



2012

FLAGSTAFF COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT







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MESSAGE FROM REEVE GERALD KUEFLER

As stated in Flagstaff County Council's Vision statement, we are committed to a safe, caring and vibrant rural "Community of communities".

In order to become a vibrant Community, citizens need to become engaged so we can all work together towards this vision.

I recently read an article which outlined the *Characteristics of a Vibrant Community* as follows:

HEALTHY	UNHEALTHY
Optimism, hope and 'we are in this together'	Cynicism
"We can do it"	"Nothing works"
Value intangibles like vision and values	Emphasis only on tangibles
Consensus building	Polarization
Collaboration	Confrontation
Focus on the future	Debate the past
Interdependence	Parochialism
Broad community participation	Few do everything
Leadership renewal	Same old faces
Think and act in long term	Short term thinking
Listening	Attacking
Reconciliation	Hold grudges
Win-win solutions	Win-lose solutions
Politics of substance	Politics of personality
Diversity and involvement	Exclusion
Challenge ideas	Challenge people
Problem solvers	Blockers and blamers
View challenges as opportunities	See themselves as victims

Is the Flagstaff "Community of communities" healthy or unhealthy? County Council feels we have a way to go and we cannot get there without the help and willingness of our citizens to change these characteristics required to forge ahead into the future.

Flagstaff County Council will continue to develop programs and services that build on our vision. There will be changes along the way as we strive to position ourselves towards a vibrant "Community of communities".

Share the vision with your neighbors, and let us work together for the goal of a successful and vibrant community that can compete economically and socially with any community in Canada.

COUNTY VISION

A safe, caring, and vibrant rural “Community of communities” committed to working with our neighbors 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



RICK MANNING

DIVISION 1

I am currently serving my first term on Council. My term as Councillor for Division 1 has thus far been an enjoyable and very enlightening experience. Thank you to individuals who have offered suggestions, advice, or words of caution. I am looking forward to representing our rate payers for the remainder of my term.



GERALD KUEFLER

DIVISION 2

I am currently serving my third term on Council. One area of our vision that is not understood is Social Responsibility. I see this as being very essential in building a vibrant and sustainable community. Services such as Family and Community Services, Doctor Retention and Senior Housing help build the capacity for the community to grow. These services, though not discussed as much as roads and infrastructure, are very essential to a vibrant community.



HENRY HAYS

DIVISION 3

My goal, through cooperation with and between all people, is to work towards bringing our vision to reality. With Council working in a united direction for the betterment of all, it will bring the strategic objectives of our pillars into a positive result for the County, its rate payers, and our Community of communities.



MIKE KUEBER

DIVISION 4

I am currently serving my first term on Council. I am a member of the 'Youth Engagement and Entrepreneurism' task team of BRAED and feel we have to do more to retain the youth in our communities.



CHARLOTTE CURTIS

DIVISION 5

Currently serving my fifth term of office, I have witnessed much change in the “landscape of governing” but none so comprehensive and dramatic as in the last few years as a result of recognizing the need to provide services collectively and regionally for efficiencies and competitiveness. Maintaining a viable Flagstaff Community with vibrant communities is this Council and the ten community Councils’ greatest challenge today. I believe our success is critically dependant on relationship building with all the citizens, which builds trust and then community spirit and will, to collectively deliver responsible and affordable services that yield a desirable and pleasing quality of life and quality of place for all. To quote Aesop; together we stand, divided we fall.



RICK BERGSETH

DIVISION 6

I am currently serving my third term on Council. I represent Division 6, yet realize that all our citizens, both rural and urban are affected by Council’s decisions. Our community is dealing with shifts in demographics as well as a declining population. Whether farming or running a business, change is now the norm. Recognizing and addressing regional levels of service is the most difficult and challenging issue that we face as a Council. The new Recreation Funding Strategy, as well as the Fire Agreement currently being developed will try to address these issues and more efficiently deliver funds to reflect the needs.



WADE LINDSETH

DIVISION 7

I am currently serving my first 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.



FLAGSTAFF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Flagstaff County Council Meetings are normally conducted at the Flagstaff County administration office on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month commencing at 9:00 a.m. Adopted Council meeting minutes and agenda packages are available on our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca or at the office.

All citizens are welcome to attend 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 their correspondence, including name and address, disclosed at meetings.



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



2012 NEW INITIATIVES

The following initiatives are from the 2012 New Initiatives of our Business Plan. The project budgets are established in the annual budget and business plans. These projects were implemented in 2012 and are at various stages of completion.



REGIONAL WATER OPERATORS CONSORTIUM PROJECT

This project involves upgrading existing water treatment plant infrastructure and installing remote monitoring technology. This will assist our communities in recruiting and retaining certified personnel to operate their water treatment and distribution systems.



GIS ENTERPRISE SOLUTION (GPS)

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.



MUNICIPAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM – YEAR 2

This program, in partnership with the Provincial government, is designed to provide support to municipalities in recruiting, training and retaining competent employees who can progress into leadership positions. This program helps municipalities with succession planning in that it cross trains an employee making them capable of assisting any department. Flagstaff County was successful in retaining the municipal intern full time in another position.



TEEN LEISURE CLUB – PHASE 2

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 is also a 2013 and 2014 New Initiative.

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Non-Profit Organizations

SUPPORT TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

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 receiving funding are:

- 1) Battle River Training Hub
- 2) Parents for Fun in Flagstaff
- 3) Flagstaff Community Adult Learning

Note: This is also a 2014 New Initiative.

2014 NEW INITIATIVES

The following initiatives are from the 2014 New Initiatives of our Business Plan. The project budgets are established in the annual budget and business plans. These projects will be implemented in 2014.



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

In 2012, Flagstaff County approved a Social Sustainability Framework which is a decision tool for Flagstaff County, to ensure that the County makes decisions that promote sustainability over the long term. Three goals identified in the framework will be implemented through this project.

- 1) Governance/Working Together: Facilitate a “Council of Councils” event with Councils of the Towns, Villages and Flagstaff County to discuss issues and opportunities in an informal setting, and brainstorm collaborative approaches to address the issues identified.
- 2) Supports to Families: Work with local childcare operators and organizations to develop a childcare network to provide mutual support and shared training opportunities.
- 3) Seniors: Work with Services to Seniors out of Camrose to assist seniors in Flagstaff to access services. Encourage service agencies to utilize the Wheels to Meals model to bring isolated seniors to social events, such as meals, theatre, seniors programs, etc.



