

2010

Flagstaff County Annual Report



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Flagstaff County Council



Henry Hays, Reeve
Division 3

Henry Hays is returning for his fourth term as Councillor and his first term as Reeve. Henry is a proud third generation farmer. Henry enjoys helping out with the annual Hardisty Rodeo and is involved in a local band.



Gerald Kuefler
Division 2

Gerald Kuefler is returning for his third term on Council. Gerald is a grain farmer near Galahad and enjoys camping with family and friends.



Rick Manning
Division 1

Rick Manning is very happy to serve his first term on Council. Rick enjoys spending as much time as he can with his grandchildren.



Mike Kueber
Division 4

Mike Kueber is serving his first term on Council. Mike is a third generation farmer near Killam and enjoys volunteering for numerous community groups.



Charlotte Curtis
Division 5

Charlotte Curtis is returning to serve her fifth term on Council. Charlotte lives on an acreage near Heisler and enjoys researching and documenting her genealogy.



Rick Bergseth
Division 6

Rick Bergseth is returning to serve his third term on Council. Rick is a fourth generation farmer near Lougheed and enjoys spending time with his grandchildren.



Wade Lindseth
Division 7

Wade Lindseth is serving his first term on Council. Wade is a third generation farmer near Daysland, and enjoys going camping and fishing.

Flagstaff County Council is looking for your input and suggestions on current programs and services, and future initiatives/projects. Please submit your comments on the form located on the back page of this report. The return address is printed on the back of the form for your convenience. All submissions received prior to July 29, 2011 will be entered into a draw, for a fantastic “basket” of products from business within the Flagstaff region.

We would like to express our appreciation to our citizen's for their support and we look forward to serving you in 2011.

Message from Reeve Henry Hays

Flagstaff County Council, through responsible direction and action, is dedicated and committed to the continuation of our Strategic Plan. That is, to the cooperative development of our vision regarding the “Community of communities” and to the services needed by the electorate of Flagstaff County.

The process we are using to complete the above is a continual work in progress not just for the short term but for the long term. After the 2010 fall election, Council now consists of three new councillors and four incumbents, two who were challenged and retained their seats and one by acclamation. All councillors bring new ideas. The fall of 2010 saw an extensive number of meetings with the citizens of Flagstaff. We presented our Strategic Plan in progress and invited new ideas for the future. Through the election process and meetings we were reminded of the great importance of the conditions of roads and the fact that they are the arteries of the life line for Flagstaff County.

Also in the fall of 2010, the citizens of Flagstaff County and the ten municipalities within were invited to participate in two major reviews, one being our Strategic Plan and the other Recreation. The challenge for County Council is to review all the information gathered; positive, negative and controversial and continue the process of incorporating it into our plan and vision.

The goal of Flagstaff County Council is to continue to build the “Community of communities” to bring to reality the Strategic Plan and Vision. With responsibility and care, we will strive to bring about the best and most effective level of service to the County.



Flagstaff County Council Meetings

Regular County Council meetings occur every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month beginning at 9:00 a.m. Notice of Special Council Meetings (not held on a regular scheduled date) will be posted in the foyer in the County Office, on the website or, if time permits, will be published in the Community Press. Notice of Council Committee meetings will be posted in the County Office 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Copies of the adopted Council meeting minutes are available to the public for a nominal fee. A copy of the most recently adopted Council meeting minutes will be posted on the bulletin board in the County Office. This copy will be available until the minutes of the next meeting are adopted and posted. Previous minutes can be viewed on the County website in the archives of previous meetings, dating back to January 2006. Under Section 198 of the Municipal Government Act, the public has the right to be present at the Council and Committee meetings that are conducted in public. Please be advised that given the public nature of all Council and committee meetings, an individual writing to a councillor or administration, could have this correspondence, including name and address, disclosed at meetings.

Recreation

Recreation Operating Grants

In 2010, Flagstaff County contributed \$310,000 in recreation operating grants to the ten Towns and Villages within the County. The distribution of funds is based on the facilities in each area. The Towns and Villages must commit to match the funding on a per capita basis in order to receive this funding.

The 2010 recreational operating grants were paid as follows:

| | | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Alliance | \$ 11,082 | Heisler | \$ 11,650 |
| Daysland | \$ 38,644 | Killam | \$ 51,714 |
| Forestburg | \$ 53,419 | Lougheed | \$ 24,720 |
| Galahad | \$ 11,650 | Sedgewick | \$ 48,020 |
| Hardisty | \$ 46,031 | Strome | \$ 13,071 |

Recreation Capital Grants

While the Regional Recreation Master Plan is being developed there is a moratorium on the disbursement of grant dollars to the Towns and Villages from the County for capital projects. Once the Master Plan is completed the County will introduce a new grant program for both capital projects and operating assistance.

The Future of Recreation

A recreation review provides framework for investment in recreation programs and facilities in the “Community of communities”.

A Recreation Program and Facilities Review was approved by Council. The Review was undertaken as a priority initiative in the County’s Strategic Plan.

A key recommendation of the review was the development of a Regional Recreation Master Plan for the “Community of communities”. In December 2010, citizens and community groups participated in public meetings to provide input and ideas towards the development of a Recreation Master Plan for Flagstaff County. Two reports were created from the public input. These reports can be viewed on our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca.

The Regional Recreation Master Plan will:

- outline a long-term plan of what indoor and outdoor facilities and program requirements to meet regional recreation and parks needs for the “Community of communities”
- identify what facilities and programs meet local neighborhood needs
- outline the steps to be taken to better use existing human and physical resources
- lay out how to enhance the quantity and quality of service delivery

The Regional Recreation Master Plan will provide:

- a shared understanding of what recreation and parks program needs are to be met, when fiscal resources will be required and how much
- a long-term capital and operating budget
- a shared understanding of why and how funding decisions are made
- consensus around the greatest needs
- wise use of land, people and dollars

The Regional Recreation Master Plan is expected to be completed in 2011. Once the Plan is completed, the priorities and timelines will help us to realize our shared future. Flagstaff County's Vision is that of a safe, caring and vibrant "Community of communities" committed to working with its neighbours to ensure quality of life for all citizens. We look forward to this recreation planning initiative helping all of us achieve a socially sustainable region that will foster economic prosperity and enhance quality of life well into the future.

New Initiatives

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) Fund will provide long term operational and capital funding to support our new initiatives.

The proposed MSI grant funding for Flagstaff County was projected over ten years to be 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 is still 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:

| | <u>Operating</u> | <u>Capital</u> |
|------|------------------|----------------|
| 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 |

2010 NEW INITIATIVES

The following initiatives are from the 2010 Business Plan. The projects are established in the annual business plan. The projects are at various stages of completion.



Research Innovative Eco-Friendly Practices that could be applied to Flagstaff County's Operations.

The overall purpose of this project is to investigate current practices, equipment and facilities for opportunities to cost effectively improve the environmental footprint and develop a strategy for immediate implementation.

Status: In Progress.



Determine Air Quality Baseline for the Hardisty Hub Area. Research Air Shed Monitoring Best Practices.

There are two objectives of this project:

- 1) Obtain baseline data related to the air quality and air shed for the Hardisty Hub area.
- 2) Investigate and summarize the most probable impacts to Flagstaff County of significant emissions from oil facilities at the Hardisty Hub.

