

Highlights from the Mayor



I'd like to begin today with a "well done" to our Public Works, Utilities and Recreation staff for all the hard work during adverse weather conditions. The weather has been unpredictable, cold one day and warm the next. Snow often in the forecast but then it doesn't happen, until it does with no notice. All this makes maintaining our roads, keeping water and sewer flowing, and all our recreational facilities that much more challenging to maintain. Well done Ladies and Gentlemen! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

As we are all aware, we have had an increase in property crime in our community, (as have most rural communities in our province), and Council has been searching to see if there is a role they can play in helping to mitigate this problem. At our last meeting of council, we discussed hiring a local security company to be an extra set of eyes on the street. With undisclosed hours, (no point in letting the bad guys know when they are going to be out there), they would phone in any suspicious people or activity and with any luck any crimes they see being committed. We will discuss working with the Citizen's on Patrol group at our January 28th meeting and explore that option as well. By the time you read this, that council discussion will have likely taken place. Council wants to find a suitable role to assist our RCMP in the ongoing battle with these perpetrators and will continue to work with our RCMP and Provincial and Federal elected officials to exhaust all options.

In search of other options and support from our Federal Government, I met with our MP Shannon Stubbs. Ms. Stubbs is aware of this issue and as many of you know, she is the author of Bill M-167. We will see if this bill gets any support from Parliament.

For those of you curious about what is happening with the upgrade to our water treatment plant, you will be seeing some activity there this spring and summer when construction gets underway. The design of this plant has been an ongoing process as the current composition of the water in Upper Therien Lake, and the composition of what flows into the plant for treatment, dictate the processes that will happen in the upgraded plant.

The upgraded plant will greatly improve the quality of the discharge from the plant, cutting down on the nutrients that have a negative impact on the algae blooms we often see in the lake. The lake isn't going to improve over night, because we can only influence what flows into the lake from the plant. As you go around the lake there are other influences that impact water quality, but improving the discharge from our plant is our responsibility and will help improve the lake over time. It will also extend the life of the plant so we hopefully won't need to develop a new treatment center for many years to come.

Maureen Miller, Mayor

PARKS & RECREATION



Public Skating Clancy Richard Arena

Regular Hours

Fridays: 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Saturdays: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Special Hours

February 14 & 15: 11:30 am-1:30 pm

February 17: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm @ CAP

Shinny Hockey

February 14 & 15: 1:45 pm-3:45 pm

Helmets are mandatory on the ice.



PARENT & TOT FREE SKATE

THURSDAYS 10:00-11:00 AM
Clancy Arena

PUBLIC WORKS



WATER METER BILLING

The Town of St. Paul Utilities Department recognize that there are higher bills than usual going out in the November/December 2018 Utility Billing cycle.

This increase is due to the meter change that was provided by Public Works within these two months. When a meter change occurs Public Works provides a final meter reading of the old meter and an initial read of the new meter. As well, if an account hasn't had a meter reading and the computer has been estimating consumption, there may be some consumption catch up.

Depending on when in the billing cycle the meter change was performed it may be adding more days of consumption than would be normal when a resident provides a manual meter reading. After the meter change is in the account, the computer may generate the remainder of the billing cycle.

If the computer estimated higher than the reading the Town will be obtaining at the end of the billing cycle, your account will be corrected in the next Utility Invoice.

Going forward, our meter readings will now be made on the last day of each billing cycle, if not a weekend, to make for accurate billings. Residents no longer need to submit meter readings if they have the new electronic meters.

If there are any questions arising from the meter changes, please feel free to contact Brooke at the Town Administration office.
780-645-4481 ext: 2104.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Are you planning on building in 2019?

Please read the information below which may assist you in your planning.

To utilize the construction season to the fullest, you may apply now for your **Development Permit**. A Development Permit is valid to start within 12 months of permit issuance. A **Building Permit** is valid to start within 90 days of permit issuance. Construction may begin upon receipt of an issued Development Permit and Building Permit.

It is not too early to apply now!! By doing this, your permits would be in place once the weather warms up and are anxious to start building!

Please contact Planning & Development at 780-645-4481 for more information.



FCSS/ PARENT LINK



St. Paul Youth Council Presents

Valentine's Dance

GRADES 7 - 12

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15 • 8PM - 12 AM

CENTENNIAL SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

FREE ENTRY

FEATURING DJ ELLE ROSE

SECURITY BY RF PROTECTION

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 780-645-5311

