

## Highlights from the Mayor



For those of you who didn't make the Town's AGM, last Tuesday, June 18th Below are some of the topics I covered in my speech;

First I gave an update on the environmental issues that we have been faced with since taking office; Buildings improperly buried on private land. These have now been dug up and properly disposed of at the Landfill.

Secondly, the drainage issue by the golf course has been before the Environmental Appeals Board and will make a recommendation to the Minister of Environment. He will issue his decision in the next few weeks.

After the 2017 Audit, one of the weaknesses that the Auditor identified was that the old General Ledger made it difficult to track expenses

because so many expenses were combined. She said she had been asking for it for some time. In 2018 Finance Staff went through the painful process of developing a new G/L while still having to work in the old one. It was a long process, but the new G/L is now complete and Council now gets monthly reports on our financial status.

The Town and the County are in the final stages of our mandatory Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework. It has been a positive experience, and I want to thank the County for coming to the table with an open mind.

In 2018, we had to amend our Land Use Bylaw to incorporate the production and sale of legal cannabis. We have already sustained one challenge to the new amendments, but we were successful in defending our new bylaw amendments.

Our staff has been working hard to get our golf course up to where it should be. We are still working towards a driving range, hopefully by 2020, which will give the course another revenue stream and hopefully another attraction to bring golfers in. It's a slow process and of course, we are always at the mercy of Mother Nature.

We are still moving ahead with the 57th Street project as well as the 42nd Street project. With 57th Street, the costs have escalated as well as the scope so we have joined forces with the County to apply for a joint grant to help offset some of those costs. If the grant funding doesn't come through we will have to scale the project back somewhat but the project will still go ahead. With regard to 42nd street, we are all ready to go, we just need to coordinate our efforts with the Co-op.

Working together has definitely paid off when it comes to applying for grants. We were recently awarded \$384,000 jointly between the Town and County to replace the 50-year-old lighting system at our jointly owned airport with LED lights and a refurbished electrical system. We were also granted a joint grant to create a Storm Water Management Plan with the County. Our stormwater watershed encompasses both the Town and County, so it only makes sense to work together on this issue. This year we concluded the Regional Recreation Masterplan which has given us the framework for some of our negotiations as far as developing a new recreation agreement with the County. Just recently we were awarded a grant to work together on a joint human resources masterplan to come up with a plan to use our human resources more effectively for both our employees and for the municipalities. Our regional Intermunicipal Development Plan, which some of you have given us input on, is another example of a successful grant application.

As far as projects going forward our focus this year for big capital projects this year is the upgrade of 57th Street and the upgrade on 42nd Street. These are actually projects that are carried over from last year so in the case of 42nd Street, we had the funding put away. For the 57th Street project, the funding quote was a few years old and when we got down to business with this project we found the number had increased by about 50%. So we have \$1 Million put away but the costs have risen to about \$1.5M. In order to counter this increase, we have applied for a joint grant with County who is upgrading Twp Rd 582. If this grant comes through we will have more than enough funding put away for our matching portion. If it doesn't we will likely downgrade the project to reduce costs. Fingers crossed we will receive the grant funding.

Another topic I would like to share with you is our recent acquisition of what will be called the Lavoie Subdivision. The Lavoie family has held this land for many years but didn't feel they wanted to go through the pains of development. They generously made this land available to us, at less than assessed value. This property includes 96 subdivided but undeveloped lots which lie in direct proximity to water, sewer and stormwater servicing. It is not our plan to develop this property ourselves, but rather break it into blocks of lots for sale to developers. When the economy picks up we will be in a strong position to support residential growth in our community without having to acquire land from the county.

These are just a few of the highlights I touched on during my speech. You can find my complete posted on our website.

