

Highlights

August 14 Council Meeting

Bylaws – Council gave first reading to Bylaw 2018-15 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to address control and regulation of cannabis. Definitions of Cannabis, Cannabis Production Facility and Cannabis Retail Establishment were added to the bylaw. Definitions for commercial service centre, general retail establishment and greenhouse or plant nursery were also amended indicating that they do not include cannabis or cannabis retail establishment. The General Urban District will be amended to include Cannabis Retail Establishment as a Discretionary Use and Industrial Commercial District will be amended to include Cannabis Production Facility and Cannabis Retail Establishment as Discretionary Uses. These amendments are the result of the passing of the Cannabis Act which will become legal for consumption in Canada on October 17th. A public hearing will be held at the September Council Meeting, before the bylaw proceeds to second and third reading.

Council approved Speed Limit Bylaw 2018-14. The Bylaw was updated to change the speed limit to 50 km/hr on Range Road 104 from Township Road 590 (Correction line) to the north side of Owlseye and on Range Road 74 (Richland Road) from Township Road 562 to Highway 646.

1001 Fire Training – The St. Paul Fire Department is pleased to announce that eight members of the Mallaig and St. Paul Fire Departments were successful in achieving their international certification of National Fire Protection Association 1001 training. This high level of training was done locally with grant monies received from the Government of Alberta Fire Services Training Program. The St. Paul Fire Department will be applying for a grant to offer the training for the upcoming year. Congratulations to Cody Bodnar, Travis Cusack, Joey Duperron, Paul Kehler, Justin Lheureux, Tyson Newby, Brooke Royer and Dean Willich.

Ashmont Fire Department – The County will be purchasing a used Freightliner Pumper Tanker for the Ashmont Fire Department at a cost of \$120,500. Council had budgeted to put \$120,000 in reserves for this piece of equipment; they made a motion to move that funding to the Capital Budget and provide a further \$500 to be funded from unrestricted surplus in order to provide for the purchase of the vehicle.

Clubroot/Noxious Weeds – the Ag Department has started inspecting canola fields within the County of St. Paul for clubroot, as per the Provincial Pest Act. Staff will contact landowners if they find clubroot in their fields and they will work together to control the spread of the pest. The Ag Department has also been inspecting areas for noxious weeds as per the Provincial Weed Act. The County has received Special Use Approval from Alberta Environment and has sprayed three hectares of Himalayan Balsam in the Vincent Lake area.

Funding

- \$400 – MS Society
- \$14,500 – Boscombe Community Centre Connection to Ashmont/Mallaig

Water Transmission Line

September Council Meeting has been rescheduled to Friday, September 14th

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