WELCOME TO FLAGSTAFF COUNTY.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

WEBSITE

Flagstaff County believes it is important to maintain open communication with its residents to ensure delivery of timely and accurate information. The County website is one of the most effective ways of communicating what we are currently doing, reporting on what we have completed and providing other relevant information that pertains to the municipality. We encourage you to visit our website and take a look around (www.flagstaff.ab.ca).

SOCIAL MEDIA

Communication and community engagement has changed significantly over the past ten years due to the introduction of social media. Social media has become a powerful tool in delivering information in a quick and timely fashion. Flagstaff County recognizes the importance of keeping the public informed and has established active Twitter and Facebook accounts. We realize the significance social media has in making citizen engagement possible, as well as allowing for feedback on how we are doing. 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.

facebook

twitter 

STAFF DIRECTORY

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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

Assistant Assessor	Amy Jackson	(780) 384-4132
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Agricultural Service Board

Agricultural Fieldman	Andre Bonneau	(780) 384-4138
Assistant Agricultural Fieldman	Lindsey Catherwood	(780) 384-4129
ASB Administrative Assistant	Sarah Zimmer	(780) 384-4118

Development and Planning

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

Economic Development Coordinator	Garry Stevenson	(780) 384-4121
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Protective Services

Peace Officer	Skyler Zelinski	(780) 384-4100
Peace Officer	Jim Wells	(780) 384-4100

Public Works

Public Works Superintendent	Darrell Szott	(780) 384-4107
Public Works Asst. Superintendent	Kraig Radtke	(780) 384-4139
Field Coordinators:		
Oiling	Gary Longhe	(780) 384-4126
Gravel	John Guhle	(780) 384-4122
Road Maintenance	Randy Brodie	(780) 384-4125
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

Regional Emergency Services Coordinator	Kim Cannady	(780) 384-4127
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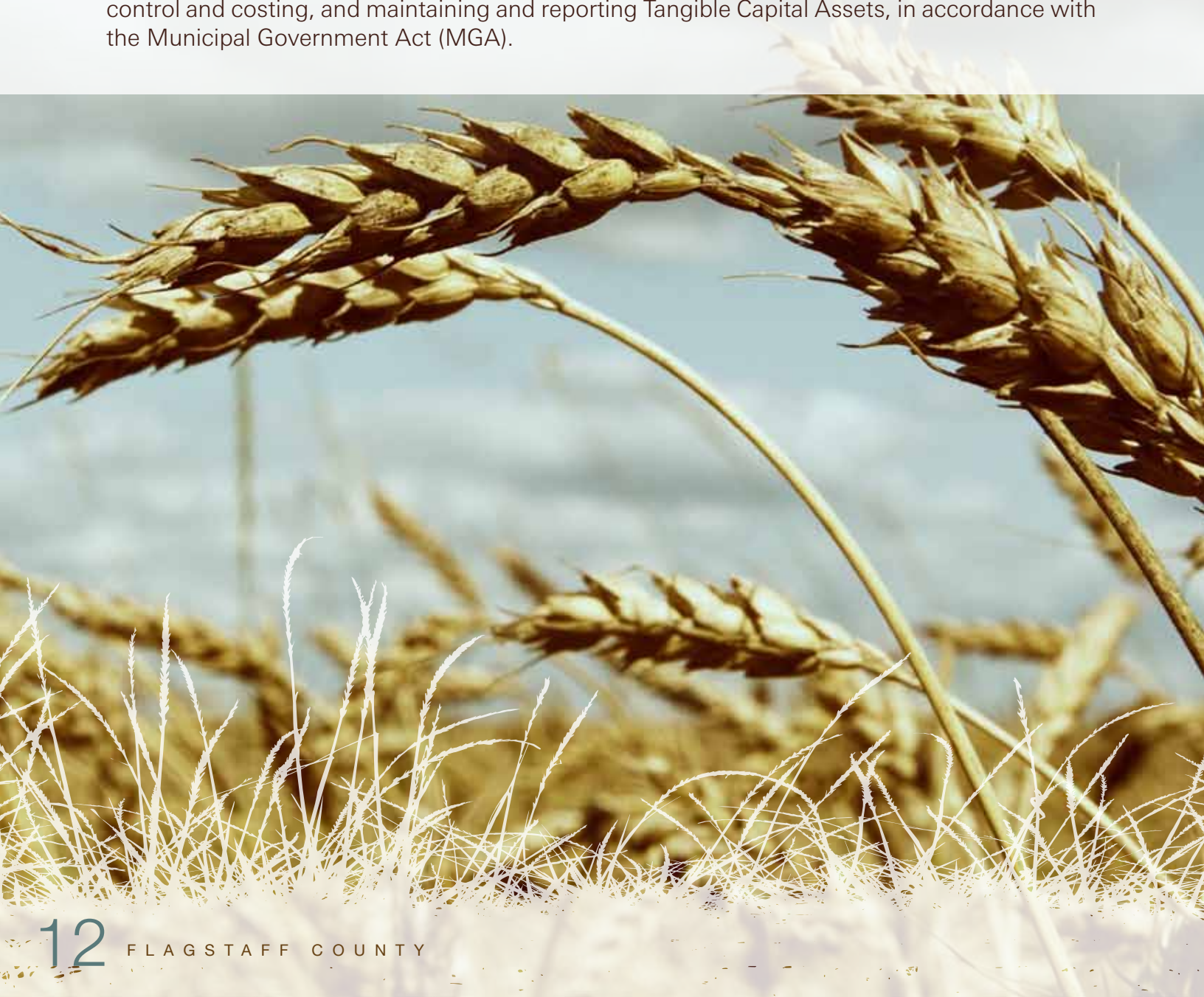
Recreation

Community Recreation Liaison Coordinator	Jim Fedyk	(780) 384-4134
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FINANCE

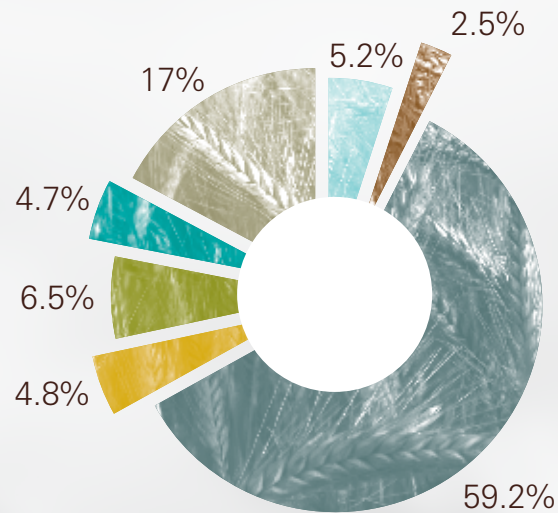
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The Finance department prepares annual operating and capital budgets to reflect current programs and services, review monthly revenue and expenditure reports including budget variances to ensure the organization is accountable for efficient and effective 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 2012

