



2013 ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE REEVE GERALD KUEFLER

Flagstaff County Council is committed to our vision of a “Community of communities,” working with our neighbours to provide a responsible level of service that is effective and efficient.

County Council continues to expend considerable time and resources on our largest program, which is Public Works. This last year, the Loughheed South Project was completed. This project corrected some major safety issues on an arterial road. We also continue to secure new gravel sources for the future, as the resource is depleting in our area and the rest of the province.

Another major project completed was the Rural Road Study. Council has worked on this project for better than a year. It was taken to the public at a meeting in Killam for feedback and approved on July 17, 2013. A decision on the type of road surface on the arterial roads will be made in the New Year when additional information requested by Council will be presented.

An issue that is impacting Public Works programs, today and into the future, is bridges. The Bridge Funding Program, which funded up to 90% of the cost of bridges, has been discontinued by the provincial government. This leaves Flagstaff County responsible for the total cost of repairs and replacement. This has caused County Council to close one bridge and to prioritize other projects, as we have a potential cost of \$21 million of bridges to be repaired or replaced in the future.

This year was an election year. We had four new councillors elected to County Council. I would like to welcome James Brodie, Gary Matthiessen, Jim Matthews, and Gunnar Albrecht to Council.

I would also like to thank outgoing councillors Charlotte Curtis, Henry Hays, Rick Bergseth, and Mike Kueber for their years of service to the residents of Flagstaff County. Also a big thank you to their families, who supported these councillors while fulfilling their duties as elected officials.

On behalf of County Council, I would like to thank the staff of Flagstaff County. Whether you work in the office or in the field, without you carrying out Council’s programs, we as Council could not achieve our vision for Flagstaff County.

COUNTY VISION

A safe, caring, and vibrant rural “Community of communities” committed to working with our neighbours to ensure the quality of life for all citizens.

As an innovative and progressive “Community” that balances economic prosperity and environmental stewardship, we deliver a responsible level of service that is both efficient and effective.

COUNTY COUNCIL

REEVE GERALD KUEFLER - DIVISION 2:

I am currently starting my fourth term on Council. As I start this fourth term, I feel it is very important to realize as a "Community of communities" we need to be innovative to offer a high level of service. I look forward to working with all our communities and volunteers to deliver these effective and efficient programs and services.

DEPUTY REEVE GUNNAR ALBRECHT - DIVISION 4:

I have been married for 37 years. I have two children and three grandchildren. I am currently serving my fourth term on Council. I previously served on Council for three terms from 2001-2010. In my fourth term, I would like to focus on regional cooperation and collaboration, as well as pursuing Economic Development initiatives that can diversify the economy while attracting and retaining people to our region.

RICK MANNING - DIVISION 1:

I hope the next four years will bring us closer towards regional thinking and sharing of the resources that we struggle to keep active in our towns and villages for all our citizens, young and old, alike. Thank you for the previous 3 years. I am looking forward to serving on council for the next 4-year period.

JIM MATTHEWS - DIVISION 3:

I am currently serving my first term on Council. My goal is to provide fair and equitable service for all the ratepayers of Flagstaff County. Strong cooperation between rural and urban people in the region will be a key factor in the level of success achieved in the future.

GARY MATTHIESSEN - DIVISION 5:

I am currently serving my first term on Council. The need to provide responsible and affordable services to both rural and urban residents is essential in dealing with the declining population of our communities.

JAMES BRODIE - DIVISION 6:

I am honoured to represent the rate payers of Division 6 and Flagstaff County. I believe in a responsible Government and I agree with most decisions of past council. I also believe there are areas that need improvement. I look forward to working with my fellow councillors and the residents of Flagstaff County. In the next four years, it's my objective to make Flagstaff County a strong place for business and a great place to raise a family.

WADE LINDSETH - DIVISION 7:

I am currently serving my second term on Council. The need to provide efficient, effective, and equitable municipal services to all residents of the Flagstaff Region is important to me, beginning primarily with ensuring there is an efficient, well-developed road network system.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

For information on what we are currently doing or have completed, visit our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca.

To find us on Facebook or Twitter, search Flagstaff County. Make sure to "like" our page to receive information directly to your wall and follow us on Twitter to receive current information about what's happening in the County.

MSI PROJECTS

In 2007, the Province of Alberta committed to provide municipalities with sustainable funding to meet the challenges they face and enhance long-term sustainability. This Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding is long term funding and will provide operational and capital funding to support our new initiatives.

The proposed MSI grant funding is a total of \$31,000,000 with approximately 75% allocated towards capital projects. In 2009, due to economic circumstances, the province reduced their MSI funding levels. Operational funding was reduced by 10% and capital funding was reduced by 40%. The province committed to providing the total MSI funding with the possibility of extending it over a period of more than ten years. Our past funding from MSI grants are as follows:

	OPERATING	CAPITAL
2007	\$116,312	\$753,459
2008	\$379,097	\$1,098,345
2009	\$368,951	\$805,284
2010	\$357,311	\$1,893,310
2011	\$337,622	\$1,769,950
2012	\$323,334	\$1,747,847
2013	\$317,780	\$1,674,900
2014	\$184,574	\$1,753,151

2013 AND 2014 MSI PROJECTS

Teen Leisure Club

Phase 2 - Budget: \$184,629

Phase 1 (2010) – Research and collect data.

Phase 2 (2012-2014) – Create a Teen Leisure Club.

The goal of the teen leisure club is to allow youth to socially develop in a safe environment with structured programming to encourage appropriate teen behaviour. This provides ownership of the facility for teens where they can have a positive influence on their activities and contribute to the community; they can meet new people and create future relationships.

Phase 2 of this project is being implemented by Flagstaff Family and Community Services (FFCS), with funding from this program. Nights Alive opened on September 4, 2012. The club is located on the upper floor of the old County administration building in Sedgewick. Club hours are as follows:

Tuesday: 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 Wednesday: 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 Friday: 3:30 pm - 12:00 am
 Saturday: 3:30 pm - 12:00 am

Note: This was year 2 of funding. This is also a 2014 project.

Support to Non-Profit Organizations

Budget: \$75,000

Provide funding to three organizations that have significant impact towards our rural quality of life. Each organization is recognized as an important contribution to the Community. The organizations that received funding are:

- 1) Battle River Training Hub (\$20,000)
- 2) Parents for Fun in Flagstaff (\$25,000)
- 3) Flagstaff Community Adult Learning (\$30,000)

Air Photo Project

Budget: \$65,000

Aerial imagery project in which orthophotos were taken. This project involved aerial image acquisition ground control and targeting, production of digital true colour orthorectified images, and 30 cm orthophoto production 1:20,000 or better. Current air photos can be accessed by the public on our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca and clicking Web Map at the top.

Physician Recruitment Initiative

Budget: \$72,000

Continue to provide administrative and financial support to the Flagstaff Community Medical Recruitment and Retention Committee in order to actively participate in the retention and recruitment of medical professionals in the Flagstaff Region. The committee is committed to working together to ensure that adequate medical services are provided and the sustainability of our communities is maintained.

Computer Software AutoCAD

Budget: \$12,029

Purchase AutoCAD Civil 3D software which will allow Flagstaff County to draft and prepare blue prints of future road construction projects.

