COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

Council Highlights – August 13, 2024 Meeting

including the July 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 at the Administration Building. Our August 27 Public Works meeting is cancelled – please join us for our next Council meeting on September 10, starting at 10 a.m.

Administration

The **Q2 Operational Update** for the **2024 Strategic Plan** was approved and is now available on the County website under 'Governance' > 'Strategic Plan'.

Council approved a **one-time $35,000 unbudgeted donation** to the **Mallaig Agricultural Society** to assist with the Society's 2023-24 insurance premiums on their curling rink and hockey arena. The County will review its annual grant to the Society during 2025 Strategic Planning.

Council has **requested to meet with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver**, at the 2024 RMA Fall Convention. Discussion topics, if the request is approved, include funding for municipal fire services and grants for water/wastewater infrastructure replacements.

The County will **donate $1,000** to the **AG Ross Arena Operating Committee** to help advertise their 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament on September 7.

Council approved to **sponsor a table** at the **LRA Rodeo Kick Off Party's Casino Night**, in addition to providing door prizes valued at a total of $200.

The County is **sponsoring $1,000** to the **Mallaig Cabrini Park Challenge Cup** on August 24.

Council approved a **$1,000 sponsorship** to the **St. Paul Jr. B Canadiens** to assist in hosting expenses for the Central Canada Cup Tournament in April 2025.

Bylaws and Policies

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

Council gave **1st reading to Bylaw 2024-11**, to **rezone Part SE 21-58-9-W4 from Agriculture (A) District to Industrial/Commercial (IC) District**. With this, Council has **scheduled a Public Hearing for September 10, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.**, where affected residents can voice their approval or concerns for the proposed bylaw.

Unsightly Conditions Bylaw 2024-13 was passed, with amendments to align with the County's other enforcement bylaws.

Council approved **amendments** to the following policies: ADM-25 **Community Organizations Grants and Loans** Policy; HR-16 **Pay Administration** Policy; and HR-28 **Leaves of Absence** Policy.

Administration has implemented the **new ADM-36 Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Policy** to provide a structure for collecting, using, disclosing and protecting information gathered and

generated while carrying out County functions in a manner consistent with the FOIP Act.

Public Works

Urban Systems, the engineering firm hired to assist the County with the LAM Water Project, is **proceeding with Phase 2 of the Lottie Lake Water Detailed Design**. The work plan is **estimated at $149,760**, with funding previously approved in the 2024 budget and pulled from reserve funds allocated for water and wastewater projects.

Public Works will **donate 20 hours of labour** in automotive repair to the **St. Paul Search & Rescue Team**.

The County will draft an **annual agreement** with the **County of Two Hills**, allowing them the ability to **purchase up to 500 tonnes of coldmix** at a floating price.

Community Services

The County has **donated 13 signposts** to the **Lakeland Cross-Country Ski Club**, valued roughly at $700, to post throughout their ski trail network at the Westcove campground.

Ashmont and Elk Point Fire Departments will each receive a replacement brush truck for their operations. The County is purchasing the two Ford F-450, crew cab, 4x4 cab and chassis trucks **from Zarowny Motors for $147,700**.

With the departure of the County's previous designee, Council **has appointed Jason Storch, Director of Community Services, as the Agricultural Fieldman** under the ASB Act. With this, Bylaw 2024-14 Appoint Agricultural Fieldman as Designated Officer was passed.

The County will **provide three front-load bins** and **one roll-off bin** to the **St. Paul Ag Society** for the LRA Rodeo at no charge.

Economic Development

Council approved the **transition plan for Elk Point Airport**, where **ownership will be transferred** from the Town of Elk Point **to the County of St. Paul**. The transition is expected to be completed on December 1, 2024.

The County will **jointly apply for four Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Intermunicipal Collaboration funding projects for 2025**, including an Evergreen Waste Study; a Regional Water Services Reservoir Infrastructure Assessment; an Agricultural Strategy; and the Alberta Iron Horse Trail (AIHT) Staging Areas Development Plan.

The County has engaged with **Clear Result** under the **Invest Free program**, initiating an **"Onboarding" process at no cost**. The process will result in an **Opportunity Assessment Report** with suggestions to reduce operating costs, lower energy use, and modernize buildings and warehouses.

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