

Highlights

December 12, 2017 Council Meeting

Fee Schedule Bylaw – Council adopted a new fee schedule bylaw which includes the following rate changes effective January 1, 2018:

Snow Plow Flags (for a one-time plow) - \$25.00

Custom Grader Work - \$100 per hour

Mowing Charge - \$150 per lot minimum

- \$150 per hour

Utility Bylaw – Council approved a new Utility Bylaw which includes updated rates for water following announcement from the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission of a \$0.13 per cubic meter water rate increase. The County is a customer of the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Service Commission; therefore the rate change will affect residents in Ashmont, Lottie Lake and rural connections in that area. Council set a new rate for rural connections in the St. Paul Regional System (in the Ashmont area) as we have our first rural customer accessing water. Additionally, the County has been notified of a \$0.08 per cubic meter water rate increase from the Elk Point/St. Paul Water Commission which affects the rural residents between St. Paul and Elk Point.

2017 Interim Municipal Budget – As per section 242(2) of the MGA, Council approved the 2017 Interim Operating and Capital Budget:

Capital & Operating Revenues	\$44,145,637
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Operating Expenditures	\$29,804,546
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Replacement Reserve	\$ 136,000
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Debenture Repayment	\$ 807,429
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Capital Expenditures	\$16,279,067
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2018 Strategic Plan – has been amended by Council and can be viewed on the County Website.

ACP Grants – the County will be applying for an Alberta Community Partnership Grant with the County of Two Hills for a Transportation Corridor Condition Assessment Study, which will assist with the County's asset management system. If successful with the grant, the County of Two Hills will be the managing partner for this project.

Transfer Stations – effective January 1, 2018 all transfer stations will be changing to winter hours - from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ashmont is open on Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday; Mallaig, St. Lina, Vincent Lake and Whitney Lake are open on Tuesday and Saturday, and St. Edouard is open on Saturday. As well, starting January 1st automotive batteries will no longer be accepted at any of the transfer stations.

Ashmont – Mallaig Water Line – Nine contractors have been pre-qualified to bid on the water transmission line from Ashmont to Mallaig. The project will be tendered out in mid-January with the expectation to award the tender for March 1.

Planning & Development – Council adopted Bylaw 2017-23 which is a bylaw to de-designate the Environmental Reserve on Part of Lot R, Block 1, Plan 527MC which will correct a long standing encroachment issue.

Funding Support:

- \$1,000 – Regional High School Boys and Girls to attend Provincial Volleyball
- \$1,000 – 2018 MS Society Annual Walk
- \$5,000 – Elk Point and Mallaig Chambers of Commerce for 2018
- \$10,000 – St. Paul Chamber of Commerce for 2018
- \$3,000 – Elk Point Regional Allied Arts Society
- \$11,942.62 – CG Baker Riding Arena
- \$16,413.93 – AG Ross Arena
- \$16,413.93 – Elk Point Curling Rink
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Christmas Hours – The County Office and Public Works Shop will close from December 25 to January 1 inclusive.

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