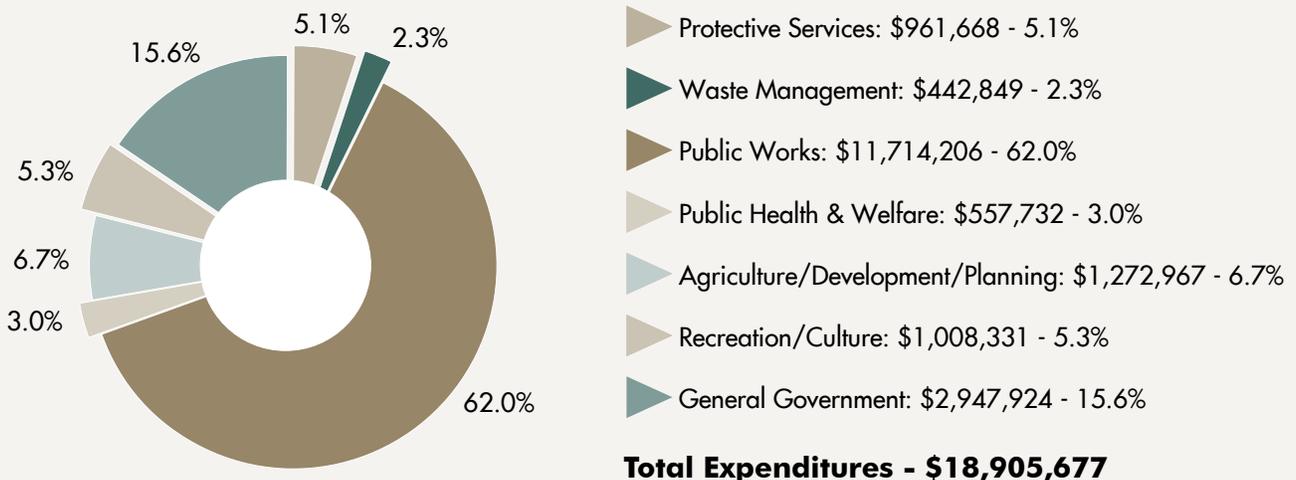
FINANCE

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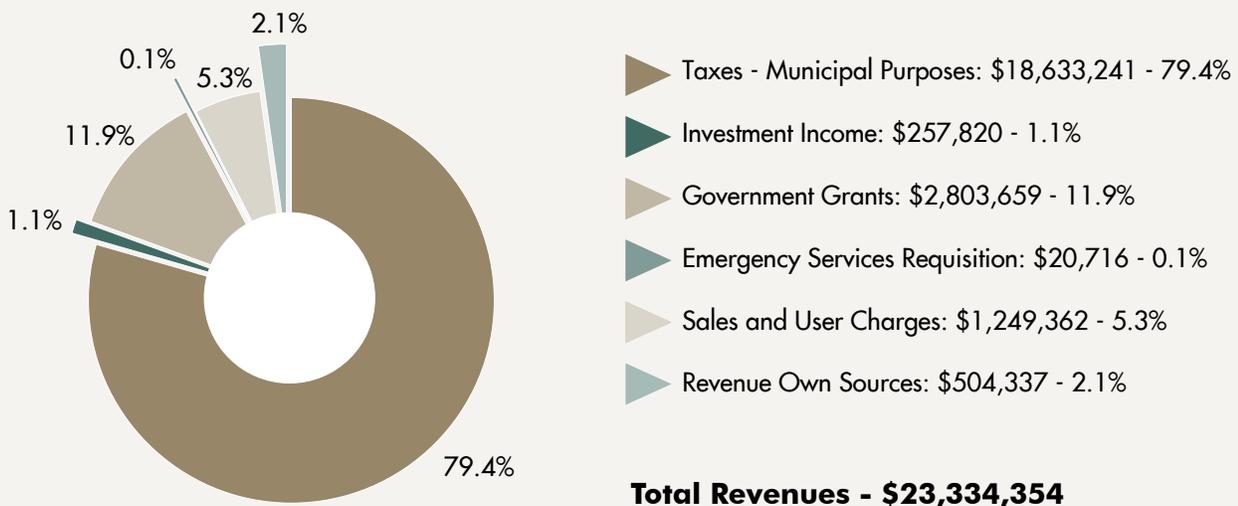
The finance department prepares annual operating and capital budgets to reflect current programs and services, review monthly revenue and expenditure reports including budget variances to ensure the organization is accountable for efficient and effective utilization of resources. In addition, this department provides open and transparent accountability of the financial management of the organization by conducting monthly financial operating and capital reports, annual audited financial statements and Financial Information Return, inventory control and costing, and maintaining and reporting Tangible Capital Assets, in accordance with the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Operating Expenditures 2013



Operating Revenues 2013



EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES **\$4,563,458**

Unrestricted Surplus	\$1,576,986
Reserves	\$1,725,608
Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	\$1,260,864

Flagstaff County has copies of the 2013 Financial Statement available for the public. Copies can be obtained by contacting the County office at Box 358, Sedgewick, AB. T0B 4C0 or calling 780-384-4100. You may also go to the Flagstaff County website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca and download or view a PDF version of the 2013 Financial Statement.

SALARY & BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for elected municipal officials as required by provincial regulation is as follows:

	2013				2012	
	# OF PERSONS	SALARY	BENEFITS & ALLOWANCES	TOTAL	# OF PERSONS	SALARY
Councillor Division 1	1	\$35,385	\$3,836	\$39,221	1	\$39,110
Councillor Division 2	1	\$38,924	\$5,516	\$44,440	1	\$40,362
Councillor Division 3	1	\$35,385	\$5,012	\$40,397	1	\$42,616
Councillor Division 4	1	\$35,385	\$5,012	\$40,397	1	\$39,699
Councillor Division 5	1	\$35,385	\$5,012	\$40,397	1	\$39,699
Councillor Division 6	1	\$35,385	\$5,319	\$40,704	1	\$39,699
Councillor Division 7	1	\$35,385	\$5,012	\$40,397	1	\$39,699

Salary includes gross honoraria and any other direct cash remuneration.

Benefits and allowances figures for the councillors include the employer's share of Canada pension and the additional taxable benefit cost of group life insurance paid for by the County as well as the County portion of the RRSP contribution.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

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Flagstaff County's Agricultural Service Board responsibilities focus on weed control, pest management, soil conservation, and water quality. The Agricultural Service Board partners with provincial and private agricultural and environmental organizations to deliver programs and services beneficial to our residents.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

Flagstaff County's Agricultural Service Board (ASB) includes all County Councillors and the following appointed members:

Howard Shield
David Hihn
Steve Saruga
Jason Forster

Flagstaff County would like to extend a sincere thank you to Derek Price for his commitment and time serving two terms on the ASB and welcome Jason Forster as the new member to the board.

ROADSIDE BRUSH AND WEED SPRAYING

The roadside weed spraying program was expanded to accommodate a two-year rotation with half of the county right-of-ways treated with herbicide. Crews leave a 500-foot buffer on each side of farmyards. Brush control will continue on a three-year rotation.

NO SPRAY AGREEMENTS

No Spray Agreements are available for landowners and tenants who do not want herbicide application on roadsides adjacent to their property and are willing to take responsibility for weed and brush control.

- The Agreements must be signed prior to June 1st.
- The Agreements are in effect for five seasons.
- "No Spray Zone" signs will be provided by the County and must be posted where they can be viewed from the road.
- Landowners and tenants must assume responsibility of weed and brush control along roadsides according to municipal standards.

ROADSIDE MOWING & ROADSIDE HAYING

Flagstaff County mows all municipal right-of-ways twice a year. Landowners who want to hay municipal right-of-ways must:

- Complete a Roadside Haying Permit prior to May 15th.
- Each agreement is only effective for 1 year.
- Permitted landowners must complete their haying by July 15th of each year.
- Bales must be removed from municipal right-of-ways within 7 days of baling.

CUSTOM WEED CONTROL

Flagstaff County Agricultural Service Board offers custom herbicide application services on private land to control small patches of persistent perennial weeds (i.e. toadflax, common tansy, leafy spurge). Flagstaff County provides up to two hours of labour for the control of white cockle and scentless chamomile on private land at no cost. This is ideal for fence lines and headlands which are prime targets for infestations.

SHELTERBELT ESTABLISHMENT PROGRAM

The Shelterbelt Establishment Program is still available to all rural landowners. This program is offered to help promote, establish, and maintain healthy shelterbelts.

The Prairie Shelterbelt program through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada ended in 2013. Flagstaff County has developed its own shelterbelt program for 2014. Flagstaff County will order trees from Alberta Nurseries on behalf of the landowner, with the ASB subsidizing 50% of the cost of the trees. Shelterbelt establishments of 1/3 of a mile long are eligible for planting and initial watering at no cost.

GRAZING LEAFY SPURGE

The Grazing Leafy Spurge project was conducted along the banks of the Battle River near Hardisty where about 100 goats were introduced along the property to help control leafy spurge. The project was successful and will continue in 2014.

CLUBROOT DISEASE OF CANOLA

Clubroot is a growing concern for Flagstaff County landowners. Clubroot is a serious soil-borne disease of canola and has been declared a pest under the Alberta Agricultural Pest Act. In 2013, there were seven positive samples identified within the County, which totals 23 confirmed cases since 2007.

