



**St. Paul Agricultural Society**

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Attention: County Council

The St. Paul Ag. Society is one of the more aggressive Agricultural Society within the county of St. Paul. We have a membership of approximately 70 members which consist of 50% members which reside within divisions 3, 4 & 5. But whether members reside within the county or not we would like to think that we represent the town & county as a whole.

We have constructed this beautiful building for all Ag Society and Clubs to use for the much larger events. In June of 1993 (24 yrs ago) membership started the construction of a beautiful facility in the town of St. Paul. We complete the facility in 6 stages. In 2017 the last phase of construction which took us 24 years to complete at a cost of app. \$2 million dollars. We are very proud to say with many volunteer hours, barn rental and grant money we are debt free. (At the beginning of construction many members had to sign \$10,000 promissory notes.)

We host many events in this facility to represent our Agricultural Community such as: **4-H Multi club**, 4-H district show & Sale, 4-H Boscomb club, 4-H sheep club, 4-H light horse club, **Critter Show & Sale, (yearly event to show case County Farms exotic animals such as chickens, rabbits, goats. ect.)** Gymkhana club, equine chiropractor and massage therapist, Bull-A-Rama, Archery club, Wrangler Jr. Rodeo, Alberta High School Rodeo, Roping clubs, bull sales, horse sales, **Farm Safety**, Bucking Horses, Goodfish Lake Rodeo, Riding clinics, super horse

Challenge, barrel racing jackpot, Mini Invasion Tour(mini horse Rodeo), last but not least we host the Lakeland Rodeo Association finals.

We definitely appreciate the operating grant of \$10,000 which helps us with our utilities of this facility, but we would like more help. At the present our operating cost is \$84,000 yearly, so we would like the operating grant to be revised from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

One of our bigger events is hosting the Lakeland Rodeo which comes at a huge cost and we are very fortunate the town donates all the facilities from the Rec. Centre, Clancy Arena, Cap Arena and also prepares the arena with bringing in and removal of the dirt at a cost of app. \$50,000 in kind. We are presently negotiating a new LRA contract for the next 3 years

Sincerely,

Douglas Drolet  
President