



# STEP

St. Paul / Elk Point  
Economic Development Alliance

## START MAKING CONNECTIONS

## Working and Living in the STEP Region

*Whether you're relocating or growing your career from within, the STEP Region has you covered. Our communities offer exceptional housing, education, healthcare, community services and recreation.*



Comprised of the County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay, the STEP (St. Paul/Elk Point) Economic Development Alliance provides regional support to businesses and workers in the STEP Region through planning, advocacy, and promotion.

Our integrated highway, rail access and regional airports allow for efficient access to major centre services and recreation hubs throughout the region.



# Our Communities

The County of St. Paul boasts a strong agriculture industry complemented by local gas and oil production, manufacturing, and a growing tourism presence. The area is an ideal destination for the outdoorsman and nature lovers with its wealth of provincial and municipal campgrounds and numerous lakes and rivers.



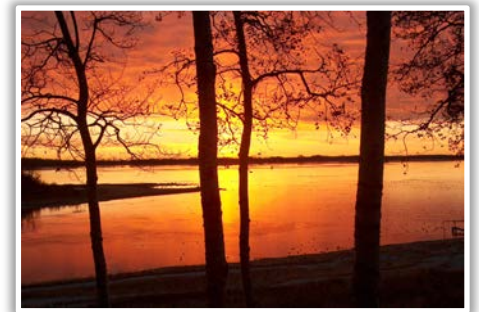
## Town of St. Paul

As the region's largest service centre, the Town of St. Paul offers excellent lifestyle opportunities for residents including diverse retail and commercial services, secondary and post-secondary education, broad health care services, and several sports and recreational centres.



## Town of Elk Point

Whether you're exploring our beautiful, natural surroundings, teaming up with our local sports scene, or taking part in local community events, The Town of Elk Point has something for everyone! We're also home to one of Alberta's biggest Canada Day celebrations.



## Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay

The Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay is nestled against Vincent Lake with approximately 145 residential lots. Ideal for those seeking a quiet lifestyle.

## STEP REGION

POPULATION (2021)

**13,649**

MEDIAN AGE OF THE POPULATION

**42.5**

NUMBER OF FAMILIES

**3,810**

HOMEOWNERS

**4,275**

HOME RENTERS

**1,130**

AVERAGE VALUE OF DWELLINGS

**\$310,933**

AVERAGE TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2020

**\$96,933**

Source: 2021 Statistics Canada Census



# Connecting to Essential Services



## Housing

The reasonably priced residential land in the STEP Region is attractive to first home buyers and retirees. A variety of housing options exist including apartments, condominiums, townhouses or detached homes to buy or rent.

The MD of St. Paul Foundation manages low-income housing and rental programs for seniors (65 and older) as well as families. All the housing units in our portfolio are the property of the Province of Alberta.

## Education

The STEP Region offers broad educational opportunities. St. Paul Day Care Society, in the Town of St. Paul, serves up to 50 children [19 mths-6 yrs]. There is also the Boys & Girls Club, La garderie les petit oursons, TLC Daycare in the Town of St. Paul and Learn to Play in Elk Point.

### *County of St. Paul:*

- St. Paul Education Regional Division (SPERD) 1: Ashmont (K-12), Heinsburg (K-12), Ecole Mallaig Community School (K-12 and French immersion)

### *St. Paul:*

- St. Paul Education Regional Division (SPERD) 1 : Ecole Elementaire St. Paul Elementary (K-5 and French immersion), Ecole Racette Junior High (6-9 and French immersion), Glen Avon School (K-9), St. Paul Regional Highschool (10-12), St. Paul Alternative Education Centre (SPAEC) (7-12)
- East Central Francophone Education Regional Division: Ecole du Sommet (pre-K to 12)

### *Elk Point:*

- Elk Point Elementary School (K-6), FG Miller Junior/Senior High School (7-12), Elk Point Outreach School (7-12)

### *Post secondary:*

- Portage College and University nuhelot'í?ne thaiyots'í nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills



## Health Care

Residents have access to a variety of medical services located within the Town of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point.

- St. Paul - St. Therese Health Care Centre – emergency, acute care, long-term, auxiliary, labour and delivery, physiotherapy regional psychiatric intake
- Elk Point Health Care Centre – emergency, acute and long-term care
- Medical Clinics – St. Paul and Elk Point
- Dental Services – St. Paul and Elk Point
- Chiropractic Services – St. Paul and Elk Point
- Lakeland Primary Care Network – regional service delivery



# Community Services

St. Paul and Elk Point are major service centres within the STEP Region and are dedicated to connecting municipal services, volunteer groups and private businesses to a wide variety of organizations, services and businesses designed to support, strengthen, and bring the community together. The Town of St. Paul is served by a 40-plus member local detachment of the RCMP and works closely with the Elk Point detachment. The St. Paul Municipal Airport and Elk Point Airport compliment the excellent highway transportation system. The International Airport in Edmonton is just over 2 hours drive away.

The STEP Region has a full array of emergency services provided through 911, including fire services in Ashmont, Mallaig, St. Paul and Elk Point, ambulatory service, and police. Community Support Services (FCSS) provide regional service that can connect you with the supports you need.

## Recreation

With a wealth of lakes, parks and provincial and municipal campgrounds, the STEP Region is the ideal destination for outdoorsmen and nature lovers alike. Featuring numerous campsites, museums, major attractions, and loads of events and family activities, the region also boasts a number of hiking and activity trails. Take in the breath-taking views of Alberta's Iron Horse Trail as it winds its way through the Region or visit provincial historic sites including the Fort George-Buckingham House in the Elk Point area, and the Frog Lake Memorial Site in Frog Lake.

Residents have access to a variety of sport, recreation, arts and culture facilities. Related organizations within its Towns and Hamlets are dedicated to providing popular activities to locals such as golfing, swimming, cross country skiing, dance, theatre and community group activities.



## Recreation Areas

- WHITNEY LAKES PROVINCIAL PARK
- KEHEWIN LAKE PROVINCIAL RECREATION AREA
- MALLAIG PROVINCIAL RECREATION AREA
- LAC BELLEVUE MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND
- STONEY LAKE MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND
- WESTCOVE MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND
- FLOATING STONE MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND
- ELK POINT RIVER PARK CAMPGROUND
- ST. PAUL MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND



Learn more about the STEP Region and the County of St. Paul.

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