FLAGSTAFF COUNTY CAMPGROUNDS

The Agricultural Service Board manages three campgrounds in Flagstaff County; Fish Lake, Diplomat Trout Pond, and Daysland.

Fish Lake Campground

Fish Lake Campground is located 5 kilometres west of the Town of Hardisty. This campground offers spacious power sites near the beach, a gazebo, a playground, and an outdoor kitchen. There is centralized potable water available and the lake is stocked with perch.

Diplomat Trout Pond

Situated southwest of the Village of Forestburg, the Diplomat Trout Pond has 5 non-serviced sites, a gazebo, two fishing docks, and a walking trail. It has good access to the Diplomat Mine Interpretive Site across the highway. There is no power or potable water.

The pond is stocked with trout and is a great place to take the kids fishing.

Daysland Campground

Daysland Campground will be re-opening in 2014. The site is about 1 km south of the intersection of Highway 13 and Highway 855 on the east side of the Town of Daysland. The grounds will be able to host a dozen campers. There is no power or potable water.

TANK LOADING FACILITIES

Flagstaff County ASB, through the National Water Supply Expansion Program, has established six tank loading facilities within the municipality. The water at these facilities is not treated and is therefore non-potable. The water is suitable for crop spraying and irrigation purposes.

The following four facilities operate year-round and will ensure that rural residents have a reliable and adequate supply of water to utilize for agricultural purposes.

- 1) NE 11-44-11-W4M (Lougheed)
- 2) SE 27-41-16-W4M (Forestburg)
- 3) SW 10-45-16-W4M (Daysland)
- 4) SE 2-43-13-W4M (Killam)

The following two facilities operate on a seasonal basis from April 15th to September 30th.

- 1) NE 8-41-12-W4M (North East of Alliance)
- 2) SW 27-41-10-W4M (South of Hardisty)

For more information about the ASB department and programs available, please go to www.flagstaff.ab.ca

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2014...

- Leafy Spurge Weed Management Program
- Grazing School for Women
- Lougheed Symposium and Fair

ASSESSMENT

The Assessment Department establishes and maintains property valuations (assessments) for all property within Flagstaff County for the purposes of distributing annual property taxes. We provide annual valuations for approximately 8,500 County properties and 450 additional properties for contracted services to the Villages of Galahad and Strome.

Understanding Your Property Assessment

Property assessment is the process of assigning a dollar value to a property for taxation purposes. In Alberta, property is taxed based on the ad valorem principle. Ad valorem means "according to value." This means that the amount of tax paid is based on the value of the property. Assessed values are based upon regulated assessment and market value assessment. Regulated assessment applies to four types of properties; farmland, linear, machinery and equipment, and railway. Market value is used to determine all other properties such as residential and non-residential.

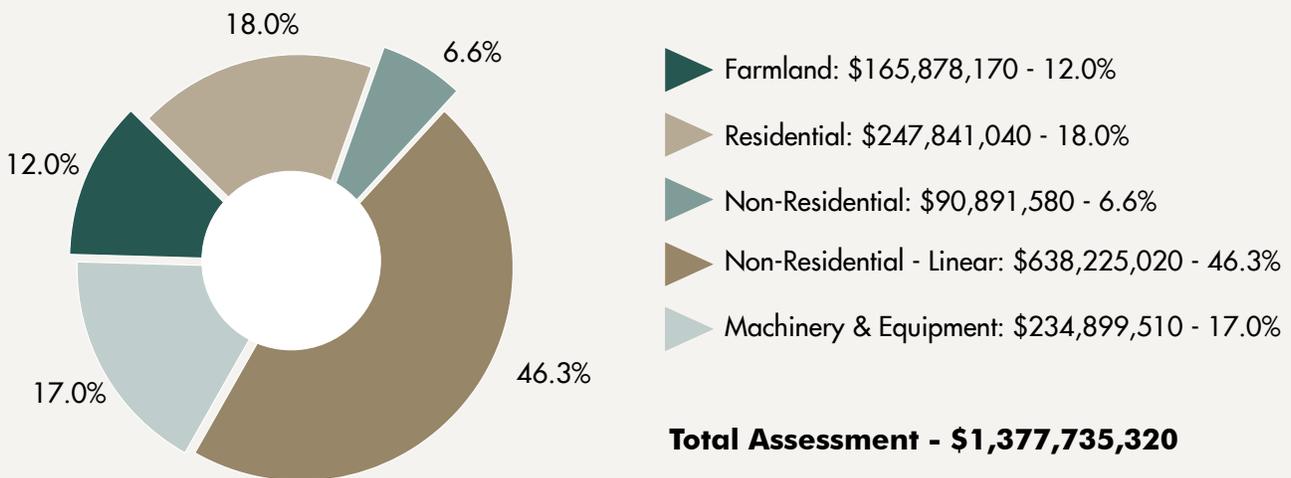
Market Value

The market value based standard is used to determine the assessed values for the majority of properties in Alberta. Market value is the price a property might be expected to sell for if sold by a willing seller to a willing buyer after appropriate time and exposure in an open market.

Key Characteristics of Market Value are:

- It is the most probable price, not the highest, lowest, or average price.
- It is expressed in terms of a dollar value.
- It assumes a transaction between unrelated parties in the open market.
- It assumes a willing buyer and a willing seller, with no advantage being taken by either party.
- It recognizes the present use and potential use of the property.

2012 Assessment Year / 2013 Tax Year



Regulated Assessment

Some types of properties are difficult to assess using a market value based assessment standard because:

- They seldom trade in the marketplace. When they do trade, the sale price usually includes non-assessable items that are difficult to separate from the sale price.
- They cross municipalities and municipal boundaries.
- They are of unique nature.

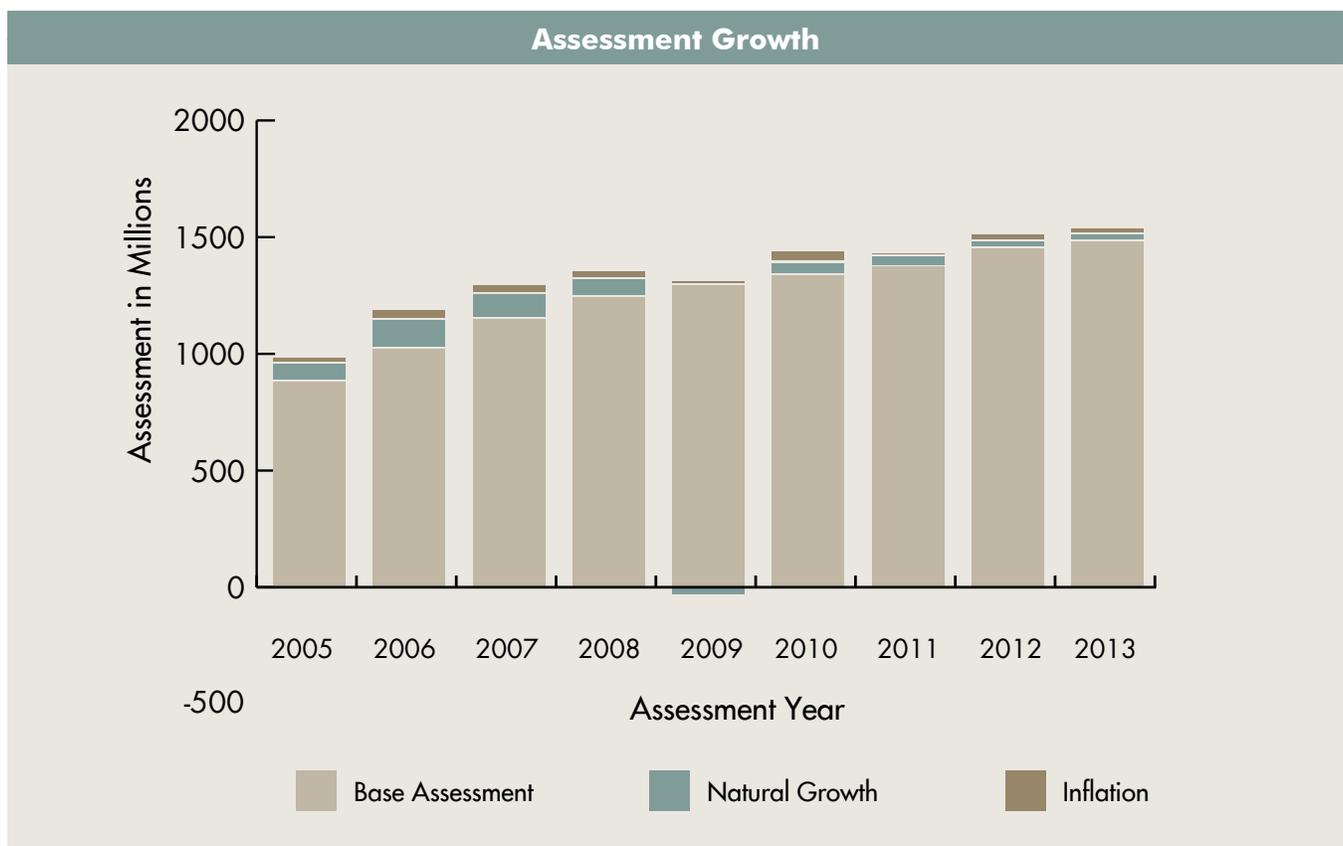
Municipal Affairs prescribes rates and procedures to assess these types of properties, which are referred to as "regulated property." Rates and procedures are determined by what a type of property is used for, its activity, or its production capability.