The intent of this project is to provide a “snapshot” document of current information which can be understood at a basic level and be referred to in five (5) years for comparison purposes when gathering and updating the information. It is also intended to provide Flagstaff County with “Tools for Awareness” when dealing with future land use planning within the Hardisty Hub area.

Status: Completed.



Research Housing Gaps for Youth, Adults, and Seniors within our “Community of communities”.

The goal of a housing needs assessment will be to identify local housing availability, comparing our situation to similar communities and ensuring our housing goals are aligned with the Province of Alberta.

Status: In Progress.



Social Sustainability Framework.

The overall goal of this project will be to produce a comprehensive Social Sustainability Framework and decision tool for Flagstaff County, to ensure that the County makes decisions that promote sustainability over the long term. The decision tool will utilize a variety of inputs, including community profiles, a social quality of life indicators audit and an inventory of existing social services and programs, to provide the background for evaluating the impact of changing demographics and providing a basis for making municipal decisions.

Status: In Progress.



Provide Assistance to the “Parents for Fun” Non-Profit Organization.

“Parents for Fun” is a non-profit organization established and operated by local parents to create an indoor activity centre for children under six. This space, located in the Killam Agriplex, provides opportunities for all types of learning and developmental play for children and an opportunity for parents to network and meet new people within the Community. Flagstaff County contributed \$25,000 to this project.

Status: Completed.



Teen Leisure Club – Phase 1.

Phase 1 – Research and collect data.

Phase 2 – 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 1 of this project involved researching similar facilities around the province to determine what was working effectively and where improvements could be made.

Status: Completed Phase 1.



Develop an Economic Development Strategic Plan.

The Economic Development Strategic Plan was developed with the intent to help Flagstaff County and the municipalities within the County to better understand what is required to enhance economic development in view of the economic trends and global issues.

Status: Completed.



Water Well Abandonment.

The purpose of this project is to help eliminate the risk of groundwater contamination and provide awareness to the importance in protecting our groundwater and searching out wells that pose a threat to our groundwater resource. Flagstaff County, in association with Iron Creek Watershed, have abandoned seven wells.

Status: In Progress.



Establish a Rural Addressing System.

Rural Addressing is a standardized system of identifying and locating rural properties. This system will aid emergency response personnel, utility companies, couriers, and other visitors finding rural residence's quicker. A rural address is a more accurate way to locate your property than a legal land description. While a legal land description can identify a specific quarter section, a rural address will pinpoint the access to your home or business off of a range road, township or highway, which is critical in emergency response situations.

Status: In Progress.



GIS/GPS Project.

Flagstaff County recognizes the need to be progressive in the Geographic Information Systems/ Global Positioning Satellites technology and continue to move forward with this program. This project has a three year time frame and will create an “Enterprise Solution” that connects all of our data to a map. Digital data such as; taxes, assessment, ownership, oil and gas wells, pipelines, road types, road widths, bridges, culverts, land use, water wells and any other data, related to a parcel of land can be viewed on a map. This spatial tool will allow for improved planning, analysis and reporting mechanisms.

Status: In Progress.



Heritage Inventory and Barn Project.

Heritage Inventory: A heritage inventory is a planning and management tool comprised of sites evaluated using the provincial standards for significance and integrity. A draft statement of significance is written for each evaluated site to record why it is significant to Flagstaff County. A site must be listed on a municipal heritage inventory to receive provincial and/or federal designation, recognition and funding. A heritage inventory is a source of information for the development of heritage awareness, education and interpretation programs and for promoting tourism.

Barn Project: The Alberta Barn project is a pilot project that is designed to document and record heritage barns within our municipality and the province as no such resource exists at this time. The purpose of this project is to create a tool for all communities to document the heritage barns in their area in a methodical way. The barn project will include a database in which information including photographs and documentation can be uploaded. This online database will record the local rural histories of Flagstaff County and Alberta and will serve to promote community awareness and engagement in our local heritage.

Status: In Progress

2011 NEW INITIATIVES

The following initiatives are from the 2011 New Initiatives of our Business Plan. The project budgets are established in the annual budget and business plans. These projects will be initiated in 2011.



Host a Community Builder’s Workshop.

This workshop will provide representatives from various organizations (Student and Parent Councils, Lions Club, Legion members, Ag Society, Business leaders, etc.) to have an opportunity to engage and determine the needs of the community. It will also provide an opportunity for organizations within our community to build relationships that will allow them to achieve social, economic, cultural and environmental goals together and to create healthy and active communities.



Public Works Programs and Services Review

The purpose of this project is to review particular programs and services to assist in strengthening the Public Works department to increase the ability to provide effective and cost efficient programs and services. Areas that will be included in the review: Arterial road network; Winter & Summer road maintenance procedures; Long term construction plan; Alternative dust abatement products; Oiling Program.



Host a Symposium on Value Added Opportunities for Agriculture, a Trade Fair and a Regional Farmers Market.

A one day symposium, trade fair and regional farmers market that will provide information and opportunities for agricultural producers and industry to expand their markets and network. Planning will begin in 2011 in preparation for the event in 2012. Please stay informed of our future activities at www.flagstaff.ab.ca.



Host an Active Living Conference for Seniors.

Host an active living conference for men and women over the age of 55. The purpose of this one day conference is to recognize the importance of active living to the well being, independence and quality of life for our seniors.

A keynote speaker will be brought in and various individual breakout sessions will take place throughout the day. These sessions will cover topics such as:

- Income planning for retirement
- Fitness for People 55 and Better
- Preserving the Stories of Your Lives
- Using Your Medications Wisely



Implement a Records Management System.

The intent of this project is to fully integrate paper and electronic files into an Information System where documents are effectively managed, streamlined and easily retrievable. This ensures the preservation of vital records and a more efficient retrieval process, reduction of staff time spent searching for files/documents, and creates an efficient use of office and storage space for records by reducing the storage of short-term documents.



Municipal Internship Program.

Flagstaff County together with the Towns of Killam, Sedgewick and Daysland are participating in the Municipal Internship Program to employ an intern for a period of one year. This program is designed to provide support to municipalities in recruiting, training and retaining competent employees who can progress into leadership positions. By partnering with our neighboring municipalities, the differences in both urban and rural settings will be exposed and broaden the intern's knowledge of the policies and procedures utilized in local government. By participating, we are demonstrating commitment to the future of municipal government in Alberta.



Campsite Improvements.

Work with the municipalities of Daysland, Hardisty and Alliance to upgrade their local campsites located in the County. Some improvements include:

- General site maintenance
- Building maintenance
- Tree/shelterbelt replacement



Provide a “Community bus” as transportation for citizens/clubs within our communities.

Purchase a 34 passenger bus to be utilized by citizens and clubs in Flagstaff County. This will act as an affordable method of transportation to attend social activities/functions.

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Visit Flagstaff County’s website for information on Council Meetings, Agriculture Service Board, Planning and Development, Emergency Services, Employment Opportunities, Tender and Quote information, current projects and much more.

Go to our home page and sign up to receive weekly information right to your email.

Flagstaff County is now on Facebook and Twitter. Go to our website and click on the links. Become a fan or follow us to receive information to your Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Check back soon to www.flagstaff.ab.ca for the new and improved, more user friendly changes to the website.