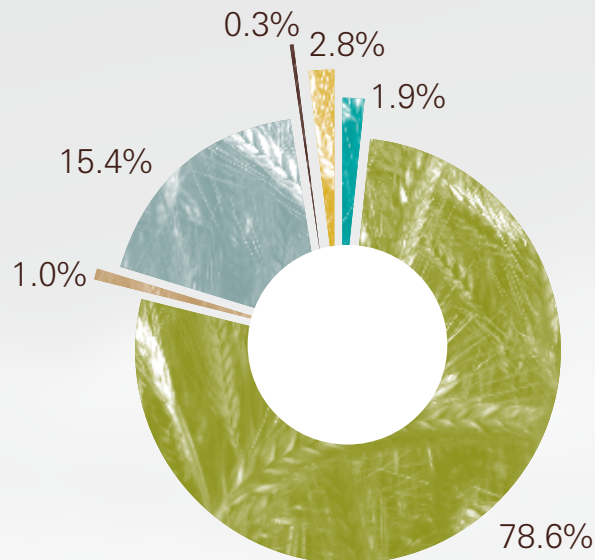


● General Government \$2,827,842 (17%)
● Protective Services \$868,040 (5.2%)
● Waste Management \$419,157 (2.5%)
● Public Works \$9,864,999 (59.2%)

● Public Health & Welfare \$807,753 (4.8%)
● Agriculture/Development/Planning \$1,088,284 (6.5%)
● Recreation / Culture \$780,753 (4.7%)

Total Expenditures - \$16,656,828

OPERATING REVENUES 2012



● Taxes - Municipal Purposes \$17,535,670 (78.6%)	● Emergency Services requisition \$75,831 (0.3%)
● Revenue own sources \$413,088 (1.9%)	● Government Grants \$3,447,286 (15.4%)
● Sales and user charges \$626,497 (2.8%)	● Investment Income \$225,009 (1.0%)

Total Revenues - \$22,323,381

EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES \$5,907,453

Unrestricted Surplus	\$1,989,973
Reserves	\$2,805,403
Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	\$1,112,077

Flagstaff County has copies of the 2012 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 2012 Financial Statement.

SALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

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

2012					2011	
	# of Persons	Salary	Benefits and Allowances	Total	# of Persons	Total
Councillor Division 1	1	\$35,000	\$4,110	\$39,110	1	\$32,418
Councillor Division 2	1	\$35,583	\$4,779	\$40,362	1	\$33,358
Councillor Division 3	1	\$37,917	\$4,699	\$42,616	1	\$38,935
Councillor Division 4	1	\$35,000	\$4,699	\$39,699	1	\$33,358
Councillor Division 5	1	\$35,000	\$4,699	\$39,699	1	\$33,358
Councillor Division 6	1	\$35,000	\$4,699	\$39,699	1	\$33,358
Councillor Division 7	1	\$35,000	\$4,699	\$39,699	1	\$33,358

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 focuses on weed control, soil conservation, water quality and quantity, and pest management. The Agricultural Service Board partners with provincial and private agricultural and environmental organizations to deliver programs beneficial to our residents.

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

- Howard Shield
- David Hihn
- Derek Price
- Steve Saruga

Both Rodney Strauss and Tom Zwack completed their second term as ASB board members at large in 2012. Flagstaff County would like to thank them for their time and commitment to the Agricultural Service Board and the citizens of Flagstaff County.





SHELTERBELT ESTABLISHMENT PROGRAM

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

2013 is the final year of the Prairie Shelterbelt Program provided through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Flagstaff County is considering an alternative solution to the shelterbelt program for 2014.



ROADSIDE BRUSH AND WEED SPRAYING

To address increasing weed concerns, Flagstaff County will be applying herbicides on a two year rotation beginning in 2013. Half of all county right of ways will be sprayed each year. Please be aware that spray crews will be leaving a 500-foot buffer before and after all farmyards to alleviate any chance of non target application.

No-Spray Agreements

These agreements are available for landowners and residents who do not want herbicide application on the roadsides adjacent to their property.

- The Agreements must be signed prior to June 1st.
- The Agreements are in effect for five years.
- "No Spray Zone" signs will be provided by the county and must be posted.
- Residents and landowners who execute this agreement must assume responsibility of weed and brush control along roadsides to municipal standards.



CUSTOM WEED CONTROL

Flagstaff County Agricultural Service Board offers custom spraying service on private land to control small patches of persistent perennial weeds (i.e. toadflax, common tansy, leafy spurge, etc). Flagstaff County is providing two hours labour at no cost as an incentive to assist landowners with the control of white cockle and scentless chamomile on private land. This is ideal for fence lines and headlands which are prime targets for infestations.





ROADSIDE MOWING AND ROADSIDE HAYING

Flagstaff County mows all municipal right of ways twice a year.

Landowners wanting to hay municipal right of ways must:

- Obtain a Roadside Haying Permit prior to May 15th.
- The agreements are in effect for 1 year.
- Approved landowners must have their haying completed by July 15th of each year.
- Bales must be removed from municipal right of ways within 7 days of baling.



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 Pest Act. In 2012, there were 5 positive samples identified within the County, for a total of 16 confirmed clubroot cases in the municipality since 2007.