There are four types of regulated property:

1. Farmland
2. Linear property
3. Machinery and equipment
4. Railway property

Farmland

Farmland is assessed on the basis of its productive value; that is, the ability of the land to produce income from the growing of crops and/or the raising of livestock. The productive value of farmland is determined using a process that sets a value for the best soils, and then makes adjustments for less-than optimum conditions such as stones, the presence of sloughs, or topography.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2014...

Flagstaff County continues to contract the assessment services to Accurate Assessment Group. Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. was incorporated April 16, 1997 in the province of Alberta. Since that time, they have developed a track record of performance with municipalities across the province.

Accurate Assessment Group employs highly knowledgeable and experienced staff. Using Geographic Information Systems, they have pioneered the way assessments are being analyzed, which allows them to provide a more efficient and effective assessment that is of the highest quality.

For more information on our Assessment Complaint and Appeal System, please visit our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca.

If you have any questions regarding Assessment, please contact Sean Cosens at:

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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Planning and management of land use and development creates an attractive and vibrant municipality which enhances the quality of life of its residents. This is achieved through the goals and regulations set out in Flagstaff County's Land Use Bylaw, Municipal Development Plan, and Inter-municipal Development Plans. Following these plans results in less conflicting developments, addresses safety and environmental concerns, and creates productive land management.

The number of developments increased from 43 to 52 over last year for a value of \$11,878,200.00, down from \$207,776,400.00, primarily due to the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline development that was initiated in 2012.

DEVELOPMENTS:

The County would like to remind all residents that no development shall be undertaken within the municipality unless an application for it has been approved and a development permit has been issued, other than those designated in Section 3.4 of Flagstaff County's Land Use Bylaw which can be accessed on our website.

Development Permits are required to ensure that:

1. Setbacks from the road and property lines adhere to regulations.
 - All buildings, improvements, and dugouts must be set back a minimum of 50 metres (164 feet) from the centre of a County road. Setback distances are required to ensure safety from roadway traffic, minimize dust and noise, ensure sightlines to the roadway are clear, and to provide sufficient distance for possible road development in the future.
 - Side and rear yard setbacks vary for structures, shelterbelts, and dugouts.
2. The land is properly zoned for the building use (i.e. residential, industrial, and commercial).
 - To provide areas of land for uses that will not conflict with one another (e.g. Industrial development does not conflict with agriculture or residential land users).
 - To encourage appropriate industrial development in environmentally suitable locations and to a high environmental standard.

DEVELOPMENTS IN 2013

	Commercial/ Industrial	Communication Towers	Non- Residential	Residential
Number of Permits Issued	9	5	19	19
Value of Permits Issued	\$2,345,000.00	\$638,000.00	\$2,347,000.00	\$6,702,700.00

BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, PRIVATE SEWAGE, AND GAS PERMITS:

The Safety Codes Act requires that all contractors and homeowners in Alberta obtain permits prior to commencing work on buildings, including mobile homes. These permits are required to ensure construction meets the Provincial Building Code, the Canadian Electrical Code, the Alberta Gas Code, or the Alberta Plumbing Code. With these permits, the work will be inspected by a Safety Codes Officer to ensure compliance which can protect the property owner in the case of an insurance claim.

The County has contracted an accredited agency, Superior Safety Codes Inc., to issue permits and perform inspections.

Applications for Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Private Sewage, and Gas Permits may be obtained at the Flagstaff County Office or from Superior Safety Codes Inc. by calling 1-866-999-4777 or on their website at www.superiorsafetycodes.com

SUBDIVISION OF LAND:

Our goal is to protect and enhance the valuable agricultural land resource and the long term future of agriculture by protecting the land base and providing an environment that will benefit the agricultural community and economy. This is achieved by subdivision regulations set out in the County's Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan, which protects agricultural land from unnecessary fragmentation.

The size of subdivision parcel varies with each Land Use District. For example, the *Agricultural District* is the most common subdivision and the size varies from 1 to 15 acres. Other Land Use Districts available are *Agricultural Small Holdings, Highway Commercial, Multi-lot Country Residential, Industrial, and Rural Industrial*.

Uses and regulations regarding the districts noted above can be found in the Land Use Bylaw.

County staff are pleased to provide advice relative to provincial and municipal regulations that may apply and also assist in the process of obtaining approvals that may be required when building or changing the use of your property.

There were 17 subdivision applications received in 2013; equal to applications received in 2012.

NOTE: Flagstaff County's Land Use Bylaw, Municipal Development Plan, Inter-municipal Development Plans, and related subdivision and development forms are available at the Flagstaff County Office or on our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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The Economic Development Department's focus is on joint regional economic development initiatives, marketing, promotions, business retention, and investments that strengthen the Flagstaff Region through initiating and facilitating rural economic development strategies.

ACCA PROGRAM

Flagstaff County sponsored eight youth to attend the Alberta Community Cooperative Youth Leadership program. The program is located at the Goldeye Centre near Nordegg, AB. This leadership program provides an opportunity for youth to develop their leadership skills and learn to develop their community while creating lasting friendships. The youth sponsored in 2013 were:

Madison Jackson: Forestburg | Emma Herle: Galahad | Carter Cannady: Forestburg | Dylan Grove: Lougheed
Colton Cannady: Forestburg | Janessa Walker: Killam | Rayna Welsh: Forestburg | Cayden Cannady: Forestburg

BUSINESS PROFILES

The Business Profile program launched in early 2013. The business profiles provided an opportunity to highlight and showcase businesses within the region. The profiles include information about the business, the history, the staff, and the owners.

SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

The Small Business Awards were held in the Town of Killam with Todd Hirsch, Senior Economist with ATB Financial. He provided valuable insight into trends and challenges in finance and the economy.

THE 2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Community Spirit: Wild Rose Co-op Association

Service Group of the Year: Forestburg Communities in Bloom

Outstanding Youth: Curtis Miller and Logan Grove

Small Business of the Year: Lougheed Hotel, "Haus Falkenstein"

BRAED Succeeding Small Business: The Community Press

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2014...

- Economic Development Workshop for cooperating as a region
- Expansion of the department, adding an Economic Development Coordinator and Administrative Assistant
- Attendance at the Global Petroleum Show in partnership with BRAED

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Jim Wells, Peace Officer | 780-384-4100
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Flagstaff County Peace Officers provide services and education in the area of Traffic Safety, Infrastructure Protection, and Emergency Response. Flagstaff County is authorized by the Solicitor General of Alberta to employ two Community Peace Officers who have the authority to enforce legislation and regulations relating to:

- The Traffic Safety Act
- The Provincial Offences Procedure Act
- The Highways Development and Protection Act
- The Gaming and Liquor Act
- The Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act
- The Dangerous Dogs Act
- The Animal Protection Act
- The Stray Animals Act
- The Petty Trespass Act
- The Trespass to Premises Act
- The Tobacco Reduction Act
- The Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act

The Peace Officers work in partnership with various Federal and Provincial agencies to patrol and enforce legislation and regulations.

