

Highlights from the Mayor



It's hard to believe that a year has come and gone since the arrival of COVID-19 to our area but I am so proud of how resilient our community has remained. Despite the many distractions this pandemic has presented, we have managed to engage our community members on numerous topics throughout the year in order to receive the feedback council needs to make informed decisions. With the arrival of our waste carts at the end of April, I thought it would be a fitting time to discuss the importance of separating your waste before it gets thrown in the bin and heads to the landfill. Let me start of by saying, the ultimate goal for us as a community when it comes to waste, is to produce less of it. As community leaders, we understand this won't happen overnight but it should be a common goal we all share.

Now when it comes to waste separation at the Transfer Station, here are some things for you to consider. Placing your trash in the appropriate bin at the Transfer site will ensure it arrives at the appropriate cell once received at the Evergreen Regional Landfill. Why is this so important? Wet waste, needs to be dealt with appropriately and placed in the appropriately constructed cell so the leachate that is generated over time can be captured in special collection points under the cell and hauled away to the appropriate facility. Filling these wet waste cells too quickly with dry waste that doesn't belong will result in the very costly construction of more of these types of cells sooner than necessary. These cells are heavily regulated and require special building materials and collection points in order to maintain a safe barrier between the waste and the environment. The same rules apply when placing your waste into your bins for Municipal Collection. The garbage that is picked up by our Town forces and loaded into the garbage truck all ends up being placed in the wet waste cells (CLASS II) at the Evergreen Regional Landfill. Separating dry waste and taking this to the Transfer station will ensure we are doing our part in minimizing the waste added to these wet cells.

Dry waste, or inert waste, also needs to be separated and placed in the appropriate bins at the Transfer Station. This type of waste is typically solid in nature, does not include any hazardous materials and is not expected to breakdown over time once buried in the Class III cell. Examples can be ceramics, glass, untreated wood and demolition debris. The large dry waste bins are meant solely for dry inert waste and should be considered to be mini versions of the dry waste cell at a landfill. Not following this practice can cause environmental damage and added costs to end users of the landfills. If wet waste ends up in the dry waste cells and leachate is generated as a result with no collection point, then environmental damage can occur. Secondly, it becomes more expensive than necessary to dispose of our dry waste at a landfill that contains wet waste. If dry waste loads require further sorting when they arrive at the landfill facility, the Town is faced with a penalty for a mixed load. This negatively affects us as a community with a further hit to the pocket book to landfill our waste.

Further separation is still needed beyond wet and dry waste. Although we do not recycle everything in our community yet, we do collect and recycle things like Electronics, Cardboard and Paper, metal, tin cans, used oil, small batteries, concrete, grass clippings, yard waste, etc. Headed to the transfer station and not sure what you need to do with your waste or recyclables? No problem, head to the site and ask our attendants, they will know how to help. We also accept larger items at the Transfer Station like furniture, some construction and building materials, appliances, propane bottles and even fluorescent light tubes. Our staff have the ability to safely remove Freon from appliances, mercury from light bulbs and propane in your old bottles prior to them being added to their area of recycling.

Separating these items before placing them in your new bin to be hauled away to the landfill is our duty as citizens of this community. If you have any questions regarding waste and waste separation in our town, please don't be afraid to call and ask. Our Public Works department would be happy to help please call 780-645-3509.

NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 6, 2021

The purpose of the Special Council Meeting is to hold a public hearing to obtain public input on proposed Bylaw 2021-04 being the Land Use Bylaw:

DATE: Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Special Council Meeting
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LIVE STREAM: www.stpaul.ca
Go to Town Hall>Live Stream Meetings
(Meeting being held via ElectronicMeans)

ADMINISTRATION



Easter Hours CLOSED

Good Friday, April 2
Easter Monday, April 5

Easter Garbage Schedule

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Combine Thursday & Friday route

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

Combine Monday & Tuesday Route

Transfer Station

Closed Good Friday, April 2

Open Saturday, April 3

Closed Sunday, April 4 & Monday, April 5

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Residential Fire Alarms

When we respond to a fire alarm and it turns out that the call was a result of a non-emergency situation or faulty alarm system, we classify it as a false alarm. We treat every call we receive as a true emergency; until such time we can determine otherwise. We have found that most false fire alarms can be prevented by knowing how your system works, and proper maintenance of it.

The St. Paul Fire Department encourages you to reduce the number of false fire alarms we receive by considering the following:

Regular Maintenance – ensure your system is installed and properly functioning. Notify your alarm company before testing or repairing the system. At home, use your vacuum cleaner to clean your smoke detectors.

Contact Information – ensure your alarm monitoring company has your correct contact information, and it is your responsibility to know your passcode when they ask for it.

Plan – If you plan to do any work or renovations that produces a significant amount of dust, there is a very good chance you will activate your smoke detector. If it is tied to an alarm monitoring company, contact them before doing any of the work.

The St. Paul Fire Department has established a fee structure for false alarms that resets on January 1 of each year.

- 1st false alarm – no charge
- 2nd false alarm - \$100
- 3rd false alarm - \$200
- 4th (and subsequent) false alarm - \$300

FCSS/LAKELAND FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK



The Town of St. Paul FCSS would like to invite you to celebrate one of your organizations volunteers by submitting their name and contact for a:

Gift of Gratitude!

How it works: Once you have supplied your volunteers name and contact, FCSS will arrange to get the **Gift of Gratitude** to your volunteer during volunteer week and if they are willing, a picture of them will be featured in a collage of "These are Volunteers in our Neighbourhood".

If you would like to participate, drop off your enclosed registration sheet to our office, or for any questions please call Lynn or Brenda at 780-645-5311. Deadline to register your volunteer selection is April 6, 2021.