

## Highlights from the Mayor



On behalf of council I want to wish all the residents of St. Paul a happy and healthy New Year. No doubt we have some challenges ahead with the economy but by sticking together, thinking local first and by being open to new ways of doing business, we will overcome any challenges thrown our way.

Of interest to us all is a recent report by Nichols Applied Management hired jointly by the Town of St. Paul, the County of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point and partially paid for with a grant. In their analysis of shifts in the different market sectors defined by changes in employment by industry (2006 – 2016) they identified that the loss of manufacturing and wholesale industries had dropped local employment by as much as 23% in the last ten years, but all other industries had grown inclusively by an average of 24%. So our community employment has only grown by 1% in the last decade but we have not lost ground.

Labour force sectors such as Public Admin, Professional/Technical/Scientific, and Finance/Insurance are under-represented in our region compared to the provincial average; whereas Health/Social, Energy, Retail, Agriculture and Education are over-represented compared to the provincial average. I interpret this as meaning we have more employment opportunities in these sectors than the provincial average, which is a good thing.

With regard to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) produced by our region, we are producing more than twice the GDP of the Vermillion Region, Two Hills Region and the Smoky Lake Region, but we produce less than half the GDP of the Bonnyville Region.

From a population perspective, ten years ago the County had about 1500 people more than we did, whereas today we are both around the 6,000 population mark. Regionally we are slightly less than the Vermillion Region and considerably less than the Bonnyville Region, however the Bonnyville Region has two large economic centers (one of them being the City of Cold Lake with a population of 14,961, almost 2.5 times the population of the Town of St. Paul.

All in all, over the past decade and the last two recessions, our Town has held it's own. Obviously we would have liked to have seen some growth, but given the economics of the times I believe as a community we have done quite well.

I think this is good news to begin the new year. I am hopeful that 2019 will see, not only an increase in the price of our natural resources but that the provincial market itself will stabilize. Here's hoping for a good year!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Miller, Mayor

## ST. PAUL GOLF COURSE

# Early Bird Special!

## GOLF COURSE MEMBERSHIPS

### 15% OFF GOLF MEMBERSHIPS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

### 10% OFF GOLF MEMBERSHIPS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

## The Pro Shop is Open

### MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30AM-4:30PM

Download an application off our website  
[www.stpaulgolfcourse.com/Membership](http://www.stpaulgolfcourse.com/Membership)

Call Réal @ 780-645-4077

## PUBLIC WORKS



## NEW METERS

Public Works staff are currently travelling door to door through town to change existing water meters out for the new automatic meter reading devices.

Staff will have ID badges that will be presented at the door.

Please call the Town Public Works Shop at (780) 645-3509 for more information.

## FCSS/ PARENT LINK



## SAVE THE DATE

**Volunteer & Board Leadership Learning Event**  
Sessions & networking opportunities addressing not-for-profit board fundamentals and trends.

**Feb 2, 2019**



## INTERAGENCY

Join Us! We are a group of local organizations and agencies that meet 4 times a year to share and join together resources for the betterment of members in our community. For more information visit us @ [www.stpaulfcss.ca/Interagency](http://www.stpaulfcss.ca/Interagency) or call 780-645-5311. Next meeting Jan 15th @ 10am.



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Town of St Paul FCSS Present

# TAX INFORMATION

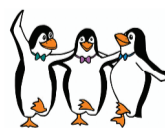
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

With Caroline De Grave, a Regional Out-reach Officer at Canada Revenue Agency

FRIDAY JANUARY 18TH  
6:00-8:00 PM

REUNION STATION \* ST PAUL \* 4112-53 AVE  
RSVP by Jan 14 @ FCSS 780-645-5311

Find out **WHEN, HOW & WHY** you should file taxes. Receive up to date details on which **BENEFITS** are available and **WHO** can apply for them. Take away first hand knowledge face to face from a CRA Officer. **JOIN US!**



## RHYMES THAT BIND Jan. 4 - Mar. 15

This 9-week session program introduces parents to various ways they can support their child's early literacy and language experiences. This helps promote healthy family relationships. Come join us to be silly together singing songs about winter, penguins and snow!

FOR AGES  
0-5 YEARS

FRIDAYS FROM  
10:00-11:00 AM  
AT PARENT LINK

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INCLUDED

REGISTER  
NOW!

## PARENT LINK

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