Staff Directory

County Office (780) 384-4100
Toll Free 1-877-387-4100

Administration

| | | |
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| Chief Administrative Officer | Shelly Armstrong | (780) 384-4101 |
| Assistant Chief Administrative Officer | Brent Hoyland | (780) 384-4104 |
| Finance Officer | Deb Brodie | (780) 384-4109 |

Assessment

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| Assessor | Kelly Larson | (780) 384-4122 |
| Assistant Assessor | Amy Barnes | (780) 384-4132 |

Agricultural Service Board

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Agricultural Fieldman | Laurie Hillaby | (780) 384-4131 |
| Assistant Agricultural Fieldman | Lindsey Catherwood | (780) 384-4129 |
| Inquiries | Monica Northey | (780) 384-4118 |

Development and Planning

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|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Development Officer | Rosemary Wetter | (780) 384-4102 |
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Economic Development

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| Economic Development Coordinator | Jennifer Fossen | (780) 384-4121 |
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Protective Services

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| Peace Officer | Skyler Zelinski | (780) 384-4100 |
| Peace Officer | James Wells | (780) 384-4100 |

Public Works

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Public Works Superintendent | Darrell Szott | (780) 384-4107 |
| Field Coordinators: | | |
| Construction, Bridges and Culverts | John Sarasin | (780) 384-4119 |
| Gravel and Road Maintenance | Randy Brodie | (780) 384-4125 |
| Oiling | Gary Longhe | (780) 384-4126 |
| Public Works Industry Liaison | Trina Lassu | (780) 384-4103 |
| Shop Supervisor | Kevin Kinzer | (780) 384-4106 |
| Public Works Administrative Assistant | Janice Kroetsch | (780) 384-4110 |

Regional Emergency Services

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| Regional Emergency Services Coordinator | Kim Cannady | (780) 384-4127 |
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Economic Development

2010 was a growing year for the Economic Development Department, adding more programs and services for the Flagstaff Region.



Flagstaff County attended the Saskatoon Sport and Leisure Show, The Lloydminster Home, Garden, Sport and Leisure Show, and the Wainwright and District Chamber of Commerce Tradeshow. These Tradeshows were selected because of the direction traffic moves across the Province. Travelers are driving to centers such as Edmonton, Calgary and the Rocky Mountains. These tradeshows provide Flagstaff County with an opportunity to provide information to travelers encouraging them to travel through the Flagstaff Region.

Flagstaff County sponsored six youth to attend the Alberta Community Co-operative Association Youth Program at the Goldeye Center, near Nordegg Alberta. The co-operative youth program provides an opportunity for young people to develop their leadership skills, learn how to develop



their community while creating lasting friendships and having a lot of fun. All participants provided a presentation to County Council about the experience they had and what they were able to take away from the program.

The 5th Annual Small Business Appreciation Supper and Awards Evening was held in Hardisty. The awards were changed to reflect a more regional format.

This year there were nine categories, and nominations were open to the public. The new changes reflect Flagstaff County's vision of being a "Community of communities". New categories were added to the evening to recognize service groups and outstanding people that work hard to make the Flagstaff Region a great place to live.



2010 Award Recipients



Small Business of the Year
Fancy Shine Auto and Carpet Care
Owners: Glen and Cindy Poyser



Agri Business of the Year
Alliance Seed Cleaning Plant
Manager: Terry Howe



Customer Service
Flowers by the Trax
Owner: Carol Arntzen



Community Spirit
VP Enterprise
Owners: Vern Spady and Peter Spady



Green Technology
Prichard Plumbing & Heating
Owners: Murray and Stacie Prichard



Extraordinary Volunteer
Denise Zimmer



**Outstanding Youth
Grades 7-9**
Dylan Eskra



**Outstanding Youth
Grades 10-12**
Amy Price



Service Group of the Year
Forestburg Lions Club

Looking forward to 2011...

As part of a business retention and expansion project, the Economic Development Coordinator will be conducting business visits within the Flagstaff Region. In July a “Business of the Month” program will be initiated for all business within the Flagstaff Region. The recipients of each month’s award will be the nominees for Small Business of the Year at the annual Small Business Awards Evening.



Battle River Alliance for Economic Development Chair Bud James presented Flagstaff County Council with the **BRAED Municipality Involvement Award**.

For additional information regarding Economic Development within the Flagstaff Region, please contact Jennifer Fossen, Economic Development Coordinator at (780) 384-4121.

Development

Flagstaff County’s goal is to achieve a pattern of land use and development that benefits the entire County as a “Community of communities”. This has been planned for through the creation of the Land Use Bylaw and the Municipal Development Plan. These plans set out the goals and regulations in order to reach orderly and effective land use and the creation of an attractive municipality that will enhance the quality of life of its residents. This is achieved through cooperation, consultation and communication with the public.

Land Use Bylaw

Flagstaff County’s Land Use Bylaw states: No development shall be undertaken within the municipality unless an application has been approved and a development permit has been issued. The Development Permit is 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 meters (164 feet) from the center 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). It is important as well to have districted areas for development which will provide services to the public and economic development for Flagstaff County and its residents.
 - To encourage appropriate industrial development in environmentally suitable locations and to a high environmental standard.

Developments in 2010

| | <u>Commercial/ Industrial</u> | <u>Institutional</u> | <u>Residential</u> | <u>Non- Residential</u> |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Number of Permits Issued | 8 | 3 | 17 | 12 |
| Value of Permits Issued | \$15,115,000 | \$7,600,000 | \$3,318,000 | \$544,000 |

Applications for Development Permits, the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan can be obtained at the County Office or on our website at **www.flagstaff.ab.ca**

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.

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

Applications for Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Private Sewage & Gas Permits may be obtained at the 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

Flagstaff County's 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 our Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan, which protects agricultural land from unnecessary fragmentation. There were 21 subdivision applications in Flagstaff County in 2010.

- A maximum of 4 parcels may be allowed per quarter section and no more than 15 acres may be subdivided for residential use per quarter section. A few examples: 3 residential parcels of 5 acres each or 2 residential parcels (1 of 5 acres the other 10 acre).

The most common types of subdivision for residential use are:

Residential parcel creation varying from 1 acre to 15 acres in size.

- Subdivision of vacant parcels for residential use shall normally be a minimum of 1 acre and a maximum of 5 acres in size. A maximum of one vacant parcel for residential purposes will be allowed per quarter section at any time.
- A quarter section split creating two titled parcels, provided that the resultant parcel has a minimum size of 65 acres.
- Parcel fragmentation by road, railroad, or water body excepted from the title. The fragmentation cannot create a parcel less than 1 acre and the parcel must be suitable for a building site.

Applications for subdivisions may be obtained at the County Office or on our website **www.flagstaff.ab.ca** or from Municipal Planning Services Ltd. at www.munplan.ab.ca or by calling 780-486-1991

For any additional information regarding the Development Policies and/or Procedures in Flagstaff County, please contact Rosemary Wetter, Development Officer at (780)-384-4102.

Many of the forms and publications are available on our website at **www.flagstaff.ab.ca**

Administration Office Hours

The County Office is open from 8:00 a.m to 4:30 p.m from Monday to Friday, except statutory holidays. The Office is closed from 12:00 p.m to 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

Flagstaff County Office will be closed the following days in 2011:

- February 21st- Family Day
- April 22nd and 25th- Good Friday and Easter Monday
- May 23rd- Victoria Day
- July 1st- Canada Day
- August 1st- Civic Holiday
- September 5th- Labour Day
- October 10th- Thanksgiving Day
- November 11th- Remembrance Day
- December- the Office will be closed from December 24th to January 4th, 2012.