Information is also available on the Flagstaff County website for the following:

- Common Weeds of the County
- Tank Loading Facilities
- Pesticide Container Collection Sites
- Park Information
- Available Services and Equipment
- Feed/Water/Soil Testing
- Beaver Dam removal
- Application forms
- Clubroot policy

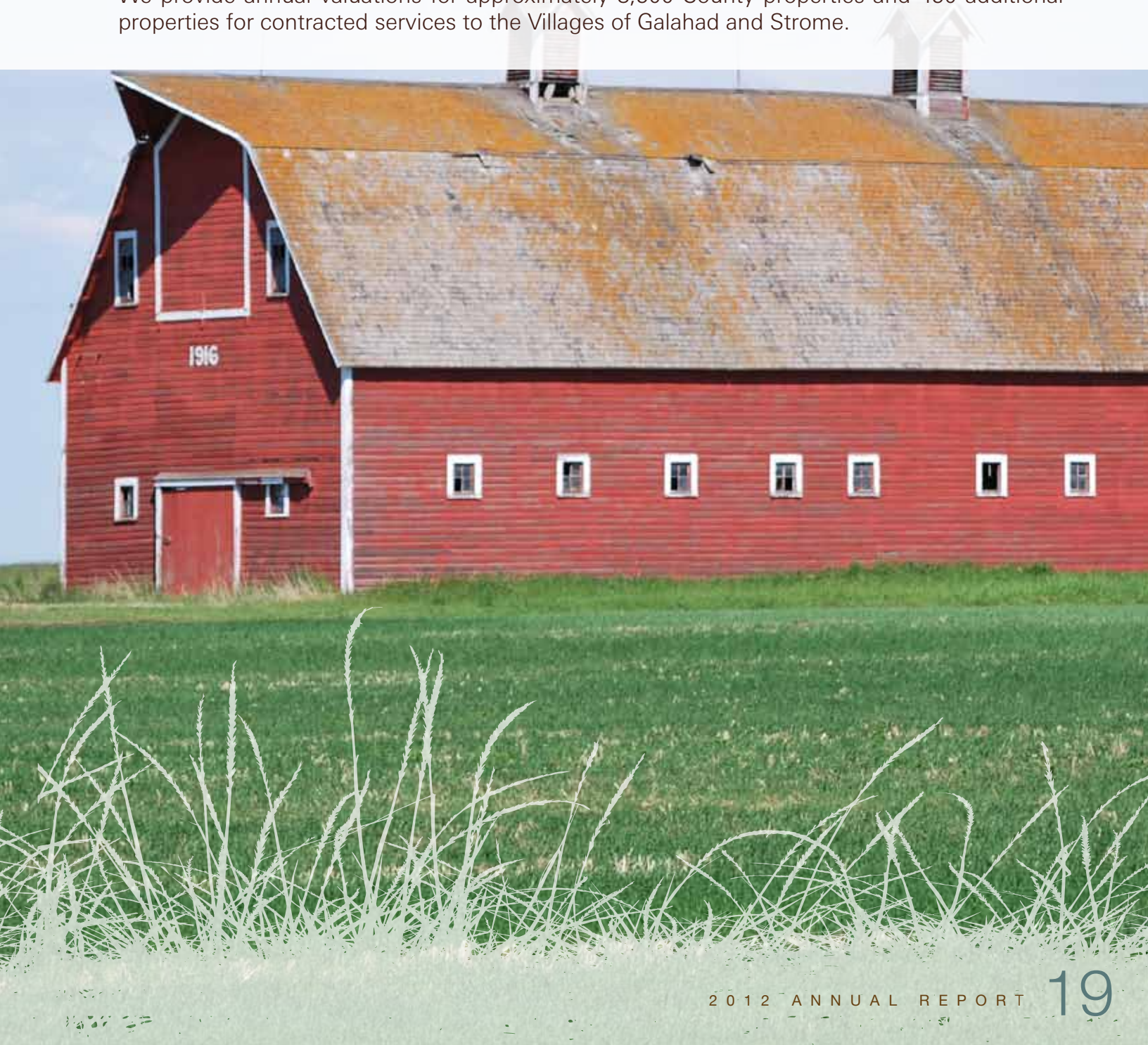
LOOKING FORWARD INTO 2013:

- 2013 Watch Your Water Program – Test your well water for arsenic.
- 2013 Grazing School for Women June 12 and 13 in Vermilion, AB.
- Agricultural Symposium – in partnership with the Lougheed Fair on August 10th at the Lougheed Arena

ASSESSMENT

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The Assessment department establishes and maintains property valuations (assessments) for all property within Flagstaff County for the purposes of collecting 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

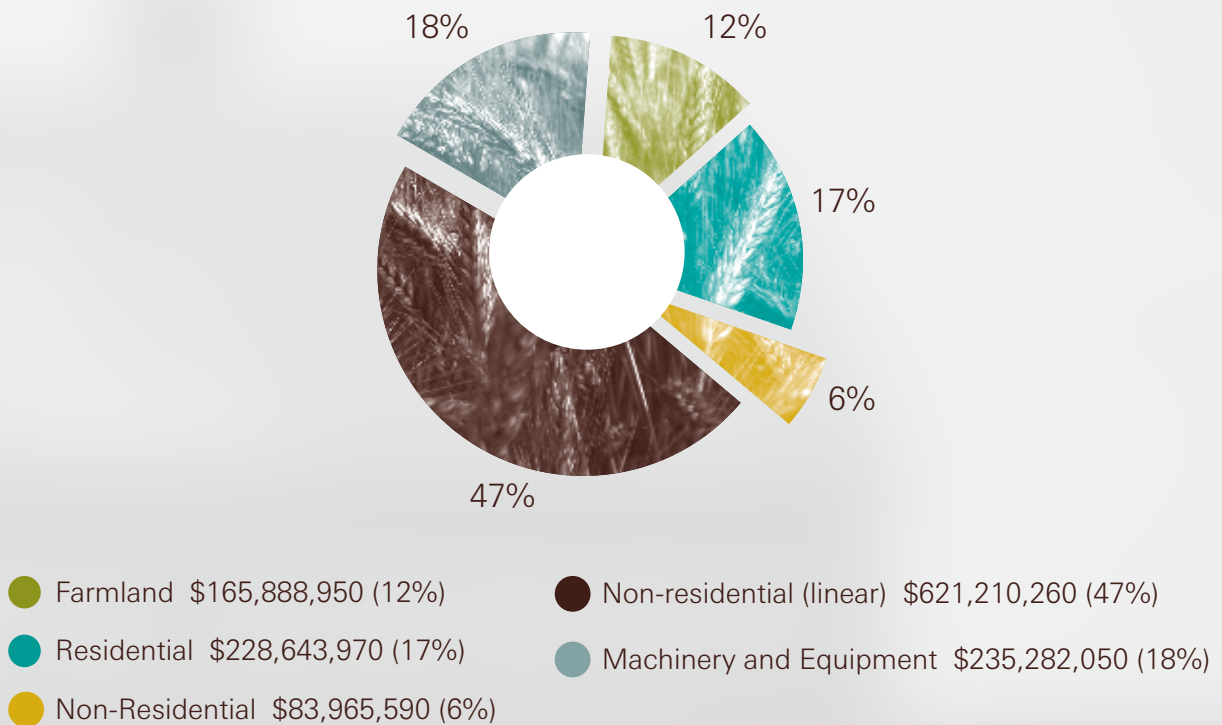
The market value based standard is used to determine the assessed values for the majority of properties in Alberta. Market value is the price a property might be expected to sell for if sold by a willing seller to a willing buyer after appropriate time and exposure in an open market.



