

## Highlights from the Mayor



As what seems like a very short summer season wanes we thought it was time to get back to bringing all of you up to speed. Initially after the onset of COVID-19 things seemed pretty slow and communicating was a real challenge but as the realities of our new “normal” have set in we are finding ways to overcome those challenges. Council meets virtually now, at least for the foreseeable future, through Zoom and those of you who download our live streaming link, know it’s working quite well. We are going to expand our digital footprint, but I’ll get into that in a bit.

Recently, Council and I had the opportunity along our CAO to meet with Premier Jason Kenney on his NE Tour. We had an hour to discuss several subjects, one of them being crime, addiction and mental health issues in our community.

One of the things we have been advocating for, for years, has been wrap around services for those suffering from mental health and addictions. As a mental health center, our hospital received patients referred by doctors from all over the region; or brought in by the RCMP.

For those patients, upon release, there are no support services. They are pretty much on their own after leaving the hospital. The short stint in hospital may identify the problem but they are often without support to find treatment. Especially those suffering from addictions, upon release they are often right back committing crimes to pay for their addictions.

For those patients brought in from neighbouring communities there is often not a way home, and if detox is required, there is no detox facility here and no way for them to get to the nearest one in Bonnyville.

When patients are brought in to the hospital by the RCMP members, they often have to spend half a shift or more sitting with them at Emergency waiting to see a doctor. This is not a good use of our RCMP members time, and prevents them from being out on the street trying to resolve criminal activities. All these concerns are growing exponentially and need to be addressed sooner than later.

In response to the concerns we shared with the Premier, we are meeting this week with the Chief of Staff for the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. Stay tuned!!

Council is currently engaged with a consultant to find a way to get citizen feedback from several projects currently underway. Our Strategic Plan, our proposed waste bin program and the updated Land Use Bylaw are all now ready for public input. In order to collect your valuable input in a way that is safe for all concerned we are comparing different digital/analogue means. As soon as Council decides the best way forward we will work hard to make sure you are all informed.

As we transition into the new school year, and students and staff are returning to school, please be kind to one another, and be patient. This is new territory for us all and a little patience and good will, can go a long way. Follow our Chief Medical Officers advice and stay safe.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Miller, Mayor

## PUBLIC WORKS



### Garbage Pickup

#### September Long Weekend Schedule

**Monday's Route (September 7) will be combined with Tuesday's Route (September 8) for Garbage Pickup.**  
**Regular schedule resumes Wednesday, September 9.**

**Regular Hours in effect for the Transfer Station (Closed Monday)**

## FCSS / FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK



Discover URBAN POLING with us at FCSS!  
Join us during your lunch break 12-12:30pm  
every Wednesday Sept 9th - Oct 21st  
No charge!  
All adult ages welcome!  
For more information and to register call us!  
780-645-5311  
5002-51st Ave, St Paul

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## ST. PAUL AQUATIC CENTRE

### ST. PAUL AQUATIC CENTRE FALL LESSONS

**SEPTEMBER 14 - OCTOBER 7 MONDAY & WEDNESDAY**

Parent & Tot.....	5:00-5:30PM
Sea Otter/Sunfish/Salamander (parented).....	4:00-4:30PM
Sea Otter/Sunfish/Salamander (parented).....	4:30-5:00PM
Sea Otter/Sunfish/Salamander (parented).....	5:30-6:00PM
Parented Level 1.....	4:30-5:00PM
Parented Level 1.....	5:30-6:00PM
Level 2/3.....	4:00-4:30PM
Level 2/3.....	5:00-5:30PM
Level 4/5.....	4:00-4:45PM
Level 6/7.....	4:45-5:30PM
Level 8/9/10.....	5:30-6:15PM

**SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 8 TUESDAY & THURSDAY**

Parent & Tot.....	10:00-10:30AM
Sea Otter/Sunfish/Salamander (parented).....	9:00-9:30AM
Sea Otter/Sunfish/Salamander (parented).....	9:30-10:00AM
Parented Level 1.....	9:00-9:30AM
Parented Level 1.....	9:30-10:00AM
Level 2/3.....	10:30-11:00AM

### PUBLIC HEARING

#### SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

- Bylaw 2020-09: Repeal Bylaw - Round 1
- Bylaw 2020-10: Repeal Bylaw - Round 2

For more information, please see complete ad on Page 22.