

# COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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## **Highlights** **January 8, 2019 Council Meeting**

**Property Tax Penalty** – Just a reminder that on February 1 a 10% penalty will be applied to all outstanding property taxes.

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Strategic Plan** – Council approved the fourth quarter of the 2018 Strategic Plan which can be viewed on the County website under Government Resources.

**Intermunicipal Development Plan Bylaws** – Recent changes to the Municipal Government Act requires that all municipalities with common borders must complete and adopt an Intermunicipal Development Plan by April 1, 2020. The IDP will foster an intermunicipal approach to planning issues on the lands that connect adjacent municipalities and to establish an agreed upon development vision for the area. Council gave first reading to the Intermunicipal Development Plan Bylaws with Lac La Biche County, MD of Bonnyville, County of Vermilion River, County of Two Hills and Smoky Lake County with a few minor amendments. Administration will work with the municipalities on the proposed amendments before proceeding to Public Hearing. The draft bylaws can be viewed on the County website under Government Resources.

**Penalties Bylaw** – Council approved a penalties bylaw which includes penalties for offences in relation to the Cannabis Consumption bylaw.

**Coyote Reduction Program** – The Ag Service Board started receiving coyotes at the beginning of November and to date have received 375 coyotes and 1 wolf from 24 participants, which is slower compared to the past years of this program. The program will continue until the end of March or until the budget has been expended.

**Street Lighting Retrofit Feasibility Study and Strategy** – Council accepted the joint Street Lighting Retrofit study and strategy undertaken through the ACP grant program for the County of St. Paul, Towns of St. Paul and Elk Point and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. The study was done to provide a baseline framework for each municipality to implement steps in improving energy efficiency within their jurisdictions and regionally as a whole. Administration will be working on a Street Lighting policy based on the study. The study can be viewed on the County Website under Business and Opportunity.

**Improvements to Communications – Website Hosting** – Council accepted a study that assessed the County branding and website completed by Octopus Creative. From the recommendations that County will be moving to Octopus Creative as the new host for the website to support efforts to improve County communications and the public's online experience.

**Regional Economic Development Readiness Assessment and Capacity Building Plan** – Council accepted the completed Economic Development Readiness Assessment and Capacity Building Plan prepared for the County of St. Paul, Towns of Elk Point and St. Paul and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. The plan helps the communities assess their business and economic development capacity. The study compares the municipalities potential challenges and makes recommendations for next steps to economic success in the region. The Plan can be viewed on the County website under Business and Opportunity.

**CAO Salary Increase** – Following the annual CAO Evaluation, a requirement of the Municipal Government Act, Council approved an increase of \$3700 to the CAO's annual salary.

**Funding Support**

- \$300 – St. Paul Junior Curling Club
- \$5,000 – Elk Point and Mallaig Chambers of Commerce
- \$10,000 – St. Paul Chamber of Commerce

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