

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences



Council Highlights – March 11 Meeting

including the February 25 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 March 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 build our list by registering, updating, or verifying your information through www.voterlink.ab.ca.

ADMINISTRATION

Administration invites fundraising groups to apply for the **Annual Highway Cleanup** on May 3 (weather permitting). Please contact the Admin Office or visit our Facebook page and website for the road list. Deadline to apply is March 28.

The **STARS Foundation** presented its annual update to Council, with Council moving to a **standing motion annual contribution of \$14,000**.

Council has **sponsored \$10,000 to the St. Paul & District Hospital Foundation Gala on April 5**. The County will also provide a gravel voucher as a silent auction item. The gala is raising funds for a new CT scanner.

The County **donated \$500 to the St. Paul Desna Ukrainian Dance Club** for their 31st Annual Ukrainian Dance Festival on March 15.

The County is a **Heritage Sponsor for the 1st Annual Heritage Night** in Elk Point! The event will take place on August 20 to celebrate the diverse cultures within the community.

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 **adoption of the St. Paul North Intermunicipal Area Structure Plan (Bylaw 2025-02)** in conjunction with the Town of St. Paul. No written submissions were received; eight attendees were present, two of whom spoke in opposition to the Bylaw. With this, the County will work with the Town of St. Paul on further consultation and engagement with the landowners.

Bylaw 2025-01 was defeated, as a sufficient petition was received from the affected residents in Riverview who do not support the Local Improvement Plan for financing a Natural Gas Connection provided by Apex Utilities. With the petition's success, 1 year must pass before the Local Improvement Plan can be revisited, as per the Municipal Government Act.

Council approved **amendments** to ADM-32 **Donation, Sponsorship, and Recognition** Policy. With this, Council **rescinded** ADM-3 **Promotional Items** Policy and ADM-6 **Recognition of Milestones** Policy, as their contents are captured in the amendments to ADM-32.

PUBLIC WORKS

The **Gravel Sales program is now open** for orders as of March 1st.

Public Works will be putting out a tender for mixing up to **44,000 tonnes of coldmix** to be used in the 2025 Road Construction Program.

The County's **Snow Plow Naming Contest has concluded**, with 21 names selected by the public for the County's graders and plow trucks. Thank you to Dargisview Farm, Glen Avon's 3L class, Ecole Mallaig's 5/6 class, St. Paul Elementary's Grade 5 class, Ecole Racette's 6-1 class, Zan Reilly, Chelsea G, Braden Campeau, Jeff Mahe, B. Jeffrey, and the anonymous folks who submitted the wonderful suggestions!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

County Municipal Campgrounds are accepting 2025 bookings! Visit the County website to find details on how to book at Floatingstone, Lac Bellevue, Stoney Lake, and Westcove:

www.county.stpaul.ab.ca/campgrounds

Council has agreed to the request from Evergreen to remove two access roads leading into their MSW cells, which will **add volume for waste storage to the Evergreen Regional landfill**. The project will commence in April, during the spring thaw, and is estimated to cost \$4,846.60.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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-potty reimbursement. Register through albertaopenfarmdays.ca/host-farms/

Council approved that a **Rural Transit Solutions Fund: Capital Stream application** be made in the name of the County of St. Paul on behalf of regional municipal partners **for the eligible sum of \$250,000**. This fund supports the development and expansion of locally-driven transit solutions by helping residents of rural, remote, Indigenous and Northern communities conduct their day-to-day activities. If approved, the regional partners would match 20% of the grant.

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