/public-works/#current-projects)

Public Works will **deliver 40 yards of gravel to the Elk Point Allied Arts**, at the County's cost, to help improve the condition of the parking lot at the Arts building.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The **St. Paul Regional Housing Strategy** was presented by **ISL Engineering** and accepted by **Council**. The strategy includes four focus areas with several recommendations, of which the County and municipal partners may choose to implement based on budget, timelines, and other factors.

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