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.

2011 ASSESSMENT YEAR | 2012 TAX YEAR TOTAL



Total Assessment: \$1,334,990,820

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 a 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.

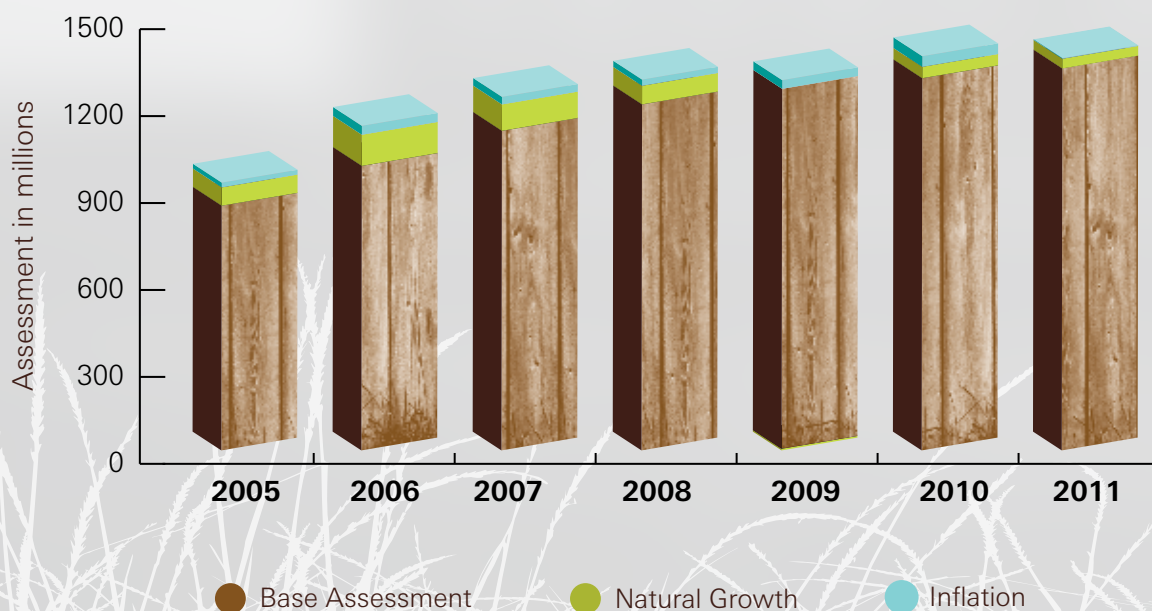
There are four types of regulated property:

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.

ASSESSMENT GROWTH



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2013...

ACCURATE ASSESSMENT GROUP

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 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 Amy Jackson (780) 384-4132 or Accurate Assessment Group at:

Accurate Assessment Group Ltd.

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Sherwood Park, Alberta
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www.aag-gis.com

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

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The purpose of municipal development and planning is to achieve a pattern of land use and development that benefits the entire region as a “Community of communities” to create an attractive municipality that will enhance the quality of life of our residents. This entails working collaboratively with the municipalities within the County to achieve this goal. This is realized through the goals and regulations set out in our Land Use Bylaw, Municipal Development Plan and Intermunicipal Development Plans and through cooperation, consultation and communication with the public.





Flagstaff County approved a new Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan this past year. This allows for more flexibility in subdivision size, furthers opportunities for agricultural development on small parcels, and supports affordable housing within the community by increasing the number of permanent residences allowed on larger parcels of land.

The number of developments and subdivisions that occurred in Flagstaff County in 2012 held steady with comparative numbers from 2011. However, the dollar value of development increased significantly from last year due to the major project undertaken by TransCanada Keystone Pipeline.

DEVELOPMENTS

Flagstaff 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.

A new fee schedule has been implemented that penalizes developments that have occurred without prior approval. The fee for a permitted use issued after construction is \$150 versus \$50 prior to development, and the fee for a discretionary use issued after construction is \$200 versus \$100 prior to development. If a development permit application is received after the building has been constructed and a variance is required, the fee will be 5% of the development cost.

A 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).

To encourage appropriate industrial development in environmentally suitable locations and to a high environmental standard.

DEVELOPMENTS IN 2012

	Commercial/ Industrial	Communication Towers	Residential	Non- Residential
Number of Permits Issued	7	6	19	12
Value of Permits Issued	\$202,650,000	\$1,178,000	\$4,038,000	\$855,400

Flagstaff County is available 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.

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 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 contracts the services of Municipal Planning Services to receive and prepare subdivision reports. The 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. Land Use Districts available are as follows:

Agricultural District:

- 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.
- 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 10 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 waterbody excepted from the title. The fragmentation cannot create a parcel less than 1 acre and the parcel must be suitable for a building site.

Agricultural Small Holdings District: A maximum of two parcels may normally be allowed per quarter section. This may include one parcel for extensive or intensive agricultural use being a minimum of 20 acres and a maximum of 40 acres.

Highway Commercial District: A minimum lot size as determined by the Development Authority – no maximum.

Multi-lot Country Residential District: A minimum parcel size of 1 acre – a maximum of 5 acres.

Industrial District: A minimum lot size as determined by the Development Authority – no maximum.

Rural Industrial District: A minimum parcel size of 5 acres – no maximum.

There were 17 subdivision applications approved in Flagstaff County in 2012.

Uses and regulations regarding the districts noted above can be found in the Land Use Bylaw. Flagstaff County's Land Use Bylaw, Municipal Development forms are available at the County Office or on our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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The Economic Development department focuses on joint regional Economic Development initiatives, marketing, promotions and tourism, business retention and investment that strengthen the Flagstaff Region through initiating and facilitating economic development strategies.





ACCA YOUTH PROGRAM

Flagstaff County sponsored six youth to attend the Alberta Community Co-operative Association Youth Leadership Program located at the Goldeye Center, near Nordegg, Alberta. This leadership program provides an opportunity for youth to develop their leadership skills and learn how to develop their community while creating lasting friendships.