Till next time.  
Maureen Miller, Mayor

## PARKS & RECREATION

### ST. PAUL GOLF COURSE TWO PERSON MIXED CASH SCRAMBLE

Saturday, July 13  
9:00AM - Registration  
10:00AM - Shotgun Start  
(Meal to follow)

\$150/Team (Cart not included)  
\$20 Blind Calcutta

Call Pro Shop: 780-645-4077 To Register

## FINANCE



### TAX DUE DATE

# JULY 3, 2019

Accurate Assessments will be mailing out Requests for Information to the non-residential (commercial) tax payers on July 1, 2019, These Requests for Information need to be filled out thoroughly and mailed back to Accurate Assessment Group.

## Senior Property Tax Deferral Program

Currently, the Government of Alberta offers the Senior Property Tax Deferral Program to those 65 years of age or older. This program allows eligible senior homeowners to defer all or part of their annual residential property taxes through a low interest home equity loan.

Contact: St. Paul Alberta Supports Centre  
Main Floor Provincial Building  
5025-49 Avenue  
Phone: 780-645-6473

Read more: <http://www.town.stpaul.ab.ca/Seniors-Prop-Tax-Deferral>  
<https://www.alberta.ca/seniors-property-tax-deferral-program.aspx>

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPPORTUNITY Transfer Station Attendant

The Town of St. Paul is looking for a transfer station attendant to join our team. This position will be a permanent full time position and is responsible for the daily operations of our transfer station.

Responsibilities include:

- Be courteous and assist public at all times
- Record and inspect all materials being disposed of at the site by the public
- Ensure that all waste hauled to the site is separated into the designated areas
- Sorting of materials (such as cardboard, newspaper, etc.) for recycling
- Ensure no hazardous or prohibited wastes are being disposed at the site
- Monitor the transfer station condition and report any concerns to direct supervisor
- Experience with various types of construction equipment
- Participation in the health and safety program
- Maintenance of transfer station includes snow removal in the winter months and cutting grass in the summer months

Please send a cover letter, resume with two references and criminal record check to:

Human Resources Coordinator  
Phone: (780) 645-1767

Email: [humanresources@town.stpaul.ab.ca](mailto:humanresources@town.stpaul.ab.ca)

Applications will be accepted until June 25, 2019 @ 4:30 pm MST

The Town of St. Paul thanks all applicants for their interest. However, only those short listed for an interview will be contacted

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

# Have a business?

Food Truck Gym Restaurant Retail Store Contractor  
**GET YOUR BUSINESS LICENSE TODAY!**

You may apply for a business license at the Town Office located at 5101-50 Street, on the main floor. A business license is required for persons involved in a business activity within the Town limits. For more information please call

780-645-4481

# PARKS & RECREATION



St. Paul Aquatic Centre

# SOCCER

## Day Camp

**JULY**  
8-12

**INCLUDES REGULAR SWIM CAMP**

Swim Lessons Outdoor Activities  
Field Trips Crafts

**\$250**  
**PER CHILD**  
Ages 7 - 12

Please call 780-645-3388 for more information.  
\*Limited space available\*

# FCSS/ PARENT LINK



## Camp Sunshine

"Where HOPE outshines grief"

July 9, 10, 11 & 12 2019  
9:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m

Reunion Station, St. Paul (White Building in Soccer Fields)

- Sharing
- Learning
- Remembering

ST. PAUL AQUATIC CENTRE

# SWIM DAY CAMP

OPEN TO AGES 4-12

**\$200.00 PER CHILD**

10% DISCOUNT FOR 2 CHILDREN

15% DISCOUNT FOR 3 CHILDREN

CONTACT US AT (780) 645-3388

Children ages 0-10 and their parents/ guardians are invited to join us for...

## STORIES AND STRETCHERS IN THE PARK

July 4, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
at LAGASSE PARK in St. Paul

Participants will need a yoga mat.  
Children will also need tp to bring a stuffie.



Space is limited. Register by June 28, 2019:  
Parent Link at 780-645-5311  
or Bridget Severin at 780-645-3323

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Mental Health Capacity Building in Schools Initiative



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