Community Peace Officers enforce weights and measures to ensure that road users operating in Flagstaff County are working within legal allowances, therefore protecting the infrastructure from damage and increasing safety on our roadways.

Peace Officers are trained in Emergency Management and Incident Command Systems. The Peace Officers are also trained as first responders for collisions and emergencies that may occur within the County. They are frontline responders when an incident occurs within the County; therefore each vehicle is equipped with an AED and First Aid equipment.

Flagstaff County Peace Officers are contracted to provide enforcement services for the majority of the urban municipalities within the County.

Peace Officer Tips, as well as additional information on Flagstaff County Peace Officers, can be viewed on our website www.flagstaff.ab.ca.

PUBLIC WORKS

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION

A budget of \$2,500,000 per year is allocated for the Road Construction Program. This budget includes contracted services, engineering, gravel, culverts, soil sampling, power line relocates, crop damage, land acquisitions, fencing, erosion control, environmental requirements, and rock picking. Evaluation criteria, such as safety concerns, level of road maintenance, average annual daily traffic, sight lines, grade width, sideslopes/back-slopes, drainage, and type of traffic, are used to determine which roads will be constructed and prioritized for reconstruction. Starting in 2013, engineering services are completed by our Public Works Assistant Superintendent. Construction projects are tendered and completed by contracted services. Howitt Construction Ltd. was awarded the tendered project to construct 5.5 miles of local roadway at a total program cost of \$3,483,362. This project was completed at the following location:

- **Project C-A-2013** - Located South of Loughheed on Rge Rd 114, south of Hwy #13 for 5.5 miles
 - NNE 08-43-11-W4M – from 0.5 mile north of Twp Rd 424 to Twp Rd 432 for approximately 5.0 miles; and
 - ESE 09-42-11-W4M – approximately 1,200-metre section from ESE 09-42-11-W4M proceeding south

BRIDGES

In 2013, the Province of Alberta eliminated the Government Approved Programs (GAP) funding for 2013, 2014, and 2015. GAP funding was provided for replacement and major repairs of bridge structures and culverts exceeding 1,000 mm in diameter.

The funding of these bridge projects will now be the responsibility of the County. With consideration to the financial implications of no GAP funding, a 3-Year Bridge Plan was established and approved.

The following Bridge Projects were completed in 2013:

- **BF# 01811** - Located southwest of Hardisty on Rge Rd 113
 - Replacement of two (2) 1,200 mm culverts with one (1) 2,400 mm culvert
Total cost = \$125,695.52 (GAP Funding - \$94,467.64)
- **BF# 83170** - Located South of Loughheed on Rge Rd 114
 - Installation of a Cattle Pass
Total cost = \$89,272.06 (No GAP Funding)

Bridge File # 1696 (Range Road 102 northwest of Hardisty) was tentatively scheduled for replacement in 2013 for a total approximate cost of \$1,050,000. Due to no funding being available for this bridge structure, it was re-evaluated and was recommended and approved for permanent closure and removal of the bridge structure.

BF# 1696 is permanently closed and removal of the bridge structure will be done in 2014.

ROAD RECOVERY PROJECTS

The Road Recovery Program is described as a process to rehabilitate a road structure, restore drainage, and dispose of any rocks and regrowth of trees and shrubs. The program is carried out by County crews and it includes the following maintenance procedures:

- **Road Recovery:** Is utilized on roads that are in excess of 10 metres wide. The program extends the life of the road and reduces maintenance costs. This program may include drainage improvements, culvert replacement, re-shaping backslopes and sideslopes, re-compacting the sub-grade, re-establishing the road surface crown, and the disposal of any rocks or shrubs.
- **Sub-Grade Preparation:** Is required on roads that the sub-grade has lost its compaction. This maintenance procedure includes re-compacting the sub-grade and re-establishing the crown on the road surface.
- **In-House Shoulder Pulling:** Is utilized on roads that are 9 metres wide and less. This maintenance procedure eliminates the curbs on the edge of the shoulder and re-establishes the crown on the road surface.

The following projects were completed in 2013:

Road Recovery:

- **ENE 20-42-15** – Rge Rd 154, Twp Rd 424, south for 2.0 miles
- **NNW 33-45-14** – Twp Rd 460 Rge Rd 144, east for 4.0 miles
- **ENE 09-40-12** – Rge Rd 123, Twp Rd 402, south for 6.0 miles

Sub-Grade Prep:

- **ENE 33-43-15** – Rge Rd 153, Twp Rd 440, south for 2.0 miles
- **ENE 09-45-15** – Rge Rd 153, Twp Rd 452, south for 4.0 miles
- **ENE 21-46-15** – Rge Rd 153, Twp Rd 464, south for 4.0 miles
- **NNW 21-40-12** – Rge Rd 123, Twp Rd 404, south for 2.0 miles

Road Stabilization Test Products:

- **ENE 33-43-15** – Rge Rd 153, Twp Rd 440, south for 1.5 miles – *Gravelock*
- **ENE 33-40-10** – Rge Rd 103, Twp Rd 410, south for 2.0 miles - *Gravelock*
- **NNW 36-40-14** – Twp Rd 410, Rge Rd 140, east for 0.5 mile (2 – 400m sections) - *Earth Glue*

DUST SUPPRESSANT

Strategic locations have dust suppressant applied which helps reduce the frequency of maintenance, improves safety while mitigating the nuisance of dust to residents, and minimizes the environmental impact. The dust suppressant program consists of the following:

- Calcium Chloride
- Oil Surface Products
- Test Products

Calcium Chloride

Calcium Chloride is a water-soluble dust suppressant product which also has road surface stabilization characteristics that bind aggregate materials which increase grade strength thus keeping aggregate on the road. Calcium Chloride has also proven to help reduce washboard, grader maintenance, and the frequency for graveling, thus extending the life of our gravel sources. In 2013, Calcium Chloride was applied to 96 residences, 53.5 miles of gravelled roads, and 50 strategic locations such as intersections and hills to help reduce road maintenance.

- **Residential Dust Suppressant** - For a fee, Flagstaff County provides Calcium Chloride to be applied as a dust suppressant for citizens. Applications must be received by May 1 (spring application) and August 1 (fall application). An application form for a residential dust suppressant is available on our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca.

Oil Surface Products

Between 2006 - 2008, County Council reduced the oiled road inventory from 152 miles to 45 miles. In 2013, the remainder of the oiled road inventory was eliminated and all oil surface roads will be transitioned back to gravel roads. The transitioning roads are maintained by one full-time grader operator. A maintenance program for pot hole patching and rip/relay ensures a safe driving road surface and to extend the life of an oil surface road. As oil surface roads deteriorate and patching is no longer effective, ripping and relaying is performed. If an oil surface road contains sufficient residual oil, the surface will be repacked. Once an oil surface road has dehydrated to the point where the oil doesn't bind to the aggregate and the clay from the sub-grade is exposed, the road is then maintained as if it were a gravel road.

Roads remaining with an oil surface:

Specific roads are designated, in procedure, to be maintained with an oil surface treatment to help reduce the frequency of maintenance.

• Strome East	Rge Rd 151 north of Hwy 13	0.4 mile
• Hardisty North	SH 881 to Rge Rd 100	1.0 mile
• Hardisty	Rge Rd 100 north of Hwy 13	0.35 mile
• Airport Rd (Hardisty)	Hwy 13 to SH 608	7.0 miles
• Hardisty West	Town of Hardisty to Rge Rd 101	0.8125 mile
• Shop Rd West	Rge Rd 124 to Rge Rd 130	2.1 miles
• Shop Rd East	Twp Rd 442 east of SH 869	0.4375 mile
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		12.1 miles

*****Year round road bans will remain on these roads*****

Test Products

Since 2006, we have allocated funds for testing new dust suppressant products. New dust suppressant products are tested to determine whether they are effective, affordable, and environmentally suitable. Water-soluble dust suppressant products that we are/will be testing are:

- Magnesium Chloride
- MG30

Test products that we have tested in the past, but due to negative results will no longer be testing, are:

- Canola Oil
- Durasoil
- Earth Glue

Flagstaff County continues testing new dust suppressant products.

