COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

Council Highlights – April 8 Meeting
including the March 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 April 22 at 9 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 their information through www.voterlink.ab.ca.

The County of St. Paul and the St. Paul School Division will also complete a Joint Election Agreement, meaning residents can vote on October 20th for their County Councillor and School Division Councillor at the same voting locations.

ADMINISTRATION

Council approved the 2025 Operating & Capital Budget of $40,718,833. With the 2025 Budget, the County expects a surplus of $5,581. The **2024 Surplus totalled $5,800,000**, with Council motioning to transfer $2,000,000 to Reserve for Future Operations; $1,000,000 to Reserve for Future MD Foundation project funding; and $2,800,000 to Reserve for Future Capital.

The County of St. Paul's **resolution on water and wastewater** funding advocacy was brought to the Spring RMA Convention and was **passed**.

Council has **allocated roads for the May 3rd County Highway Clean-up 2025 Fundraiser** to Boscombe 4-H Multi Club, Mallaig Ag Society, Ferguson Flats Community Association, Jesus The Bright & Morning Star International Ministries, St. Lina 4-H Club, and Heinsburg Community Club.

Council was happy to hear about the Elk Point AG Ross Arena Operating Committee's **successful ACI grant application for the AG Ross Arena's ice plant** and will provide the $192,00 matching funding that was committed as part of the application.

The County is **sponsoring $600 for the RCMP Musical Riders event**, hosted on July 23 by the St. Paul Agricultural Society, to help with the purchase of hay for the horses.

Administration is **providing a letter of intent to the St. Paul & District Arts Foundation**, with a $500 financial contribution, to support the Nutcracker event in December 2025. The $500 contribution is contingent on the Foundation's Local Festivals – Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage grant application.

The County has **become a member** of **LICA (Lakeland Industry & Community Association)**, paying an annual membership fee of $500.

BYLAWS AND POLICIES

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

Fee Schedule Bylaw 2025-05 became effective on April 1, 2025, which now includes rates for Jointly Operated Facilities and other amendments.

Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) and Tax Arrears Payment Plan (TAPP) Bylaw 2025-06 passed, allowing both annual tax payments and tax arrears payments to be put on a payment plan. The TIPP is an affordable option for residents to make monthly payments on their current property taxes. The TAPP is a plan for properties on the tax arrears listing. The monthly payment for the TAPP will be set at a rate agreed upon by the County to clear up the tax arrears and will be for a maximum of 36 months. Properties on these plans are no longer subject to penalties.

PUBLIC WORKS

Council has approved the **Oiling and Rip & Pack projects**, including carryover from 2024 for completion in the 2025 summer season. The **tender for mixing the cold mix asphalt** for these projects was **awarded to Grynn Contracting Ltd.** at a rate of $14.83 per tonne. The contract is for a one-year term, with the option to extend for another year.

The County will **cancel a portion of undeveloped Road Plan 2457EU**, in NW 3-56-3-W4 and SW 10-56-3-W4, at the request of Canadian Natural Resources to develop on site. This will close that portion of the road to the public as it is no longer required.

Public Works is **accepting Dust Control applications** until May 15, with our crew applying the control from May 1 to July 31. Find the application form on our website: www.county.stpaul.ab.ca/public-works/

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Bonafide farmers and agriculture producers within the County of St. Paul can **purchase Zinc Phosphide and Ramex** (mouse bait) **from the Seed Cleaning Plant** on Hwy 881 north of the Town of St. Paul.

Council **set the dates for the Beaver Reduction Incentive Program**, with the spring program running from April 14-June 30 and the fall program from September 8-October 28.

Spring Clean-up will take place in May 2025. Throughout the month, the County will accept appliances with Freon at all County-operated transfer stations at no charge.

The County has **renewed two fire agreements**: a Mutual Fire Aid with the County of Vermillion River and a Mutual Aid Fire Control Plan with Alberta Forestry & Parks.

Residents who prefer to manage weeds and brush along their roadside property, without herbicide, must **complete a Weed & Brush Control Agreement before April 30** and understand their responsibility to control the unwanted vegetation. No Spray signs must then be installed before mid-May to inform County staff where to avoid spraying.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Council has chosen to **suspend its participation in the Rural Renewal Stream program**, along with the Town of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point.

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