

Highlights from the Mayor

Happy April Everyone:

I hope you are enjoying this reprieve from the really cold weather as much as I am. Couple of points I would like to bring to your attention in this edition; the first one is our problem with feral cats. Our staff cannot respond to complaints of feral cats. To do so would require a fulltime position, to do nothing but trap these cats. The local animal shelter is a no-kill shelter and requires a \$110 charge to drop a cat off. The cost to you, our residents would be substantial, by way of an increase to your taxes just to deal with this problem.

Without a doubt we have a problem, but there are some things that can be done to help mitigate the problem. First and foremost, please do not feed wild cats. Doing so encourages cats to stay in town. If you put food out for one, you are likely going to end up feeding more, as other cats will be attracted to that food. I know it is heartbreaking to see these animals go hungry, especially in the cold weather, but putting food out perpetuates the problem, by attracting more cats. This will allow disease to spread, and it will result in even more litters of unwanted cats.

Good hearted souls who try to help these animals are seldom aware of the consequences to themselves and their neighbours. It is a cat's instinct to mark its territory. They do so by urinating in gardens, on house walls and doors. It is very unpleasant and will likely spread to your neighbour's yard. At the end of the day, the only real cure is to have all pets responsibly spayed and neutered. However, until that day occurs, I do ask that you do not feed feral cats.

With a provincial election coming up fast, (April 16), I ask that you give some serious thought before casting your vote. Review party policies that you can find on their websites and think about what you want for your children and your community in the future. I am not advocating for you to support any party in particular, but I am advocating for you to make an informed choice. I feel very strongly that our right to vote is a privilege, and not one we should not take lightly.

I know as a voter, one of the things I will be looking for is which party has the strongest anti-crime policies, in particular rural crime. How will they deal with backlog in the courts, and deal with criminals being put back out on the street after little or no jail time? These are things that are important to me. We all have our own priorities, but we can use those priorities to help guide us on election day.

There will be an election forum on April 9th. It will be held at the Recreation Center. Watch our Facebook page for more details as soon as they are available. I encourage you all to attend and see all the candidates respond to questions put forward by our community. It's a great way to see where each candidate stands on issues that effect us all. Hope to see you there. All the best.

Maureen Miller, Mayor
Town of St. Paul

MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT



SECURE YOUR LOAD FOR SAFER ROADS!

When travelling in town and on highways, loads must be secured to prevent falling onto the road OR shifting withing the vehicle. If any load falls onto the road, the driver is responsible to take all reasonable precautions to safeguard traffic and remove fallen debris from the highway. Recommendations include: having all loads secured by tarpaulins/cargo netting and/or tie downs prior to departure.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY REGULATION

17 (4)(a)	Transport cargo on vehicle w/o preventing leaking/spilling/blowing off/falling/dislodging	\$776.00
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VEHICLE EQUIPMENT REGULATION

65 (1)	Use vehicle not constructed/not capable of securing goods being transported	\$465.00
65 (2)	Transport goods on a vehicle with load securement equipment used improperly	\$465.00

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ENHANCEMENT ACT

179 (1)	Improper disposal of waste on highway	\$115.00
179 (2)	Improper transportation of waste on highway	\$115.00



The monthly edition of the Bylaw Enforcement Education Program (B.E.E.P.) can be viewed on the Town website at www.town.stpaul.ab.ca

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.

EASTER SCHEDULE

MODIFIED GARBAGE PICK-UP

Friday, April 19th garbage pick-up will be combined with Thursday, April 18th pick-ups.

Monday, April 22 garbage pick-up will be combined with Tuesday, April 23 pick-ups.

CLOSURES

The Town of St. Paul Offices & Departments will be closed Friday, April 19 and Monday, April 22 for Good Friday & Easter.



FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH
12PM - 4:30PM

Regional Team Building

The Town of St. Paul Offices and Departments will be closed at 12:00 p.m. for the remainder of the afternoon on Friday, April 26th for the Regional Team Building Workshop.

FCSS/ PARENT LINK



Youth Open Gym Night



FREE EVENT!
Ages 12-18
Wed. April 10th
7:00 - 8:30 PM
@ Racette School



S.P.Y.C.
St. Paul Youth Council
The Power of our Voice

Come out and enjoy basketball, dodgeball & other games! Try something new!

Call 780-645-5311 for more info.