COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

Council Highlights – February 11 Meeting
including the January 27 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 February 25 at 10 a.m.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Municipalities are now required to prepare a Permanent Electors Register of residents who are eligible to vote in the upcoming Municipal Election on October 20th. Residents can help the County to build our list by registering, updating, or verifying your information through www.voterlink.ab.ca.

ADMINISTRATION

Council approved the **publication of the 2024 Strategic Plan Q4 Update**.

Council also approved the **publication of the 2025 Operational Plan**.

The County has **renewed their one-year membership** with the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)** in the amount of $2,075.90.

Administration has provided a **letter of support** to the SPECS Parent Fundraising Council to include in future grant applications for their fundraising efforts.

Administration has also provided a **letter of support** to the Lac Bellevue and District Ag Society to accompany their Co-op Communities Initiatives grant application for solar panels in their campground.

Council will provide **$300 to the St. Paul Junior Curling Club** for their upcoming bonspiel on February 22, 2025.

Councillor Krekoski and Councillor Fodness will sit as **members of the new Regional Housing Inventory and Needs Assessment Committee**.

BYLAWS AND POLICIES

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

Bylaw 2025-03 Election Procedures was passed, replacing Bylaw 2021-23 as a more concise format by removing duplication from the Local Authorities Election Act.

Council gave **first reading to Bylaw 2025-01**, for a debenture to finance the natural gas line installed by Apex Utilities to eight homes in Riverview in December 2023. With this, Administration will send the **corresponding Local Improvement Plan** to residents in Riverview. Residents will have 30 days from the date of the plan to petition the Local Improvement.

Council also gave **first reading to Bylaw 2025-02**, for the adoption of the St. Paul North Intermunicipal Area Structure Plan in conjunction with the Town of St. Paul. As a result, Council has **scheduled a**

Public Hearing for February 25, 2025, at 11 a.m., where affected residents can voice their approval or concerns for the proposed bylaw.

Council approved **amendments** to the PW-3 **Driveway Snow Removal** Policy and ADM-9 **St. Paul Rodeo Cleanup** Policy.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works has **purchased a new Volvo 220 Loader for $795,250**, including a 5-year warranty period (or 6000 hours).

Council has **ratified an Industry Member at Large**, Mr. Don Shepert, for the County's Ag Levy Committee.

Council has approved a substantial changeover in the **Public Works Building HVAC System**, estimated at $218,600. This work will ensure that the Public Works office and shop have a functioning system moving forward, complying with building standards.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The County and the Lakeland Cross Country Ski Club have **established a new agreement** for the Westcove Municipal Recreation Area, commencing February 11, 2025, until April 30, 2027.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Council approved the funding requests of all regional **Chambers of Commerce** in support of their **2025 operating years.** The St. Paul & District Chamber of Commerce will receive $10,000; the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce will receive $5,000; and the Mallaig Chamber of Commerce will receive $5,000.

The **13th Annual Open Farm Days** will be held on August 16 & 17! Alberta farmers and agri-businesses thinking about entering the agri-tourism space can **apply to become a host at the event**. Open Farm Days provides host resources, such as marketing, signage, training, event insurance, and porta-pottty reimbursement. Register through albertaopenfarmdays.ca/host-farms/

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