Salary and Benefits Disclosure

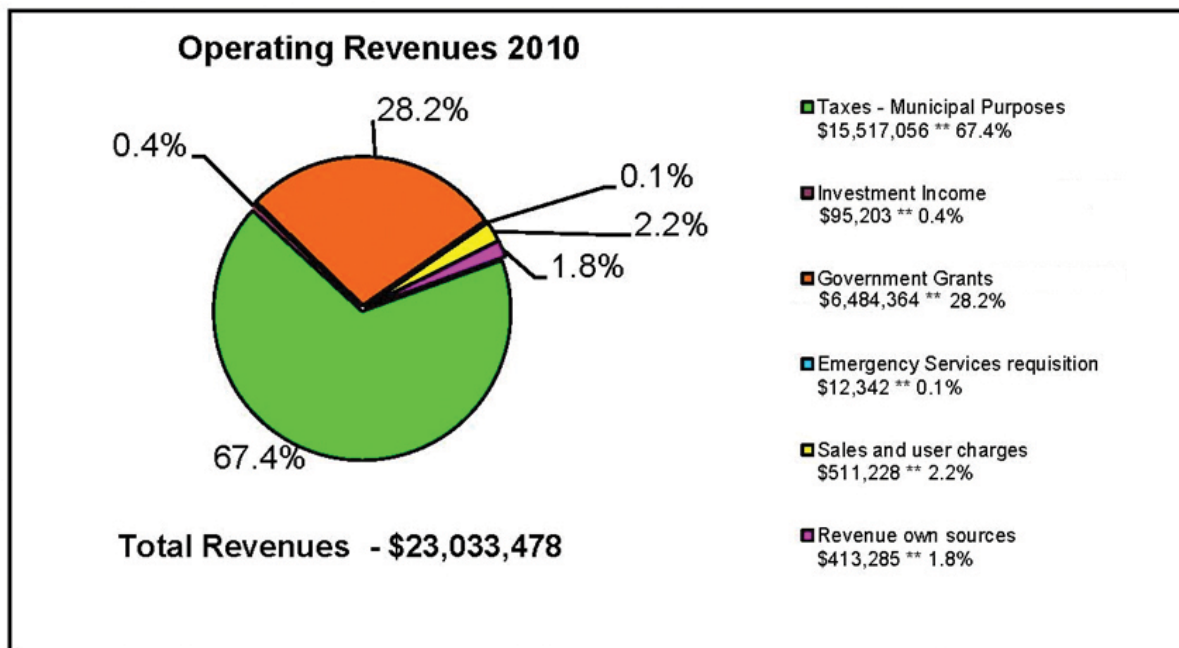
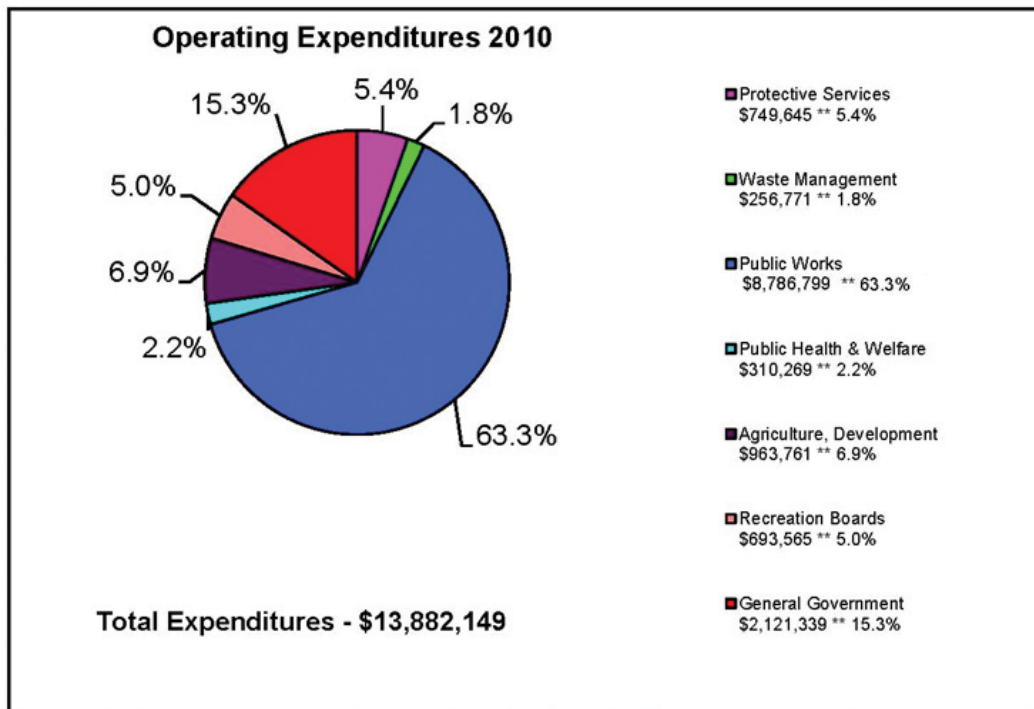
Disclosure of salaries and benefits for elected municipal officials as required by provincial regulation is as follows:

| | 2010 | | | | 2009 | |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| | # of Persons | Salary | Benefits & Allowances | Total | # of Persons | Total |
| Councillor Division 1 | 1 | \$29,271 | \$3,498 | \$32,769 | 1 | \$31,530 |
| Councillor Division 2 | 1 | \$33,337 | \$4,172 | \$37,509 | 1 | \$36,805 |
| Councillor Division 3 | 1 | \$30,084 | \$3,756 | \$33,840 | 1 | \$31,530 |
| Councillor Division 4 | 1 | \$29,271 | \$3,652 | \$32,923 | 1 | \$31,530 |
| Councillor Division 5 | 1 | \$29,271 | \$3,652 | \$32,923 | 1 | \$31,530 |
| Councillor Division 6 | 1 | \$29,271 | \$3,652 | \$32,923 | 1 | \$31,442 |
| Councillor Division 7 | 1 | \$29,271 | \$3,652 | \$32,923 | 1 | \$31,530 |

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.

Summary of Operations



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| EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES | \$9,151,329 |
| Unrestricted Surplus | \$2,030,880 |
| Reserves | \$1,326,072 |
| Equity in Tangible Capital Assets | \$5,794,377 |

Flagstaff County has copies of the 2010 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 2010 Financial Statement.

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 8,400 County properties and 460 additional properties for contracted services to the Villages of Galahad and Strome.

