

Highlights

April 10, 2018 Council Meeting

2017 Audited Financial Statements – County Council approved the 2017 Audited Financial Statements following a presentation by Shawn Warrington of Synergy Chartered Accountants. Approved statements will be available at the County Office or can be viewed on the County website at www.county.stpaul.ab.ca. They will be presented by the auditor at the **Annual General Meeting on May 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elk Point Seniors Centre.**

2018 Annual Operating and Capital Budget – County Council approved the 2018 Annual Operating and Capital Budget:

Operating & Capital Revenues	\$44,926,690
Debenture & Funding from Restricted Surplus	\$ 2,901,525
Operating Expenses	\$29,261,471
Replacement Reserve	\$ 256,000
Debenture Repayment	\$ 842,150
Capital Expenditures	\$17,452,090
Surplus	\$ 16,504

Based on the requirements of the 2018 capital and operational budget, Council has increased the municipal tax rate on non-residential properties by 0.6000. Other municipal tax rates remain unchanged. Residential properties, did in some cases, see increases to assessment based on increases in market values in their area. Residents will notice another change to their tax notice when they receive it in May. Previously the County had a tax rate of 0.7500 for Waste Management. This tax rate, which is part of the municipal rate, has been consolidated with the municipal tax rate for 2018. Consequently, residents will only see one tax rate for municipal tax which will be 0.7500 higher than last year's rate as it includes the rate for waste management. There will be no tax rate for waste management.

The Designated Industrial Property (DIP) Assessment Requisition is new following the approval of the Modernized Municipal Government Act where the Province has decided to centralize assessment of these types of industrial properties. Only the property owners of Designated Industrial Property are required to pay the requisition which is based on the total provincial costs to assess these types of properties. This tax rate is consistent throughout the province. Residents can view the entire budget document and the Tax Rate Bylaw 2018-06 on the County webpage at www.county.stpaul.ab.ca

Transfer Station Free Freon Removal – the County in partnership with the Town of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point will waive the charge to remove Freon from fridges, freezers and water coolers from May 13 to May 26 at all County transfer stations as well as transfer stations within the Towns of St. Paul and Elk Point and the Evergreen Regional Landfill.

Planning and Development – Council gave first reading to Bylaw 2018-07 to rezone Block 1, Plan 2627RS in S ½ SE 9-58-10-W4 from Agricultural to Industrial Commercial.

The landowner will be required to prepare an area structure plan and hold a public consultation prior to the public hearing.

Public Open Houses for the Urban Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) will be held April 18 in St. Paul from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Reunion Station and on April 19 in Elk Point from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Elk Point Seniors Centre. The Open House for the Rural IDP will be held April 26 in St. Paul from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the County Office lower level meeting room.

ACP Grants – The County along with neighbouring municipalities were approved for four Alberta Community Partnership Grants - Urban Inter Collaboration Framework with the Town of Elk Point as the managing partner; Rural Inter Collaboration Framework to be managed by the County; Regional Storm Water Management Plan with the Town of St. Paul as the managing partner and Transportation Road Condition Assessment with the County of Two Hills as the managing partner.

Tender for Road Construction Project – Council awarded the tender for the construction of 1 mile on Township Road 564, in South ½ 29-56-11-W4 to Rondell Road Construction for \$183,840. The County will be supplying culverts, geotextiles, and gravel for this project which brings the total for the project to \$371,620.

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