

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences



September Council Highlights

including the August 25 & September 8 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 September 22, starting at 10 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION

Council **has set the 2026 Organizational Meeting** for October 27, starting at 9 a.m.

Council has **rescheduled the first October Council Meeting** to October 14, starting at 1:30 p.m.

The County **awarded Metrix Group LLP a financial auditing services contract** for a term of four (4) years, starting in 2026 and ending in 2029, for an estimated cost of \$240,000.

The County has **sent two letters to MLA Scott Cyr**: one requesting a letter of support for the County's HARP application and the other following up on previously flagged road concerns west of St. Paul.

The County has **signed a joint municipal letter** requesting the Province to construct alternating passing lanes on Highway 36.

Council has **approved \$10,000 to the Mallaig Ag Society** for their successful CFEP grant application for the 2026 Hockey Arena Concession upgrade. The County will also provide a letter of support to accompany the group's Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization program application for the Mallaig Curling Rink Upgrade. If approved, the County would provide up to \$7,400.

Council **provided a letter of support** to the **St. Paul Fish & Game Association** to accompany its CFEP grant application on the proposed project to improve access to Lac Delorme. If successful, the County would provide up to \$4,659. To assist with the project, Council also approved the Association's request to purchase \$10,500 of gravel for the construction of the Lac Delorme access road.

BYLAWS AND POLICIES

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

Council **held a Public Hearing for Bylaw 2026-20** for the proposed North Floatingstone Lake Area Structure Plan, required for the subdevelopment of a parcel from Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 252 2638, NW 31-60-11-W4. Seven attendees were present (6 in person, 1 online), and 1 written submission was received; parties were evenly split for and against the bylaw, with most seeking clarification on the bylaw's purpose. With this, Council passed Bylaw 2026-20.

Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw 2026-21 passed, amending the Bylaw to include the County of Two Hills.

Council **approved amendments** to the PW-5 **Private Gravel Sales** Policy.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Council **supported Sturgeon County's request for agricultural disaster advocacy collaboration**. The County will work with other municipalities to discuss response programs at provincial and federal levels.

The County has **entered a Master Services Agreement with Circular Materials** for Phase 2 of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Program. This is an 18-month agreement, starting October 1. Circular Materials will add recycling bins to the County's transfer sites, each of the Towns' transfer sites, and three County bin sites (Floatingstone, Lac Sante, and a new Crestview Beach site). There is no cost to the County for these bins.

Access to Lac Bellevue and Floatingstone will remain open for the remainder of the year and into the winter. Residents can keep using the boat launches during the Fall and access the lake for ice fishing after the freeze. Camp sites and the playground will not be open, but boat launches can be accessed.

PUBLIC WORKS

The County **is purchasing extended warranty for two Finning 627 K Scrapers**. The warranty is \$103,210 for powertrain and travel costs associated with repairs for 24 months or 1,500 hours. Previous repair and labour costs for similar work ranged from \$30,00-\$120,000, covered under a similar warranty.

Effective January 1, 2027, the County will **increase compensation for Land Purchase Agreements to \$3,500 per acre** (minimum payment of \$250). The increase better reflects the land value the County may need to acquire when completing construction projects.

The County will also amend its Backsloping Agreements to **increase payment in lieu of fencing to \$4,500 per half mile**. This change is effective immediately to better reflect current fencing costs.

Council approved the **scope increase with MRF for improved LiDAR technology**, starting in 2027. LiDAR will assist with road assessments on gravel roads every 5 years, providing 360-degree, high-resolution footage for more accurate assessment of sloping, drainage, and other issues to be addressed in order of priority.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Council provided a **letter of support for Travel Lakeland's Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Collaboration grant application**, following Travel Lakeland's presentation on its 20-Year Development Plan.

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