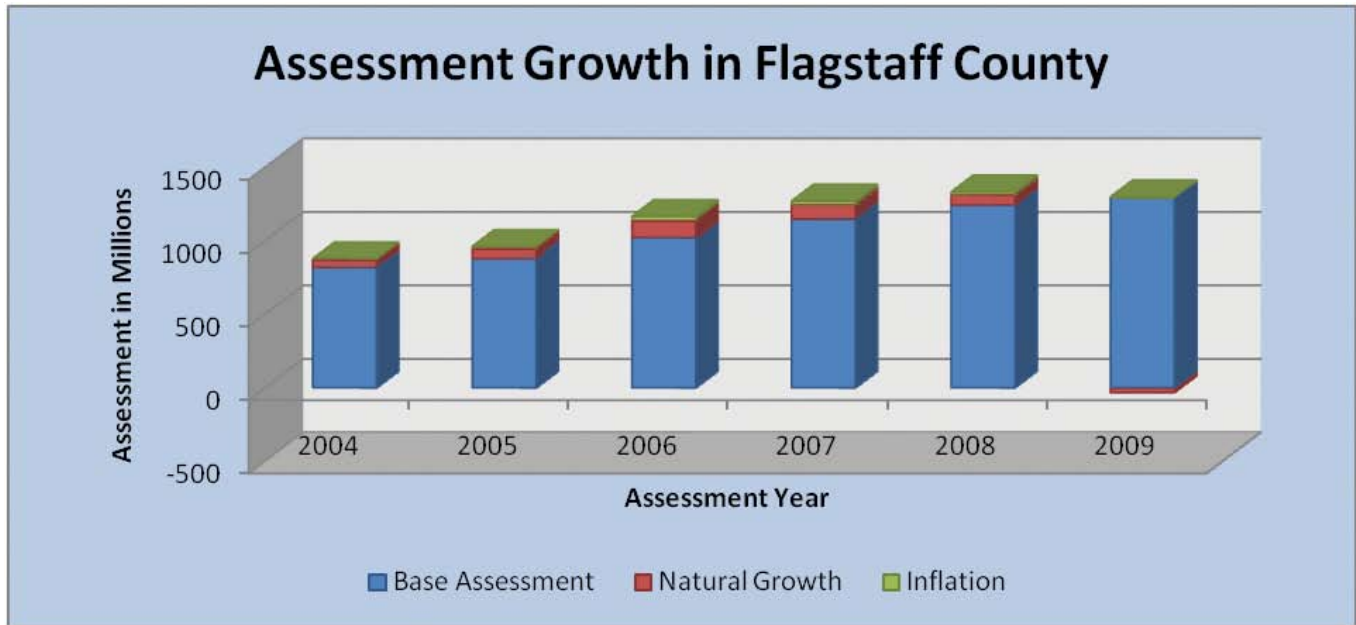
Municipal Assessment continues to evolve with increased computer automation and more monitoring by Alberta Municipal Affairs auditors. Provincial Statutes and regulations dictate how properties in Alberta are to be valued for property tax purposes (i.e. assessed). Assessed values change each year. Property assessments are based on values from the previous year (i.e. in 2010, the assessments are based on 2009 values).

Residential properties are assessed at market value. Market value is the probable price a property might reasonably be expected to sell for if sold by a knowledgeable, willing seller to a willing buyer after appropriate time and exposure in an open market. The two common methods of determining market value are: 1) sales comparison approach, and 2) cost approach. In determining market value it is important to have up to date accurate information on sales transactions. If you have recently purchased a property within Flagstaff County please take the time to fill out a Sales Verification form (available at the County office or the County website) and fax or mail to the Flagstaff County Assessment Department.

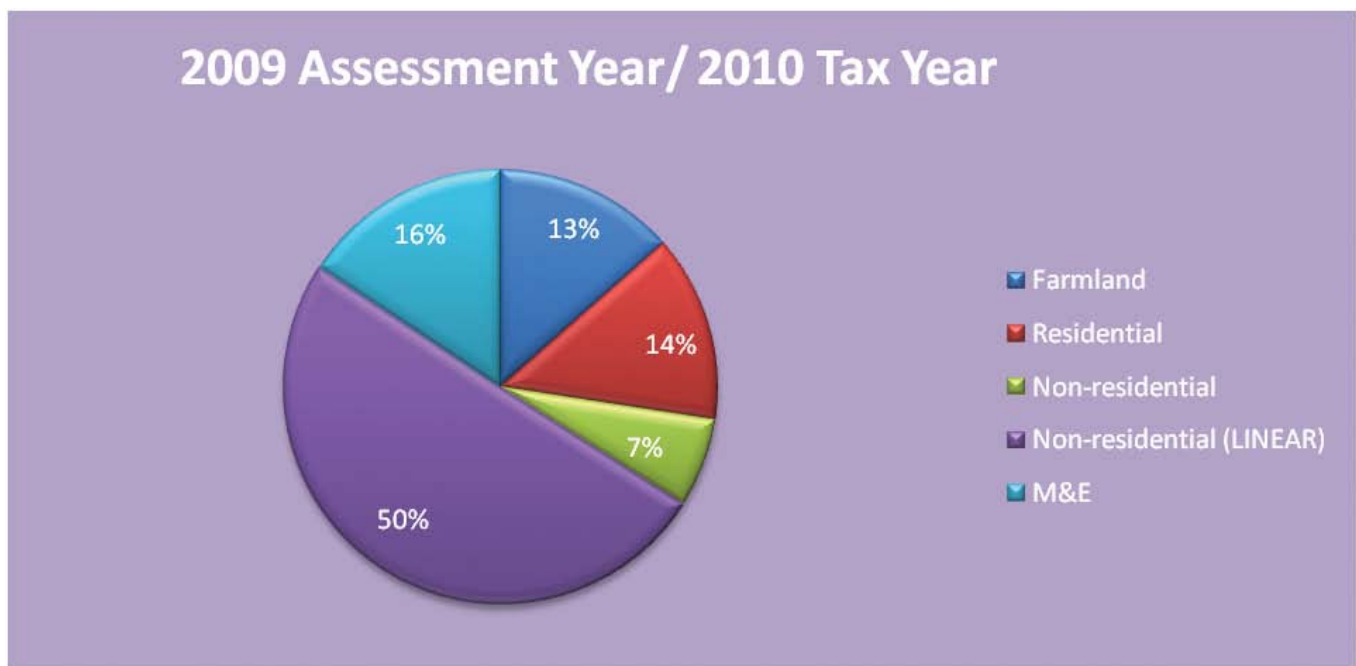
Other property types are assessed using rates and methods as regulated by the Alberta Government. These are referred to as “regulated properties” and are comprised of the following four property types:

- ***Farmland:*** Agricultural land used for farming operations is valued based on potential productivity. The best farmland in Alberta can be assessed at no more than \$350 per acre.
- ***Machinery and Equipment:*** Examples include Oil and Gas processing equipment such as compressors, separators, dehydrators, etc., as found in refineries, gas plants, battery sites and chemical plants. Machinery and equipment is valued using regulated rates or actual cost.
- ***Linear Property:*** These are properties such as pipelines, power lines and telephone systems that are assessed using regulated rates by the Assessment Services Branch of Municipal Affairs.
- ***Railway:*** Consists of railway track and right of way. These are valued at a regulated fixed dollar amount per kilometer based on annual tonnage transported on the right of way.

Farmland assessments are based on a provincially regulated rate that is not tied to the market value and this regulated value has not changed for many years. Although farmland market values continue to increase, this does not affect the assessed value of farmland, therefore farmland assessments in the County have maintained a relatively consistent assessment base which represents a smaller and smaller percentage of total assessment.



Residential property market values continued to increase slightly due to actual physical growth (i.e. development) and increased inflation (market value, costs of construction materials, labour and servicing) for the 2010 tax year (2009 assessment year). The average residential acreage assessment for all types of residential homes (including any assessable outbuildings) is \$178,000 and the average residential acreage assessment for the average / modern bungalow (including any assessable outbuildings) is \$264,000.



