

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences



Council Highlights – December 10, 2024 Meeting

including the November 26 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 December 24 Public Works meeting is cancelled – please join us for our next Council meeting on January 14, starting at 10 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION

The **2025 Interim Budget has been approved**. Final Budget will be reviewed in April 2025.

Administration, on behalf of Council, is **submitting recommendations for the Provincial 2025 Budget**. Recommendations include funding programs for water distribution systems and wastewater collection systems, fire services equipment, and insurance premiums.

The County has been selected as a **host for the 2025 Municipal Internship Program**. The application process opens on January 6 through to February 18: www.alberta.ca/municipal-internship-program-apply

Council **approved the 2025 Strategic Plan**. Find it on our website under 'Governance' > 'Strategic Plan' > '2025'.

The County approved a **contribution of \$2,814,960 for the MD of St. Paul Foundation Lodge Project**, estimated at payments of \$400,000 annually. This is the County's respective share of the total up-front capital funding commitment of \$4 million, based on commitments from the Town of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point to make up the remaining amount. Monies shall be made available to the MD Foundation with final approval from the Alberta Government and CMHC.

All **Lease Land Tenders** were opened, with 6-year terms for grazing land and 3-year terms for both arable land and standing hay crop. Administration is contacting the awarded individuals, as well as contacting current leaseholders who have met the requirements to exercise their first right of refusal.

Council **approved \$101,030 for the 2024 Allocation for Recreational Facilities Grants** to be distributed to Community Organizations.

Council also **approved the allocation of the \$75,000 for the Elk Point Recreation Grants**. This amount has allocated \$10,000 for the Elk Point Curling Rink; \$10,000 for the C.G. Baker Arena; and \$55,000 for the A.G. Ross Arena.

The County **will take a resolution to Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)** to assist in lobbying for more Provincial funding towards water distribution and wastewater collection systems.

Council **appointed Debbie Tyson as the Returning Officer** for the 2025 Municipal Election.

The County **sponsored \$5000 to the St. Paul Elementary School** for the construction of a new playground.

BYLAWS AND POLICIES

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

Bylaw 2024-16 was passed, licensing the Road Allowance between NW6-57-4-W4 and SW 6-57-4-W4, as well as NE 6-57-4-W4 and SE 6-57-4-W4.

A **Public Hearing** was held regarding the proposed **adoption of the Buffalo Trail South (Bylaw 2024-17) and Buffalo Trail North (Bylaw 2024-18) Intermunicipal Area Structure Plans** in conjunction with the Town of Elk Point. No written submissions were received and no attendees were present. With this, Council passed Bylaw 2024-17 and 2024-18.

Borrowing Bylaws 2024-19 (Current Expenditures) and 2024-20 (Master Card Account) were passed, taking effect on January 1, 2025. These are annual Bylaws to support County operations.

Bylaw 2024-21 was passed, guaranteeing a loan and line of credit on behalf of the Elk Point Regional Allied Arts Society, jointly with the Town of Elk Point for the 2025 financial year.

Administration has **implemented the new ADM-38 Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) Policy** in compliance with changes to the Public Sector Accounting Board Standards. This policy recognizes aging infrastructure and plans for the retirement of tangible capital assets under the County's portfolio.

PUBLIC WORKS

The County has **completed all 2024 construction projects**. Thank you to all residents for your patience and adherence to detour routes/signs this construction season!

Council **ratified the submission of five applications** to the 2024 Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) grant application under the Local Road Bridge stream.

Council **awarded the fuel tender to DMM Energy (Imperial)**. The tender is for a 2-year term.

The County is **hosting a Naming Contest for our Plow Trucks and Graders!** Submit your suggestion by January 10 through this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/dNt7qMi50C>

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Council approved **\$20,000 from the Joint Use Fire Reserve Account**, shared with the Town of St. Paul, to assist the St. Paul Fire Department in purchasing new battery-operated rescue tools.

Council has **authorized a Letter of Consent** to the Elk Point Elks to apply for a boat launch at the Elk Point Elks Wilderness Park.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

STEP Economic Development Alliance has **submitted an application to the CanExport Community Investments (CECI) program**, with the County listed as the applicant. Funding will go towards the continued development of an agricultural strategy and investment attraction.

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