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

The Business of the Month program continued in 2012. This program is a way for customers of the region's local businesses to show appreciation for the business and recognize them for the outstanding work they do in the Flagstaff Region. The Business of the Month recipient receives a certificate to display in their business, a one week write-up in the Community Press and a one month write-up on the Flagstaff County website. Business of the Month recipients were also included as a nominee for the Small Business of the Year award which was presented at the Flagstaff Region Small Business Awards.

2012 SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

The 2012 Annual Small Business Awards was held in the Town of Killam. The evening's presentation was "Getting the Tills Ringing" presented by Peter Kenyon who is recognized in Australia and around the world as a leading authority on business, town and regional development. He is a keynote speaker and facilitator at events and programs around the world, including key global events with the United Nations.



AGRI BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Wild Rose Co-op Ag Department

The Sedgewick Co-operative Association Ltd was incorporated in 1948 and merged with the Camrose and Killam Co-op in 2007 to form the Wild Rose Co-operative Association. They offer a full line of fertilizer products, grain augers and grain bins, out of the plant location west of Sedgewick and bulk fuel and a card lock service at the Killam, Hardisty, Galahad and Alliance locations. At the Town of Sedgewick location, they carry a complete line of chemical, seed, lumber, hardware, cattle feed, animal health products as well as cattle handling products.



CUSTOMER SERVICE OF THE YEAR

Fee And Sons Funeral Service

Fee and Sons has provided services in the local area and Flagstaff County for 102 years. Fee and Sons staff are committed to ethically sound, compassionate service and are dedicated to the care and well-being of the families they serve. They serve the communities of Flagstaff County by caring for its citizens and their loved ones in their time of need. Fee and Sons is proud to contribute to many functions and organizations within the Flagstaff Region through time, monetary donations, and in kind.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF THE YEAR

Campbell-McLennan Chrysler

In 2008, Wes Campbell purchased the entire automotive franchise, operation and property of McLennan Chrysler from the McLennan family. A new sign went up and the dealership was changed to Campbell-McLennan Chrysler. On average Campbell-McLennan Chrysler donates approximately \$10,000 in monetary donations and silent auction items on a yearly basis. They also contribute in a variety of other ways. Wes is a huge advocate for community involvement, and believes anything you can do is important for bringing the community together and encourage people to raise money for a good cause.



NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Allan's Bistro

Allan's Bistro, located in the town of Hardisty, opened its doors the beginning of April 2012. It has always been a dream of Allan's to start a coffee shop, which soon became a reality. The mission at Allan's Bistro is to provide home cooked meals and excellent customer service. At the Bistro they have daily homemade soups, along with your own creation of a fresh sandwich or sub. All meats are cooked in house and are supplied locally which is very important to helping them support other local businesses. Allan's Bistro has always been willing to support organizations within the region and looks forward to adding to the list of fundraisers in the future.



EXTRAORDINARY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Judi Solonick

When Judi and her husband Doug first moved to Alliance, Judi was very interested in finding groups to volunteer her time with. She attended various meetings of the different groups and decided on ones that were of the most interest to her. The nearest and dearest group to Judi's heart is working with the Camrose chapter of the Schizophrenia Society. She attends regular meetings, sells tickets, participates in the annual "Walkathon" and supplies family support. In 2011, Judi was awarded the Camrose Branch Schizophrenia Volunteer of the Year Award.



SERVICE GROUP OF THE YEAR

Sedgewick Lions Club

The Sedgewick Lions Club was first formed in 1994 and was sponsored by the Lougheed Lions Club. Sedgewick was the first club in the area to welcome both men and women into the group. The group continues to actively contribute to the community in a number of ways. One of the proudest contributions from the group is they are one of the largest donators to the STARS Air Ambulance in Alberta. The Sedgewick Lions Group would not be able to do this without the support of their members and the communities.



SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

O'Brien Auto Body and Auto Rentals

O'Brien Autobody started in a small one-stall shop in the back yard of Marilyn and Jack O'Brien's property, southwest of Killam in 2002. At that time, Jack and Marilyn found a great need in the community for quality, experienced autobody repair. The goal of O'Brien Autobody is to make the entire customer experience easy and pain-free, with unsurpassed quality and timely repairs. O'Brien Autobody and O'Brien Auto Rentals is proud to serve our small Alberta Community with quality and convenient autobody repair, auto rentals and employment opportunities. They passionately support local business and encourage Albertans to live and grow in our small communities.



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT COMPANY PROGRAM

Flagstaff County was very pleased with the success of the Junior Achievement Company Program in the Flagstaff Region. The youth participating in the twenty week program managed their own company. They met Tuesday evenings at the Flagstaff County Administration Building. The company goes through three phases: Organization, Operations and Liquidation. During those phases the company decides what product to sell to the public, what type of marketing strategies to incorporate and other aspects related to the business. They are operating an actual company and they get to learn from experience the real life challenges that small businesses face. The Junior Achievement Program also provided a platform for the Outstanding Youth Award. Flagstaff County decided to provide a \$500 bursary to two participants of the Junior Achievement Program. The award was provided based upon outcomes of an interview process and an evaluation of the participant's performance within the Company.

The 2012 Outstanding Youth Awards were presented to:



Curtis Miller of Alliance



Bradley Link of Killam

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Skyler Zelinski, *Peace Officer* | szelinski@flagstaff.ab.ca • Jim Wells, *Peace Officer* | jwells@flagstaff.ab.ca

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 companies 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.

Peace Officers are also trained as first responders for collisions and emergencies that occur within the County. They are frontline responders when an incident occurs within the County, therefore each vehicle is equipped with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and First Aid equipment.

Flagstaff County Peace Officers are contracted to provide enforcement services to several 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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The Public Works department is responsible for the maintenance and construction of all municipal roadways and bridges throughout the County. The Public Works department's objective is to provide a high level of service to our residents by working as a team to achieve successful programs.



CONSTRUCTION

Flagstaff County allocated a budget of \$2,500,000 for the 2012 road construction program. This included contracted services, engineering, gravel, culverts, soil sampling, power line relocates, crop damage, fencing, erosion control, environmental requirements and rock picking. Construction projects are completed by contracted services that are tendered annually. Netook Construction Ltd was awarded the tendered project to construct 6.75 miles of local roadway at a total program cost of \$2,378,715. This project was completed at the following location:

- **Project C-A-2012** - Located West of Loughheed on Range Road 120, south of HWY #13 for 6.75 miles

RE-OILING AND SUB-GRADE STABILIZATION PROJECTS

This program was initiated to provide a road structure to adequately provide a stabilized base for an oil surface. This involves re-working the sub-grade to regain compaction, re-establish the crown, pull up the side slopes, redefine the width and add aggregate on the clay base to add grade strength to the grade structure and provide drainage between the oil surface and the clay base if water were to penetrate through the surface. Gravel is then mixed with oil and later sealed to provide a long term, dust free, smooth road surface that is expected to have an average life cycle of 5 or more years. The current oiled road inventory is approximately 45 miles.