As noted in the top chart, overall assessment growth was negative due to decreased activity in the oil and gas sector coupled with regulated assessment rates (determined by Alberta Municipal Affairs) for these specialty properties seeing significant decreases province wide. As the industrial development, primarily oil and gas sector, saw decreased assessments, this substantially affected the taxable assessment base. Non-Residential, Linear and Machinery and Equipment assessments make up approximately 73% of the taxable assessment base, as illustrated in the pie chart above.

Looking forward to 2011...

The Assessment Department will be completing residential inspections in ranges 9,10,11 and 12 in 2011 to complete the re-inspection cycle. These residential inspections are usually carried out during the spring and summer months. The assessor will be updating the property information and may require information from property owners. In some cases a door hanger (call back card) will be left on the door of the residence or improvement in question. Please contact the assessor at the indicated phone number so as to avoid an assessment estimate based on an exterior inspection.

Properties will be assessed on a 3 year re-inspection cycle. You can expect an assessor to visit your property once every three years or if one of the following has occurred:

- Development permit has been taken out.
- New construction or on-going construction on your property. An assessor will check to see if completion has been achieved since the previous year.
- If you have purchased a property, an assessor may re-inspect the property and ask for verification of the transaction.
- If you have recently subdivided an assessor may require verification of improvements.

Assessment Tax Timeline

| July 1, 2010 | December 31, 2010 | May 31, 2011 | August 2, 2011 | October 15, 2011 |
|---|--|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Assessments for the 2011 tax year based on market value of property as of this date | Assessments reflect characteristics and physical condition of property as of this date | Assessment notices are mailed to all property owners for the 2011 tax year | Deadline to file formal complaint with the Assessment Review Board | Deadline to pay property taxes |
| | | Review Period (All complaints must be filed within this period) | | |

Assessment Complaint and Appeal System

To ensure that property owners have a voice in the property assessment system, the Municipal Government Act has set out a complaints and appeals system for property owners who have concerns about their assessment. The process was reviewed and changed in 2009 and now involves two assessment review boards, divided by complaint types. Complaints of residential properties with 3 or less dwelling units or farmland are to be heard before the Local Assessment Review Board (LARB) and assessment complaints on non-residential properties and residential properties with 4 or more dwelling units will be heard by the Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB).

The first step an assessed person should take if he or she believes his or her property assessment is unfair or inaccurate is to contact the assessor. The assessor can be reached by calling the County office at 780-384-4100. The assessor may request to inspect the property to determine if an error was made. If the assessor agrees that the original notice is not accurate, a corrected notice may be issued. If the assessor and the property owner cannot come to an agreement, the property owner may begin the formal complaint process by filing a complaint. Complaint forms for this process can be retrieved from the County office or on our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca.

The deadline for filing a complaint is noted on the tax notice. The fee schedule per property type is also noted on the tax notice. Please note that complaints about taxes and tax rates are not valid reasons for an appeal. Assessment review boards cannot change the tax rates or the services provided by the County. When filing a complaint, follow the instructions on your tax notice, and fill out a complaint form. You can either deliver the completed form in person, by fax or by mailing it to the Flagstaff County office, Chief Administrative Officer, at the following:

- **In Person:** 4902 50th Street - Sedgewick, AB
- **Mail:** Flagstaff County, Assessment Department, Box 358, Sedgewick, AB T0B 4C0
- **Fax:** (780) 384-3635



Flagstaff County has hired Amy Barnes as the new Assistant Assessor. Amy grew up in Flagstaff County and returned after completing the Appraisal and Assessment program through Lakeland College, Vermillion. We are very pleased to add Amy to our team.

*Note that if any changes occur to your property (i.e. building removal, renovations, taxable status, etc.) please notify Kelly Larson, Assessor or Amy Barnes, Assistant Assessor.

Kelly Larson

Assessor

780-384-4122-direct line

780-384-3635-fax

klarson@flagstaff.ab.ca

Amy Barnes

Assistant Assessor

780-384-4132-direct line

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abarnes@flagstaff.ab.ca

Agricultural Service Board

The Agricultural Service Board focuses on core issues of weed control, soil conservation, water quality and quantity, and pest management.

Working with provincial and private agricultural and environmental organizations helps deliver programs beneficial to our residents.

Flagstaff County Agricultural Service Board includes all
County Councillors and the following appointed members:

Derek Price

Tom Zwack

Rodney Strauss

Steve Saruga

Agricultural Service Board Staff Members:

Laurie Hillaby, Agricultural Fieldman

Lindsey Catherwood, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman

Monica Northey, Administrative Assistant

Shelterbelt Establishment Program

The Agricultural Service Board continues to offer a Shelterbelt Establishment Program to all rural landowners. This program is offered to help promote, establish, and maintain healthy shelterbelts.

Applications are available at the County Office and should be submitted by March 15th of every year to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Flagstaff County notifies successful applicants of their designated tree pickup date.

A landowner who plants a field shelterbelt at least 1/3 of a mile long with trees from this program will have the opportunity to have the planting and initial watering done at no cost.



20,000 trees were planted in Flagstaff County in 2010 using this program.

Roadside Brush and Weed Spraying



Roadside brush and weed spraying occur on a 3 year rotation (1/3 of county roadsides are sprayed every year). Roadsides are sprayed up to 500 feet before a farm site and continue 500 feet past the farm site.

NO SPRAY AGREEMENTS

For residents who do not want herbicide application to the roadsides adjacent to their property.

- Must be signed prior to June 1st of every year
- "No Spray Zone" signs posted
- Resident assumes responsibility of weed and brush maintenance along roadsides in accordance with municipal standards.

Applications are available at www.flagstaff.ab.ca

Weed Concerns within Flagstaff County

White Cockle

Flagstaff County is providing 2 hours free labour in spraying white cockle on private land. This is ideal for fence lines along ditches which are prime targets for infestations **A female white cockle plant is capable of producing 24,000 seeds!**

Characteristics

- Short lived perennial
- Separate male and female plants
- White flowers open in full sun and close in evening
- Hairy stems, 30-120 cm tall

How it grows

- Emerges early in the spring
- First forms a taproot followed with spreading lateral roots
- New plants can start from root pieces

Habitat

- Forage crops
- Roadsides
- Waste areas
- Sunny fertile areas

Control

- Grazing and cultivation are NOT recommended
- Frequent mowing will reduce seed production
- Early spring application of dicamba offers some management
- Request a weed seed analysis certificate for forage seed
- Consult your Agricultural Fieldman for more information



Roadside Haying Along Flagstaff County Right of Ways

Flagstaff County mows all roadsides twice a year. Landowners wanting to hay municipal right of ways must complete an application for a Roadside Haying Permit from Flagstaff County prior to May 15th every year. Permitted landowners must then have their haying completed by July 15th of each year. Application forms are available at Flagstaff County or online at www.flagstaff.ab.ca.

Clubroot Disease of Canola

Clubroot is a concern for Flagstaff County residents. It is a serious soil-borne disease of canola and is declared a pest under Alberta's Agricultural Pests Act. In 2010, no positive samples were identified in our County, keeping our total to 3 confirmed clubroot cases in the municipality. For Flagstaff County's Clubroot Policy and a list of best management practices please visit www.flagstaff.ab.ca or call (780) 384-4100.

Tank Loading Facilities

Flagstaff County ASB has established six tank loading facilities for **agricultural purposes only**. The water at these facilities is not treated and is therefore non-potable.