GRAVEL PRODUCTION

Gravel Production (crushing) replenishes our supplies of gravel and ensures inventory levels are consistent to support our programs. Crushing projects are tendered to ensure a competitive price is obtained. All gravel is crushed to a required specification and quality controls are completed by in-house personnel. Six gravel pits are currently leased and managed by the County. Two stockpile sites are obtained by tendering for the supply, crush, and stockpile of aggregates. Two interim stockpile sites are utilized to reduce hauling distances. Four gravel production projects were completed in 2013 at the following locations:

- **CR-01-2013 McNabb Pit (SW 34-41-17-W4M) – 60,009.85 tonnes**
- **CR-02-2013 Mazure Pit (NE 16-43-09-W4M) – 70,025.67 tonnes**
- **CR-03-2013 Skori Pit (N ½ 09-46-11-W4M) – 85,203.13 tonnes**
- **CR-04-2013 McDonald Pit (NW 14-45-19-W4M) – 50,010.42 tonnes**

A total of 265,249.07 tonnes of gravel was crushed in 2013 at a total cost = \$2,806,238

GRAVEL

On average, 170,000 tonnes of gravel is required annually. This includes gravel for the following programs: re-gravel, road construction, road recovery and spot patching, washouts, etc. An average of 270 miles of road is re-gravelled each year. Typically, gravel roads are re-gravelled on a five (5) year cycle; however other factors such as "Average Annual Daily Traffic," types of vehicles, road designation, etc. influence cycle times. Within the re-gravel program, all 8-metre wide roads will be gravelled at 330 tonne per mile. All other road widths will be gravelled at a reduced rate of 290 tonne per mile. The loading and hauling of aggregate materials for the gravel program is performed by in-house forces utilizing four (4) gravel trucks with two additional gravel trucks for spot patching on gravel roads throughout the County.

Gravel Sales

- Gravel is available for sale to a maximum allotment of 150 tonnes per residential, farm, or aggregate site per year for ratepayers within the County.
- Anyone wishing to purchase gravel must contact the Public Works Department to make arrangements and obtain a "Permission for Purchase of Gravel" form, or to receive further information regarding a list of available aggregate products and pricing.
- Flagstaff County does not haul gravel for ratepayers; hauling arrangements must be made by the ratepayer.

Gravel Exploration

- In an effort to secure a long-term gravel supply, we are continually seeking potential gravel sources. In 2001, the County utilized high resolution airborne magnetic technology to help identify possible gravel sources. As well, landowners provide information of possible gravel sources which are also analyzed for quality and quantity.
- As potential gravel sources are identified, a Gravel Testing Agreement is acquired prior to the commencement of exploration. This process secures future gravel sources. Over the past 3 years, five (5) additional long-term gravel sources have been secured.

Gravel Reclamation

- The County is responsible for reclamation at the six (6) gravel pits that they manage and lease. Reclamation is performed in accordance with a Code of Practice prepared by a consulting firm and approved by Alberta Environment. In-house equipment is utilized for the purpose of gravel exploration, pit preparation, and reclamation.

ROAD BANS ON OILED ROADS

Road Bans define the maximum allowable weights permitted on certain municipal roads. Please refer to our website, www.flagstaff.ab.ca, for the current Road Ban Order.

COUNTY SHOP

The shop staff are responsible for the service, maintenance, and repairs of all the County's fleet ranging from lawn mowers to graders, crawlers, rock trucks, loaders, and everything in between. This includes routine inspections for trucks and trailers as required by the Alberta Transportation Vehicle Safety Act.

The shop employs five mechanics, one journeyman welder, one parts man, and one labourer. The shop is also an active supporter of the Student Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP).

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Flagstaff County has 1,527 miles of bladed roads that are divided into:

- 10 Summer Maintenance Areas (approx. 120 - 160 miles/area)
- 10 Winter Maintenance Areas (approx. 120 - 150 miles/area)

Dirt/Sand Roads do not receive scheduled maintenance in the winter

There are 151 miles of Secondary roads in the County, which are maintained by Carillion on behalf of the Province.

Summer Maintenance

- County gravel roads are maintained by 10 graders
- On average, grader operators are able to blade approximately 18 - 25 miles/day
- Gravel roads are maintained 1 - 2 times per month, weather and maintenance factors permitting
- Specific heavy traffic routes have an increased maintenance cycle

Winter Maintenance

- Roadways are cleared of snow as necessary. During normal winter conditions, maintenance areas should be cleared of snow within 4 days, unless there is heavy snowfall and persistent winds.
- If reduced visibility becomes a safety concern, snow plowing operations will be suspended until conditions improve.
- In each maintenance area, 3 routes are established. When plowing is required, the starting point is rotated between routes to ensure that an equitable level of service is provided.
- Regular work hours are 8-12 hours per day.
- Spare graders may be utilized to help during winter storms.
- Two plow trucks are designated to remove snow and apply sand/salt to oil and paved surface roads.
- Two graders are allocated for snow and ice removal on Calcium Chloride roads.
- The service of snowplowing and grading is available for residential laneways. The landowner is required to sign a Private Laneway Service Agreement. County staff are required to conduct an Occupational Health & Safety Inspection/Hazard Assessment prior to any work being completed. This process must be completed on an annual basis. Private laneway maintenance will be conducted after all scheduled road maintenance is completed on gravel, oil, and paved surface roads as per policy. A fee of \$65/half hour (half hour minimum charge) or \$130/hour will be charged for this service. Please contact the Public Works Department in the fall for further details regarding this service.

BRIDGE MAINTENANCE

Bridge maintenance includes deck sweeping, vegetation control, beaver dam removal, replacement of bridge decking, guardrails, and hazard markers. This maintenance preserves the capital asset and contributes to safe crossings. The 85 bridges within the County are inspected and analyzed on a five-year cycle for major deficiencies and a three-year bridge plan is established for major repairs and replacement.

SIGNS

All signs are inspected on an annual and ongoing basis. Any signs requiring maintenance due to vandalism, fading, or other reasons are scheduled for repair or replacement.

BRUSHING AND BACKSLOPING

This process increases the level of safety by increasing sight lines and the contouring of ditches and backslopes. Brushing and backsloping provides landowners an opportunity to control brush growth adjacent to road allowances. This service is provided upon landowner request and as equipment and resources become available as the same resources are utilized in the gravel production and reclamation programs.

Brushing on road allowances is not permitted without authorization from the County.

CULVERT MAINTENANCE

- Culvert maintenance includes culvert replacement, cleaning, thawing, repair and extensions.
- All culverts are replaced and diameters are increased where required to improve water flow. By installing new culverts, drainage is improved adjacent to a reconstructed road. This allows for the protection of existing infrastructure. New culverts may also be installed during new construction and road recovery projects.
- New culverts and couplers are available for sale to landowners for the use in approaches on road allowances or to local municipalities. Used culverts are also available for sale at half the purchase price; sizes will vary depending upon availability.

AIRPORT

The Public Works Department provides administration and maintenance services for the Flagstaff Regional Airport.

RURAL ROAD STUDY

- In response to the public meeting workshops, Council approved as a New Initiative Project to conduct a Public Works Program and Services Review.
- Genivar Inc. was contracted to complete the review and the following items were identified as focus areas for the review:
 - Arterial Road Network
 - Long Term Road Construction Plan
 - Analyze the Process of Road Recovery
- Genivar Inc., in consultation with Public Works administration and Council, developed an Arterial Road Network. The objective of the Arterial Road Network system is to help divert the truck traffic from our local road system to the provincial highway system. Within the Arterial Road Network, three (3) road classifications were established: Arterial, Collector, and Local.
- The identified arterial roads will be surfaced/dust-free roads. Three surface options were presented: long term calcium chloride; light membrane pavement; and ban free pavement.
- A public meeting was held on June 18th, 2013 providing the public an opportunity to give input into the Rural Road Study.
- On July 17th, 2013, Council approved to proceed to implement the Rural Road Study, accepting the arterial road network and further evaluate dust-free surfaces for the arterial roads, seeking the most economical, and effective solution. In conjunction with the approval of the Rural Road Study, the oiled road inventory has been eliminated as this surface type does not support truck traffic.
- On February 13th, 2014, Council approved that the road surface type for arterial roads will be Calcium Chloride.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2014...

