

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

Council Highlights – May 14, 2024 Meeting

including the April 23 Public Works Meeting

Council & Public Works meetings are [live-streamed](#) on YouTube under '[County of St. Paul No. 19](#)'.

The public is welcome to observe Council proceedings from the Public Gallery in the Council Chambers, located in the Administration Building. Our next meeting, Public Works, is on May 28 at 9 a.m.

Administration

Council approved the 2024 Operating & Capital Budget of \$36,716,332. With the 2024 Budget, the County expects a surplus of \$14,890. The **2023 Surplus totalled \$2,815,000**, with Council motioning to transfer \$1,815,000 to Reserve for Future Operations and \$1,000,000 to Reserve for Future Capital. The 2024 Budget Narrative can be found on the County website under '[Governance](#)' > '[Budget](#)'.

Council also approved the **5-Year Operating & Capital Plan for 2025-2029**. This is a projection based on current taxation with estimated service costs, accounting for inflation rates; these are not approved budgets. The 5-Year Plan can be found on the County website under '[Governance](#)' > '[Budget](#)'.

2024 Tax Notices & Property Assessments were mailed out on May 10. Payment without penalty is **due June 30**. Please review the back of your Tax Notice carefully for information on penalties, payments, and assessment appeals.

Accurate Assessment Group is hosting their **Open House** at the Administration Office on **June 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Please call 587-465-1506 or email tax@county.stpaul.ab.ca to book an appointment. If you can't make the Open House but still have questions, call Accurate Assessment at 1-877-438-2305.

The **Q1 Operational Update** for the **2024 Strategic Plan** was approved and is now available on the County website under '[Governance](#)' > '[Strategic Plan](#)'.

Council approved a **development permit** for **Santech Diesel** to mitigate neighbours' concerns while allowing for continued business growth.

The County will be **co-hosting a Shoreline Clean-up** with Lakeland Industry & Community Association (LICA) at Upper Therien Lake, either in the summer or fall.

The **Ashmont Skating Rink** site at 4126 1 Avenue has been **approved** by Council to be **utilized as a community garden** for Summer 2024.

Council approved a **\$1,200 grant** to the **St. Paul Centennial Senior Citizen's Opportunity Club** to be used for transportation in 2024.

Bylaws and Policies

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

A **Public Hearing** was held regarding the proposed **Bylaw 2024-04** for the purpose of **closing and selling unused portions of road plans and lanes in the Hamlet of Owlseye**. While no attendees were

present at the hearing, Planning & Development has been in contact with the landowners, with the majority in favour of the proposed Bylaw.

Tax Rate Bylaw 2024-06 was passed, **imposing the 2024 Municipal Tax Rate** to raise revenue towards the expenditures and transfers set out in the County budget and the requisitions.

Ag Service Board Bylaw 2024-08 was passed, establishing the County's Agricultural Service Board (ASB). With this, the following were appointed to the ASB:

- Darrell Younghans, Glen Ockerman, and Louis Dechaine as the Council members;
- James Preston and Dean Smith as the Public members;
- Darrell Younghans as Chairman and Louis Dechaine as Vice Chair of the Board; and
- Ketih Kornelsen to fulfill the role of Agricultural Fieldman.

Council approved **amendments** to the following policies: ADM-13 **Delinquent Accounts Receivable** Policy; ADM-23 **Cancellation of Penalties** Policy; and HR-31 **Local Authorities' Pension Plan** Policy.

Administration has implemented the **new ADM-37 Electronic Funds Transfer Policy** to implement safeguards when sending and receiving money electronically.

Bylaw 2022-21 – Cancellation of Road Plan 1624ET within the NW 22-55-4-W4 and Bylaw 2022-21 – Mallaig Partial Road Closure of Plan 1005EO both received **approval** from the Minister of Transportation on April 23, 2024. Council gave second and third readings to both bylaws. Planning and Development will be **contacting the Mallaig residents** affected by the partial closure of Plan 1005EO to complete the consolidation of the cancelled road plan with their existing lots.

Public Works

All **Equipment Items for Sale** by Tender were awarded. Proceeds from the sale of the dismantled metal building will go to St. Paul Search and Rescue.

Public Works crews have prepared a **construction laydown area** at NW 35-58-11-W4, ensuring a designated spot to safely park County equipment and to stockpile any removed gravel and material.

Community Services

Council approved the **2024 Mowing Scopes**.

The County and the **Town of St. Paul** are **extending their Transfer Site Agreement** to March 31, 2025.

The County of St. Paul has accepted the position of **Managing Partner** of the **Alberta Community Partnership grant** for the proposed waste collection and management of the transfer stations that fall under the **Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission permit**.

Council will allow a **Scout troop** from Sherwood Park to **camp** in the tent area of the **Floatingstone municipal campground** on the night of June 8, providing three (3) free bundles of firewood (subject to any fire bans).

Economic Development

The County of St. Paul is now a **Registered Airport Operator member** of the **Alberta Airport Managers Association (AAMA)** as the County is involved with the Town of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point Airports.

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