The facilities operational year round are located at:

- NE 11-44-11 W4 (Lougheed)
- SE 27-41-16 W4 (Forestburg)
- SW 10-45-16 W4 (Daysland)
- SE 02-43-13-W4 (Killam)

The seasonal facilities, open from April 15 – September 30, are located at:

- NE 08-41-12 W4 (Alliance)
- SW 27-41-10 W4 (Hardisty)

The seasonal wells contain levels of Arsenic over the guidelines for livestock watering, however the water is suitable for crop spraying and irrigation purposes.



Tank loaders operate on a coin system where \$1.00 yields 150 gallons of water

Pesticide Container Collection Sites

The locations of the pesticide collection bins will be at the following manned waste transfer sites in the County from April 1st to September 30th every year. Contact Flagstaff Waste Management for operational hours at 780-384-3950.

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Alliance Waste Transfer Site | SE 16-40-13-W4M |
| Daysland Waste Transfer Site | SE 16-45-16-W4M |
| Forestburg Waste Transfer Site | NE 34-41-15-W4M |
| Lougheed Waste Transfer Site | SE 33-43-11-W4M |
| Flagstaff Waste Management (Sedgewick) | SW 11-45-12-W4M |
| Science Hill Waste Transfer Site | NW 31-40-10 W4M |
| Strome Waste Transfer Site | SW 19-44-14-W4M |

Century Farm and Ranch Awards

The Alberta Century Farm and Ranch Award recognize those families that have continuously owned and operated the same land for 100 or more years. The criteria set to be eligible for this provincial recognition include:

- Land must be continuously and actively farmed by your family for 100 years or more.
- Provide evidence clearly demonstrating the kinship ties between you and the founder of the farm.
- Provide the legal land location.
- Provide the date of homestead establishment.

- Provide the current ownership land title.
- The current size of the original homestead or land base must be 160 acres of land.

Flagstaff County recognizes all recipients of this provincial award. To date there has been 39 families that have received the Century Farm and Ranch Award within our municipality.

Extension Events



Various extension events and activities were held in partnership with the Iron Creek Watershed Improvement Society, Cows and Fish, Battle River Research Group (BRRG), and the municipalities of Beaver, Lamont, Paintearth, Wainwright, Smoky Lake and St. Paul. A Working Well Workshop was hosted in January where experts presented on the development, maintenance, and troubleshooting of domestic wells. A Livestock Handling workshop occurred in February showcasing the Verified Beef Production Program as well as tips for handling livestock in various situations. Pesticide applicator credits were available for attendees of the 2010 Crop Pest & Disease workshop in March. The annual “Grazing School for Women” held at Hastings Lake, brought together women in agriculture who learned about a range of topics from on-farm insects to stocking rates. The Classroom Agriculture Program for grade 4 classes continued for another year this summer with a presentation occurring

in Forestburg testing their knowledge of agriculture trivia. Rural landowners were able to have their groundwater tested for arsenic from our 2010 Watch Your Water Program, where two locations in the Hardisty area were determined to have high levels of arsenic in their drinking water. Producers learned about year round grazing from Steve Kenyon, Greener Pastures Ranching Ltd in September. The fall brought about the need for an “Analyze This” workshop where soil and feed testing procedures were outlined along with interpretation of the results.

The Environmental Farm Plan program was continued for 2010 but without any compensation for completed plans. The EFP is now mandatory for those wishing to gain access to the Stewardship grant under the Growing Forward program from Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development. Anyone who is interested in applying for Growing Forward funding or completing an EFP please contact Lindsey Catherwood Assistant Agriculture Fieldman at (780) 384-4129.

**Keep informed with our upcoming events and activities!
Sign up for weekly email updates at www.flagstaff.ab.ca**

Iron Creek Watershed Improvement Society



The Iron Creek Watershed Improvement Society (ICWIS) was organized in 2001. Over the years it has partnered with many organizations to create awareness of the Iron Creek watershed through various initiatives.

In 2010, the annual supper and information evening was held on March 3, 2010 in Killam with record attendance. A “Spirit of the Watershed” day occurred in partnership with the Battle River Watershed Alliance to bring out local artists to paint various scenes from the Iron Creek to help bring awareness of the watershed. ICWIS also partnered with Flagstaff County to plug abandoned water wells around the County in order to reduce sources of contamination for groundwater. Currently 7 wells have been abandoned with the program continuing into 2011.

The ICWIS has a portable solar powered livestock watering system that can be used free of charge for a two week period. To book the system, contact Terry Leslie at (780) 384-2114.

For more information on the ICWIS, please contact Don Ruzicka at (780) 385-2474.

Parks

Flagstaff County maintains two parks within the County which allow overnight camping; Diplomat Trout Pond and Fish Lake Campsite.

Diplomat Trout Pond

Located along Secondary Highway 855, 8 km South of Highway 53

*No designated sites

Fish Lake Park

Located 2 km West of Hardisty.

*Power sites are available.

*Site availability is on a first come first serve basis



Available services and equipment:

For a list of costs contact the County Office

Equipment Rentals

Shelterbelt Disc w/Gandy Applicator
Tree Planter
Solar Watering System for livestock
Skid Mounted Handgun Sprayer
Eco-Bran Applicator
Skunk Trap
Magpie Trap

Pest Control Products for Sale

Mouse Bait – Rolled Oats treated with Warfarin
Gopher Traps
Gopher Poison – 2% Liquid Strychnine (March-July)
Mole Traps
Coyote Control

Custom Spraying

Flagstaff County ASB offers custom spraying service on private land for the control of small patches of persistent perennial weeds such as toadflax, scentless chamomile, common tansy, white cockle and leafy spurge. Consult your Agricultural Fieldman for more details.

Feed/Water/Soil Testing

Flagstaff County ASB will submit samples of feed, soil and water for analysis on behalf of the agricultural producers at a cost recoverable charge. Consult your Assistant Agricultural Fieldman for more details.

Beaver Dam Removal

The blasting of unwanted beaver dams on private land is offered for an annual fee

Looking Forward into 2011:

- 2011 Watch Your Water Program – Test your water well for arsenic.
- 2011 Grazing School for Women June 14-15 in Wainwright, AB
- White Cockle – Receive 2 free hours of labour to control this noxious weed
- Roadside brush and weed spraying to occur in the East portion of the County – Be sure to have your Roadside Haying Permits and “No Spray” Agreements signed as soon as possible!

Public Works

Construction

In 2010, Flagstaff County contracted DBC Construction to construct 12 miles of local roadway throughout the County at a total program cost of \$1,920,583. These projects were located at the following locations:

- Project C-B-2010 Rge Rd 154 from Twp Rd 410 to 414 (4 miles)
- Project C-C-2010 Rge Rd 115 from Twp Rd 444 to 450 (2 miles)
- Project C-D-2010 Twp Rd 454 from Rge Rd 115 to 113 (2 miles)
- Project C-E-2010 Twp Rd 454 from Rge Rd 124 to 122 (2 miles)
- Project C-F-2010 Twp Rd 450 from Rge Rd 141 to 140 (1 mile)
- Project C-G-2010 Rge Rd 122 from Twp Rd 410 to 411 (1 mile)

Looking forward to 2011... Approved Road Construction

- Project C-B-2011 Rge Rd 100, North of Twp Rd 414 for 1.5 miles
- Project C-C-2011 Rge Rd 141, North of Twp Rd 410 for 2.0 miles
- Project C-D-2011 Twp Rd 442, East of Rge Rd 152 for 1.0 mile
- Flagstaff County has developed a Road Construction Plan up to 2025

Flagstaff County allocates a budget of \$2,000,000 per year for the Road Construction program. This includes contracted services, engineering, culverts, gravel, soil sampling, power line relocates, crop damage, fencing, erosion control and rock picking.