Road Construction:

The following Road Construction projects have been approved:

- **Project C-A-2014 - Twp Rd 404, from Rge Rd 135, east for 3.3 miles**
- **Project C-B-2014 - Twp Rd 444, from Rge Rd 110, east for 1.0 mile**
- **Project C-C-2014 - Twp Rd 444, from Rge Rd 104, east for 2.0 miles**

Patch Pavement Repairs:

Patch paving has been scheduled for the ATCO Power Plant Access Road to address settlement of the grade structure and other deficiencies. The ATCO Power Plant Access Road is located at the following location:

Twp Rd 410, east of SH# 855, for 2.75 miles and Rge Rd 154, south of Twp Rd 410, for 1.5 miles

Sub-Grade Stabilization Projects:

The following Sub-Grade Stabilization Projects are scheduled:

- **Rge Rd 153, from Twp Rd 440 to Twp Rd 444 for 4 miles**
- **Rge Rd 153, from Twp Rd 432 to Twp Rd 434 for 2 miles**

Road Recovery Projects:

The following Road Recovery projects are scheduled:

- **Twp Rd 460, from Rge Rd 153 to Rge Rd 144 for 5 miles**
- **Rge Rd 142, from Hwy #13 to Twp Rd 430 for 8.75 miles**
- **Rge Rd 145, from Hwy #53 to Twp Rd 414 for 2 miles**
- **Twp Rd 430, from Rge Rd 142 to 140 for 2 miles**

Gravel Production:

Gravel crushing will take place at the following locations:

- **CR-01-2014 - West Area of the County** - approximately 100,000 tonnes
- **CR-02-2014 - Hinkey Pit (NW 17-44-09-W4M)** - approximately 80,000 tonnes

Bridges:

The following bridge work is scheduled:

- **BF# 1696** – (Northwest of Hardisty) – Permanently close and remove bridge structure
- **BF# 13353** – (North of Killam) – Repair bridge structure
- **BF# 1218** – (North of Killam) – Repair bridge structure
- **BF# 9054** – (Northeast of Killam) – Repair bridge structure with the intention to close when it's due for replacement (repair caps, piles, bridge rail, and misc.)
- **BF# 9462** – (North of Killam) – Repair bridge structure with the intention to close when it's due for replacement (repair caps, piles, bridge rail, and misc.)
- **BF# 6623** – (South of Loughheed) – Replace timber caps, bridge rail posts, and replace deck striping

Reminders:

- Landowners are reminded not to dump rocks and debris in the County right-of-way
- There shall be NO BRUSHING on road allowances without authorization from the County
- All fences must be placed on private property, not in the County right-of-way

Please feel free to contact the Flagstaff County Public Works Department regarding any issue or information regarding the following:

- A plugged culvert where drainage is a concern or to purchase culverts
- To report a sign that has been vandalized, missing or faded
- Bridge concerns or washouts
- If you require any type of access or brushing/back-sloping on a County road allowance
- Rental of Equipment
- Information on constructing an approach

RECREATION

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The Recreation Department is responsible for funding regional recreation endeavours by delivering the Regional Recreation Grant Program. We also deliver year-round recreational programming activities and look to partner with organizations in hosting collaborative events.

REGIONAL RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM

Flagstaff County has granted nearly \$1.4 million towards recreational programs, events, and facilities since the release of the Flagstaff Regional Recreation Grant Program in early 2012. Through the concepts of regionalism and collaboration, Flagstaff County is committed to developing recreational services which are second to none. Flagstaff County is continually working towards our goal of rebuilding recreation within our region through efficient and effective means. Our adopted recreation vision is 'to embrace and proactively use recreation and parks as essential means for enhancing individual well-being, community vitality, and economic sustainability.'

In 2013, \$446,371.39 of funding was approved through the program. The program is composed of the Regional Recreation Grant and the Recreation Investment Grants. \$500,000.00 is made available through the grant program each year.

REGIONAL RECREATION GRANT

The Regional Recreation Grant is an annual grant which accepts applications for both capital and programming projects. Applicants are able to receive up to a 50% match in funding of all eligible expenses. Submitted applications are reviewed by the Recreation Committee which is composed of all seven members of County Council.

79 applications were approved in 2013 with \$348,001.75 committed towards programming projects while an additional \$68,319.14 was approved for capital projects.

PROGRAMMING RECIPIENTS

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT AWARDED
Barley Kings	Barley Kings 2013	\$1,000.00
CHSPS - Parent Council	School Sports Fees	\$9,866.15
CHSPS - Parent Council	Bowling, Skating, Curling	\$3,600.00
Curtain Call Community Theatre	Spring Production	\$4,500.00
Daysland Arena	Family/Public/Senior Skate	\$5,919.00
Daysland Curling Club	Learn to Curl Program	\$1,000.00
Daysland Thunderhawks	Pond Hockey	\$1,000.00
Forestburg Ag Society	Riding Arena	\$2,400.00
Forestburg Aquanauts Swim Team	Aquanauts Swim	\$4,875.05
Forestburg Arena Association	Public Skating/Shinny	\$3,168.00
Forestburg Dance Society	2013/14 Dance Season	\$10,250.00
Forestburg Figure Skating Club	2013 Program Enhancement	\$6,575.00
Forestburg Historical Society	Education Program	\$500.00
Forestburg Learn and Play School	Forestburg Learn & Play School	\$3,147.00
Forestburg School Lunch Society	County Recreation Kit Pilot	\$937.50
Forestburg School Lunch Society	Curling	\$1,050.00
Forestburg School Lunch Society	Underwater Hockey	\$1,250.00
Forestburg School Lunch Society	Alberta Opera Performance	\$500.00
Forestburg School Lunch Society	Junior/Senior High Scuba	\$1,290.00
Forestburg School Lunch Society	Junior High Swimming PE	\$990.00
Forestburg School Lunch Society	Elementary Swimming PE	\$4,095.00
Forestburg School Lunch Society	Elementary Skating Program	\$2,475.00
Forestburg School Lunch Society	Skiing PE Program	\$1,805.78
Forestburg Soccer Association	Soccer	\$2,900.00
Forestburg Swimming Pool Assoc.	Lane Swim	\$8,600.00
Forestburg Swimming Pool Assoc.	Swimming Lessons	\$6,650.00
Forestburg Swimming Pool Assoc.	Public Swim	\$15,000.00
Galahad Public Library	TD Summer Reading Program	\$544.00
Hardisty School Parent Advisory	Field Trips	\$2,500.00
Hardisty Ski & Snowboard Club	Learn to Ski & Snowboard	\$5,000.00
Heisler Minor Ball Club	Minor Ball Program	\$1,000.00
Killam Braves	Killam Braves	\$1,000.00
Killam Cyclones Swim Club	2013 Season	\$5,100.00
Killam Ladies Hockey	2013 Season	\$995.00
Killam Minor Ball	2013 Season	\$1,950.00
Killam Minor Hockey	KMH Girls 1st Time Registration	\$2,825.00

