

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

Council Highlights – July 13, 2021

The public is welcome to attend in person in the Council Chambers which is located in the County Administration Building. The meeting is also live streamed on 'YouTube' – Search 'County of St. Paul No.19'.

Council is working towards declaring a Municipal State of Agricultural Disaster in the County and is submitting a letter to the Minister of Agriculture & Forestry expressing deep concern about the impact the extended period of hot, dry weather is having on crops and on farmers. The County will publish the letter on the website and on Facebook.

Bylaws and Policies can be found on the County website under 'Governance/ Bylaws & Policies'.

Council passed **DEV-7 Encroachment Agreements/License Policy** that provides standards to which Encroachment Agreements or Licenses may be permitted within County Lands or Roadways.

Council passed **Bylaw 2021-11 Fee Schedule to support the DEV-7 Encroachment Agreements/License Policy**. The Fee Schedule Bylaw includes a \$500 administration fee for an application for an Encroachment Agreement or a License Agreement.

Council moved to submit a letter of concern to the Minister of Transportation and David Hanson MLA for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul asking for a review of the **intersection at Hwy 881 South and Hwy 646** to determine what safety improvements can be made. Trevor Kotowich, Fire Chief and Regional Director of Emergency Services made a presentation to Council expressing concern for public safety at this intersection.

Council awarded the tender for approximately 6 acres of **standing hay** on Lot A, Block 2, Plan 4339KS in SW-5-57-10-W4 (former Lafond School Site) for the 2021 and 2022 haying season to Albert Munro.

Council approved the **Fire Services Agreement** between the County of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point effective immediately.

Council approved the **public auction of five properties** that are County owned and that have, previously, gone to public auction for non-payment of taxes but not sold. The properties will be advertised and are scheduled to go to public auction at the August 10, 2021 Council meeting.

Council moved to enter into an agreement with B-Line for \$15,750 for work on Bridge File 6575 on Twp 562. The water level is encroaching on shoulders and starting to undermine the road. The work will entail unplugging and draining the culvert.

Council approved the request by **the Mallaig and District Ag Society and the Mallaig and District Senior Citizens** to become Additional Names Insured (ANI) under the County's insurance policy, upon acceptance by RMA Insurance. There is no additional cost to the County to add these organizations as ANI.

Council approved a \$5,500 contribution to the **St. Paul Municipal Seed Cleaning Association** to help offset their operating expenses.

Council moved to submit grant applications under several programs in an effort to obtain funding to undertake a **St. Paul/Elk Point Regional Master Recreation Feasibility Study Proposal** with the County being the managing partner under two of the grant programs. Applications for grants will be submitted to the Canada Community Revitalization Fund and the Alberta Community Partnership Grant Program. Council also referred this issue to the County of St. Paul Community Association to request them to submit a grant application under the Community Facility Enhancement Program.

Donations and Sponsorships

Council moved to support the St. Paul & District Chamber of Commerce '**Celebrate Home Town Business Golf Tournament 2021**' to be held on September 3 during Rodeo Week by sponsoring one County team to play in the golf tournament and to supply prizes for the tournament.

Council moved to sponsor a team at the **2nd Annual St. Paul Canadiens Alumni Foundation Golf Tournament** that will be held on August 21.

Council approved a request for funding to attend the Provincial tournaments by the **St. Paul U11A Boys Baseball and the U16D Girls Fastpitch teams**. A donation of \$500 will be made to each team.

Council denied a request to sponsor **Elk Point Heritage Days** as the County provides contributions to the Town of Elk Point for this type of event through the Bi-lateral Recreation Agreement.

Additional Information

County Offices will be closed on Monday, August 2 for Heritage Day!

Thank You! to all of the residents of Smith Grove subdivision who have volunteered their time to clean up the beach at Floating Stone campground. There are issues with visitors leaving garbage on the beach and picnic areas, and even burying their garbage in the sand. 'Thank you' Smith Grove residents for caring for our campground!

St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS is holding family-oriented summer events. Bring your creativity to the *Sandcastle Competition* at Whitney Lake Campground on July 23 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. *You Rock!* is a fun summer long event in which colored rocks are hidden in Mallaig (blue rocks), Ashmont (green) and Elk Point (purple). Each rock has a value of 1 to 5. Collect the rocks and the points and you could win an iPad or gift card on August 28. Food, games and fun are on the agenda for the *Block Party* that will be held on August 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Splash Park. The Block Party is being held in partnership with the County of St. Paul & Elk Point FCSS, Town of St. Paul FCSS, Lakeland Family Resource Network and Cornerstone Co-op.

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