In 2012, the following Re-Oiling and Sub-Grade Stabilization projects were completed:

- **Alliance North** – Range Road 132, from SH# 602 to Township Road 404 (East of Section 22 and 15-40-13 W4) for 2.0 miles
- **Sedgewick North** – Range Road 124, between Township Road 444 to 450 (East of Section 29 and 32-44-12 W4) for 2.0 miles



OIL REHABILITATION PROJECTS

This process is used when an oil surface road is dehydrated and deteriorated to the point where it now requires additional oil to rejuvenate the existing aggregate. Additional aggregate is added and mixed with the existing material, oiled and then packed. Once completed this surface is anticipated to have a life cycle of 5 or more years.

In 2012, the following Oil Rehabilitation projects were completed:

- **Shop Road West** – Township Road 442, West of SH# 869 to HWY #13 for 2.1 miles
- **Shop Road East** – Township Road 442, East of SH# 869 for 0.4375 mile
- **Hardisty West** – Town of Hardisty to Range Road 101 for 0.8125 mile

ROAD BANS ON OILED ROADS

50% - Spring/Summer

90% - Winter

Gravel Roads are only banned when deemed necessary

ROAD RECOVERY PROJECTS

This program includes drainage improvements, culvert replacement, reshaping back slopes and side slopes, re-compacting sub-grade and re-establishing the road surface crown. Upon completion of the work, gravel is applied. This program is dependent on the availability of resources from the Oiling program, as the same equipment and crews are utilized in both programs.

The following Road Recovery projects were completed in 2012:

- **Bateman Road** – Township Road 460, East of Range Road 142 to HWY# 36 for 2.5 miles
- **Coal Trail** – Township Road 410, East of Range Road 144 to SH# 861 for 2 miles
- **Golka Truck Route** – Township Road 420, East of SH# 872 to Range Road 103 for 2 miles



DUST SUPPRESSANT

In 2012, calcium chloride was applied to approximately 52 miles of roads, 73 residences dust controls and 43 intersections. 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.

Flagstaff County continues testing new dust suppressant products. Currently, magnesium chloride and MG30 are being tested.

GRAVEL PRODUCTION

Crushing replenishes our supplies of gravel and ensures gravel inventory levels are consistent to support our programs. Six gravel pits are currently leased and managed. One stockpile site is secured by tendering for the supply, crush and haul of aggregates. Two gravel production projects were completed in 2012 at the following locations:

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| • CR-01-2012 | Hinkey Pit (NW 17-44-09 W4) – 319,000 tonnes |
| • CR-02-2012 | Hillaby Pit (SW 13-45-19 W4) – 176,000 tonnes |

A total of 495,000 tonnes of gravel was crushed in 2012

GRAVEL

Flagstaff County re-gravels approximately 272 miles of road each year. The average road is graveled once every five years; 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. During the 2012 season approximately 145,000 tonnes of gravel was used for the gravel program (re-gravel, spot patching, washouts, oiling, construction, road recovery and sales).

GRAVEL SALES

- Gravel is available for sale to a maximum of 260 tonnes/year for landowners and 130 tonnes/year for commercial users.
- Anyone wishing to purchase gravel must contact the Public Works department to obtain a “Permission for Purchase of Gravel” form, or to receive further information regarding a list of available aggregate products and pricing.
- Hauling arrangements must be made by the landowner, as Flagstaff County does not provide this service.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Flagstaff County has 1,775 miles of road:

Gravel	1,384 miles
Calcium	52 miles
Bladed Dirt	290 miles
Oiled	45 miles
Paved	4 miles

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



SUMMER MAINTENANCE

- There are 10 summer maintenance areas (approx. 162 miles/maintenance area)
- County gravel roads are maintained by 10 graders
- On average, grader operators are able to blade approximately 18-25 miles/day
- All roads are to be graded approximately once a month and more often based on the Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT)



WINTER MAINTENANCE

- There are 10 winter maintenance areas (approx. 120 – 150 miles/maintenance area)
- Two plow trucks are designated to remove snow and apply sand/salt to oil surface roads
- 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
- Flagstaff County will once again be undertaking snow plowing and road grading on private laneways. Please contact the public works department for further details regarding this service.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2013...

ROAD CONSTRUCTION:

The following Road Construction project has been approved:

- Project C-A-2013 – Range Road 114, South of Hwy 13 for 5.5 miles (South of Loughheed)

OILING REHABILITATION PROJECTS:

No Oiling Rehabilitation projects are scheduled for 2013.

ROAD RECOVERY PROJECTS:

There are 18.0 miles of Road Recovery projects budgeted for and scheduled to be completed in 2013.

GRAVEL PRODUCTION:

- Gravel crushing will take place at the following locations:
 - CR-01-2013 Southwest Area (SW 34-41-17 W4) – approximately 60,000 tonnes
 - CR-02-2013 Mazure Pit (NE 16-43-09 W4) – approximately 60,000 tonnes
 - CR-03-2013 Skori Pit (N1/2 09-46-11 W4) – approximately 85,000 tonnes

BRIDGES:

- BF# 1811 and BF# 83170 – NW 03-42-11 W4 (on Range Road #113)

The replacement of these structures is scheduled for 2013 in conjunction with road construction. The work will consist of:

- BF# 1811 – replacement of two (2) 1200mm culverts with one (1) 2400mm culvert.
- BF# 83170 – installation of a cattle pass.

The total budget is \$251,000 of which \$117,000 is funded by Alberta Transportation. The remaining portion of \$134,000 is Flagstaff County's contribution.

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 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
- Rental of Equipment

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RECREATION

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The Recreation department is responsible for providing funding and support to organizations and projects which best meet county-wide needs through the Regional Recreation Grant and several smaller investment grants.

REGIONAL RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM

REGIONAL RECREATION GRANT

In the inaugural year, the Regional Recreation Grant (RRG) dispersed \$265,174.22 to organizations in 2012. The annual grant accepts applications for programming and capital projects. A total of 57 programs and 5 capital projects were approved.