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT AWARDED
Killam Minor Hockey	KMH 1st time Registration	\$2,200.00
Killam Minor Hockey	Black Elk Hockey Camp	\$15,170.00
Killam Minor Hockey	KMH 2013/14 Season	\$14,312.50
Killam Recreation Board	Summer Fun 2013	\$2,000.00
Killam Recreation Board	Lane Swim	\$8,317.00
Killam Recreation Board	Fit Swim	\$8,317.32
Killam Recreation Board	Deep Water and Aqua Sizes	\$12,034.37
Killam Recreation Board	Friday Night Fun Swim	\$4,320.98
Killam Recreation Board	Public Swimming	\$17,888.65
Killam Recreation Board	Swimming Lessons	\$19,948.13
Killam Recreation Board	Slo Pitch League	\$1,000.00
Killam Recreation Board	Parents and Tots Swim	\$8,467.32
Killam Recreation Board	Public Skating and Shinny	\$1,900.50
Killam Recreation Board	Learn to Skate	\$1,000.00
Killam Synchronized Swim Club	KSSC 2013 Season	\$800.00
Killam Thunder Fastball	Bantam Girls Fastball	\$2,300.00
KPS Council	Yoga Submarine	\$1,000.00
KPS Council	Ski Lessons	\$1,772.50
KPS Council	Gold Eye/COE	\$760.00
KPS Council	Agriplex Activities	\$500.00
KPS Council	Outdoor Education	\$480.00
KPS Council	Swimming Lessons	\$780.00
Mallik Hockey Club	Mallik Hockey Club 2013	\$1,000.00
PDA KIDZ	Dance Program	\$14,000.00
Sedgewick Curling Club	Curling Facility Costs	\$5,400.00
Sedgewick Curling Club	After School Curling	\$1,000.00
Sedgewick Playschool	Indoor Playground	\$525.00
Sedgewick Playschool	Yoga Submarine	\$500.00
Sedgewick Playschool	Skating/Bowling Activities	\$1,000.00
Sedgewick Recreation Board	Bowling Alley Rental	\$2,100.00
Sedgewick Recreation Board	Moms & Tots Skating	\$1,000.00
Sedgewick Recreation Board	Public Skating and Shinny	\$2,250.00
Sedgewick Recreation Board	Senior Shinny/Skate	\$1,000.00
Sedgewick Recreation Board	Noon Hour Skate	\$1,000.00
Sedgewick Recreation Board	Learn to Skate	\$1,000.00
Sharks Minor Hockey	2013/14 Minor Hockey Year	\$24,400.00
Spartan Volleyball Club	Club Volleyball	\$5,000.00
Thunderstars MHA	2013/14 Hockey Ice Rental	\$24,000.00
Valley Alpine Ski Club	Alpine Ski Race Training	\$9,400.00
Valley Alpine Ski Club	Coach Development	\$1,900.00

CAPITAL RECIPIENTS

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT AWARDED
Sedgewick Recreation Board	Energy Efficient Lights	\$50,000.00
Daysland Arena	Dressing Room Improvements	\$7,500.00
Killam & Dist. Ag Society	Agriplex Eaves	\$7,250.00
Town of Killam	Aquatic Tile Repairs	\$3,569.14

RECREATION INVESTMENT GRANTS

\$35,000.00 is made available each year by Flagstaff County to be dispersed as micro-grants towards recreational events and short programs. A maximum of \$7,000 is approved in each quarter within the categories of family, youth, or seniors. An additional \$7,000 is made available to pioneer projects, which are activities that are new to the region.

2013 INVESTMENT GRANTS

\$30,050.50 was approved for Investment Grant projects in 2013.

INVESTMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS

Argyle Women's Institute	Croquet Games	\$600.00
DaysArts	Summer Theatre Arts Camps	\$3,000.00
Flagstaff Beaver EDC Coalition	Remembering to Play	\$1,900.00
Flagstaff Carvers	Intro to Carving	\$1,000.00
Flagstaff Carvers	Spotted Sand Piper	\$1,000.00
Forestburg Arena Association	Hockey Skills/Checking Clinic	\$1,000.00
Forestburg Golf Club	Junior Golf Tournament	\$835.00
Forestburg Golf Club	Senior Golf Tournament	\$915.00
Forestburg Public Library	Bricks 4 Kids Lego	\$836.50
Forestburg Swimming Pool	Minute to Win It	\$830.00
Forestburg Swimming Pool	Midnight Swim	\$1,000.00
Friends of Killam Library	Summer Reading Program	\$1,000.00
Hardisty Lake UC Camp	Hardisty Lake Camp	\$1,000.00
Hardisty Public Library	Communities Fun Day	\$1,000.00
Heisler Ag Society	Family Day Celebration	\$820.00
Heisler Minor Ball	Rally Cap Program	\$1,000.00
Iron Creek Flying Club	COPA for Kids	\$1,000.00
Killam Minor Hockey	Regional Female Hockey Program	\$900.00
Killam Recreation Board	Scavenger Hunt	\$1,000.00
Killam Thunder Fastball	Pitching Clinic	\$1,000.00
Parents for Fun in Flagstaff	Movie in the Park	\$2,477.00
Sedgewick Ag Society	Snowmobile Rally	\$1,000.00
Sedgewick Golf Club	Junior Golf Lessons	\$1,000.00
Sedgewick Minor Ball	Hardball Clinic	\$1,000.00
Shoo'em Up Archery	Archery Practice	\$1,000.00
Strome Ag Society	Summer Dance Intensive	\$1,000.00
Valley Ski Club	Skip School Ski Day	\$937.00

LEISURE GUIDES

3,500 leisure guides were published and delivered throughout Flagstaff County in both April and September of 2013. The spring/summer guide is made available by May and covers programs and events through September. The fall/winter guide is released by October and contains information on programs and events through April of the following year. There is no cost for organizations to submit entries for appearing in the guide.

REGIONAL PROGRAMMING MASTER PLAN

To complement the Regional Facility Master Plan (approved in September 2012), a Programming Master Plan was developed and approved in February 2013. The plan determined the characteristics of regional programming and prioritized programs and activities relative to the Regional Recreation Grant. It also discussed the importance of collaboration and intergovernmental/inter-organizational cooperation in setting and meeting regional goals and recommended regional agencies and coalitions as a means to achieve success.

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

In 2013, Flagstaff County hired Kate Richards as Recreation Programmer. Kate's duties include developing and organizing programs, activities, and events to provide greater opportunity in the region. Some 2013 programs include Professional Development day camps, holiday workshops, yoga, creative chefs, and various sports clinics. Kate is also available to assist organizations and communities in delivering their own events.

A Recreation Fair was organized in September and held at Flagstaff County administration office. The fair gave opportunity to local organizations to market their programs to the public and network amongst themselves.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2014...

- Flagstaff County will host the first Flagstaff Recreation Symposium on April 10th, 11th, and 12th. The symposium will gather the region's recreation leaders together for training in HIGH FIVE, Kids at Hope, and other recreation focuses seminars. Carol Ohler of *Thinkin' Outside the Barn Ltd.* will be the keynote speaker at the event.
- The Regional Recreation Grant deadline for 2015 projects will be June 30th, 2014. Decisions will be finalized with applicants notified in the fall.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

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There are 10 urban fire departments within Flagstaff County that provide fire services to rural areas through a fire agreement in place with the County. The departments provide service to a specified area near that department. The fire departments provide different levels of service that may but do not necessarily include:

- Medical First Response
- Motor Vehicle Collision Response
- Hazardous Materials First Response
- Wildland Fire Suppression and Control
- Exterior Fire Suppression
- Coordinated Interior Structural Fire Suppression
- Ice Rescue
- Water Rescue

The Regional Emergency Services Coordinator employed by Flagstaff County assists the 10 fire departments with fire prevention activities, fire department training, equipment procurement, and coordination. Fire suppression and fire investigation is also part of his responsibilities.

To become a valuable part of the firefighting team and receive extensive training, contact your local fire chief, or call the Regional Emergency Services Coordinator at the County office.

The fire departments responded to the following in 2013:

	VEHICLE COLLISIONS	FIRE CALLS	FALSE ALARMS	MEDICAL ASSISTS	TOTAL 2013
Alliance	6	12	3	1	22
Daysland	3	5	15	11	34
Forestburg	1	5	7	0	13
Galahad	4	7	1	1	13
Hardisty	9	10	5	2	26
Heisler	2	4	0	0	6
Killam	5	7	13	1	26
Lougheed	3	3	0	0	6
Sedgewick	2	5	9	11	27
Strome	2	5	0	2	9
Total Calls in 2013	37	63	53	29	182

RESCUE SERVICE

The Rescue Truck, located in the Killam Fire Hall, is operated by the volunteers of the Killam Fire Department. A new set of Rescue Air Bags were purchased in 2013 to compliment other valuable rescue equipment that make the 1996 Freightliner FL80 a very important part of the fleet when responding to collisions and fires. Specialized training is provided for those members involved in rescue activities. The rescue truck responded to 20 calls in 2013.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

A new Municipal Emergency Plan (MEP) was developed in 2012 to help ensure the safety of all residents within Flagstaff County should a disaster occur within the county. Both emergency responders and elected officials receive training to understand their roles should the MEP ever have to be activated. The MEP is updated regularly with the surrounding municipalities to assist in a coordinated approach with municipal resources if the worst happens.



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