



County Administration Building

UPDATE #1
from the Building Committee
July 2009

Flagstaff County Council has requested members of the public to join our Building Committee in an advisory capacity to continue to review the parameters involved with the construction of a new administration building. Brian Forster and Brian Bernard of Sedgewick have agreed to represent the public on this committee. Through their involvement with the objection to the construction of a new building, these individuals have gained an understanding of the public's issues with this project.

The first joint meeting was held on June 26, 2009. The meeting began with a tour of the building and an identification of the positions that work in this location. The building committee reviewed the project from the beginning and provided the advisory members with background and documentation that has been provided to Council and committee members. It was clarified that the construction of a building is still in preliminary discussion stages and the source of funding would not be local taxes and will not result in increased taxes for local taxpayers.

Comments received:

Reeve Gerald Kuefler said he "is enthusiastic about this approach as in his opinion it will engage the electors of the County and improve communication of information between council and the electors on this project and councils vision for the future."

Brian Forster and Brian Bernard said they "are encouraged about their involvement as advisory members as they feel their involvement will lead to more open communication and more positive input from the public on future decision making.

In the view of the advisory board the present building appears to be lacking in size and facilities to accommodate the future requirements of the County due to the downloading of services from the Alberta government and future personnel requirements."

The next steps of the committee are to arrange a meeting with a few contractors who are in the design-build process and continue to investigate the costs of a new administration building. The committee will continue to provide information to keep the citizens updated on the status of the project.

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chair: Rick Bergseth; Members: Bob Matthiessen and Gunnar Albrecht; Reeve: Gerald Kuefler; Staff: Shelly Armstrong and Brent Hoyland; Advisory Members: Brian Forster and Brian Bernard