The average cost per mile for road construction over the past year 5 years is \$234,000/mile

Flagstaff County Maintained Roads

Gravel Roads 1433 miles

Oiled Roads 45 miles

Bladed Dirt Roads 289 miles

Paved Roads 4.5 miles

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



Oiling

A total of 1.75 miles of road were re-oiled during the 2010 season at a cost of \$269,000. These roads were:

- Hardisty North SH 881 to Rge Rd 100 1.0 mile
- Strome East Rge Rd 151, North of Hwy 13 0.40 mile
- Hardisty Rge Rd 100, North of Hwy 13 0.35 mile

A 5 year average cost to re-oil and sub-grade prep one (1) mile of road is \$137,000/mile.

Looking Forward to 2011, Approved Oiling Program...

Oiling Rehabilitation Projects

There are two oil rehabilitation projects scheduled for 2011:

- Hardisty West- Town of Hardisty to Rge Rd 101 for 0.8125 mile
- Shop Road East- Twp Rd 442 East of SH 869 for 0.4375

Re-Oiling & Sub-grade Prep Project

- Shop Road West- Rge Rd 124 to Rge Rd 130 2.1 miles

Flagstaff County currently maintains 45 miles of oiled roads throughout the County.

Dust Suppressant

In 2010, Calcium Chloride was applied to approximately 50 miles of roads, 44 residences and 29 intersections. For a fee Flagstaff County provides Calcium Chloride to be applied as a dust suppressant for citizens. Applications must be received by May 1st (spring application) and the end of July (fall application). An application form for a residential Dust Suppressant is available on our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca.

Gravel Production

A total of 528,160 tonnes of gravel was crushed

- Three (3) Gravel Production projects were completed:
 - Skori Pit – NE 08-46-11 W4
 - Lafarge Gravel Supply (Daysland Stockpile) – SE 13-45-17 W4
 - Golka Pit – NW 01-42-10 W4



Gravel

During the 2010 season approximately 167,000 tonnes of gravel was used for the gravel program (re-gravel, spot patching, washouts, oiling, construction and sales).



Flagstaff County re-gravels approximately 272 miles of road each year. Typically roads are re-graveled on a 5 year cycle; however other factors such as daily traffic, types of vehicles, road designation and weather influence cycle times.

**Flagstaff County's gravel program requires
150,000-200,000 tonnes of gravel annually.**

ROAD BANS ON OIL ROADS

50% - Spring

75% Summer

90% Winter

Gravel Roads are only banned when deemed necessary

Gravel Sales

- Gravel is available for sale to a maximum of 260 tonnes/year for ratepayers, 130 tonnes/year for commercial users and 500 tonnes/year for municipalities within the County.
- Anyone wishing to purchase gravel must contact the Public Works Department to make arrangements or to obtain 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.

Looking forward to 2011 Gravel Program...

Starting in 2011, the loading and hauling of aggregate material for the gravel program will be performed in-house, utilizing 4 gravel trucks.

Road Maintenance

1,691 miles of bladed roads are divided into:

- 10 Maintenance Areas (approx. 162 miles/MA)

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 one – two times per month, weather and maintenance factors permitting

Winter Maintenance

- There are 10 maintenance areas each consisting of approximately 155 miles
- Two plow trucks are designated to plow and apply sand/salt to oil surface roads
- During normal winter conditions, Maintenance Areas should be cleared of snow within 3 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 to 12 hours per day



Looking forward to 2011 Road Maintenance ...

Snowplowing of residential laneways will once again be available in 2011. Please watch for further details on our website.



REMINDERS:

- Landowners are 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
- Fences must be installed on private land not on the County right-of-way

Please feel free to contact Flagstaff County Public Works Department regarding any of the following concerns:

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

Looking forward to 2011...

Rural Addressing Signs

Flagstaff County has contracted Alberta Traffic Supply for the Supply and Installation of approximately 1,500 Rural Addressing signs throughout the County.



All signs will be installed on public property. Installation will be at the primary access of each parcel of land in the County that has an inhabited structure on it. These signs will be placed no less than 1 metre off the property line and no less than 3 metres off the approach shoulder.

The cost associated with the supply and installation of rural addressing signage prior to May 31, 2011 will be the responsibility of Flagstaff County. After May 31, 2011 the property owner will be responsible for these costs. The costs and responsibility for the maintenance of the sign shall be that of the property owner or occupant. The property owner or occupant must ensure the area around the sign is maintained and kept free of obstructions and legible from the road.

For further information regarding Rural Addressing System please refer to our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca

The Public Works Department would like to take this opportunity to thank the many landowners, renters, utility companies, contractors and any others who helped our staff perform their duties this past year!
Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated!

Regional Emergency Services

FIRE PROTECTION

There are 10 urban fire departments within Flagstaff County that provide fire services to the rural areas through a fire agreement in place with the County. The departments provide service to a specified area. The fire departments provide different levels of service that may 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 assists the ten fire departments with fire prevention activities, fire department training, equipment procurement and coordination. Fire suppression and fire investigation is also part of his responsibilities.

If you are interested in becoming a valuable part of a fire fighting team and receive extensive training, contact the Regional Emergency Services Coordinator at the County office 780-384-4100.

Fire departments responded to the following in 2010:

| | Wildland Fires | Structure Fires | Vehicle Fires | Vehicle Collisions | Medical Assists | Alarms Ringing | False Alarms | Other | Total 2010 |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------|---------------|
| Alliance | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Daysland | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 15 |
| Forestburg | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 14 |
| Galahad | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Hardisty | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 17 |
| Heisler | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Killam | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| Lougheed | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Sedgewick | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 18 |
| Strome | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Total Calls | 13 | 16 | 3 | 22 | 19 | 4 | 8 | 15 | 100 |

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The safety of all residents within Flagstaff County is ensured through a Municipal Emergency Plan (MEP) should a disaster occur within the County. Emergency responders, elected officials and municipal employees receive training to help them understand their roles should the MEP ever have to be activated. The MEP is updated regularly with our partnering municipalities to assist in a coordinated approach with municipal resources if something were to happen.



Alliance Fire Department



Daysland Fire Department



Forestburg Fire Department



Galahad Fire Department



Heisler Fire Department



Hardisty Fire Department



Killam Fire Department



Lougheed Fire Department



Sedgewick Fire Department



Strome Fire Department

RESCUE SERVICE

The Rescue Truck located in the Killam Fire Hall is operated by the volunteers of the Killam fire department.

A new hydraulic rescue tool (JAWS of life) was purchased in 2010 to compliment the other valuable rescue equipment such as a cascade air system 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 19 calls in 2010.



Protective Services

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 Offence Procedure Act
- The Gaming and Liquor Act
- The Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act
- The Dangerous Dogs Act
- The Animal Protection 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 companies operating in Flagstaff County are working within legal allowances, therefore protecting the infrastructure from damage and improving safety on our roadways.



Flagstaff County Peace Officers are contracted to provide enforcement services to several urban municipalities within the County.

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







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