The RRG is a matching grant with the County funding up to 50% of eligible expenses for an approved project. Submitted applications are reviewed by the Recreation Committee which is currently composed of the seven members of County Council.

Programming Recipients

Organization	Project Title	Amount
Battle River Football Association	2012 Season	\$ 1,070.00
Central High Sedgewick Public School	Student Bowling, Skating, Curling	\$ 1,500.00
Central High Sedgewick Public School	Swimming Lessons	\$ 1,000.00
Daysland Arts Society	Summer Theatre Arts Program	\$ 3,400.00
Daysland Memorial Arena	Public Skate/Family Skate/Senior Skate	\$ 1,100.00
Daysland School	Skating	\$ 550.00
Daysland School	Skiing	\$ 2,487.00
Daysland School	Tennis	\$ 200.00
Daysland School	Curling	\$ 900.00
Daysland School	Golf	\$ 425.00
Daysland School	Swimming	\$ 662.50
Daysland School	Camping/Canoe trip	\$ 885.00
Daysland Thunderhawks	Pond Hockey	\$ 1,100.00
Forestburg Ag Society	Riding Arena Program	\$ 1,200.00
Forestburg Aquanauts	Swim Club	\$ 6,913.00
Forestburg Dance Society	2012-13 Dance Season	\$ 5,000.00
Forestburg Ladies Hockey	Yearly Ice Fees	\$ 1,000.00
Forestburg School Council	Swimming	\$ 1,525.00
Forestburg Swimming Pool	Swimming Lessons	\$ 9,028.64
Hardisty Minor Hockey	Operation Grassroots	\$ 6,250.00
Heisler Minor Ball Program	Minor Ball Program	\$ 2,000.00
Killam and District Municipal Library	Summer Reading Program and Step Student	\$ 750.00
Killam Barley Kings	2012 Season	\$ 755.00
Killam Braves	Killam Braves	\$ 565.00
Killam Cyclones Swim Club	2012 Season	\$ 7,023.82
Killam Ladies Hockey	2012 Season	\$ 760.00
Killam Minor Ball	2012 Season	\$ 2,255.00
Killam Minor Hockey	KMH Black Elk Hockey Camp	\$ 11,200.00
Killam Minor Hockey	KMH First Time Registration	\$ 1,325.00

Organization	Project Title	Amount
Killam Minor Hockey	KMH 2012 Season	\$ 7,500.00
Killam Recreation Board	Aqua Sizes/Deep Water Workout	\$ 2,446.49
Killam Recreation Board	Fit Swim	\$ 2,686.99
Killam Recreation Board	Parents and Tots	\$ 1,388.84
Killam Recreation Board	Swimming Lessons	\$ 10,396.29
Killam Recreation Board	Lane Swim	\$ 1,660.12
Killam Recreation Board	Summer Fun Program	\$ 3,390.00
Killam Recreation Board	Learn to Skate	\$ 1,674.22
Killam Recreation Board	Slo Pitch League	\$ 400.00
Killam Spartans	Club Volleyball	\$ 1,500.00
Killam Synchronized Swimming Club	KSSC 2012 Season	\$ 400.00
Killam Thunder Fastball	Girls Regional Fastball	\$ 2,178.36
Killam Public School Council	Yoga Submarine	\$ 1,000.00
Killam Public School Council	Swimming Lessons	\$ 765.00
Lougheed and District Public Library	Learning in Lougheed	\$ 750.00
Lynx Soccer Club	Lynx Soccer	\$ 1,112.95
Mallik Hockey Club	2012 Season	\$ 800.00
Peacock Dance Academy Kidz	Dance Program	\$ 10,000.00
Sedgewick Bowling Leagues	Bowling Facility Rent	\$ 6,000.00
Sedgewick Curling Club	Curling Facility Costs	\$ 5,500.00
Sedgewick Minor Ball	2012 Minor Ball Season	\$ 1,620.00
Sharks Minor Hockey	2012-13 Minor Hockey Program	\$ 7,500.00
Strome Community Curling Club	Community Curling Club	\$ 5,200.00
Strome School	Concert Program	\$ 1,500.00
Strome Sports Council	Public Skating	\$ 2,200.00
Thunderstars Minor Hockey	2012-13 Season	\$ 15,000.00
Valley Alpine Ski Club	Alpine Ski Race Training	\$ 8,000.00
Walter Jahns Singers	2012-13 Choral Season	\$ 1,900.00

Capital Recipients

Organization	Project Title	Amount
Daysland Arts Society	Digital Projector and Sound System	\$ 50,000.00
Forestburg Ag Society	Riding Arena	\$ 12,000.00
Forestburg Swimming Pool	Filter System Upgrade	\$ 20,000.00
Sedgewick Historical Society	Painting Goose Creek School	\$ 2,700.00
Village of Galahad	Outdoor Skating Rink	\$ 3,175.00

RECREATION INVESTMENT GRANTS

Flagstaff County awarded \$22,831.68 to local organizations to host events and programs within the framework of the Recreation Investment Grants. Funding from \$500-\$1000 was made available in the categories of Family, Youth, Seniors, June is Recreation and Parks Month, and Pioneer Project. A total of 33 events were funded in 2012.

Organization	Event	Amount
Alliance Recreation Board	Seniors Floor Curling	\$676.20
Sedgewick Ag Society	Quad/Snowmobile Rally	\$750.00
Heisler Ag Society	Family Day Festivities	\$750.00
Hardisty Ski Club	St. Patrick's Day Hoopla	\$750.00
Valley Ski Club Association	Slush Cup	\$573.00
Forestburg Swimming Pool	Survivor Night	\$500.00
Alberta Women's Institute	Bunnock Tournament	\$500.00
Village of Forestburg	Midnight Swim	\$500.00
Forestburg Public Library	Kite Extravaganza	\$438.00
Valley Ski Hill Freestyle Club	Valley Ski Hill Freestyle Club	\$500.00
Forestburg Swimming Pool	Junior Lifeguard Club	\$425.00
Hardisty Ski Club	Snowboarding	\$1,000.00
High Performance Fencing	Intro to Fencing	\$1,000.00
Parents for Fun in Flagstaff	Yoga for Youth/Adults	\$1,000.00
Forestburg Hot Lunch Society	Rocks and Rings	\$325.00
Forestburg Hot Lunch Society	Golf in Schools	\$1,000.00
Flagstaff Equestrian Club	Flagstaff Equestrian Club	\$320.00
Sedgewick Minor Hockey	Minor Hockey Goalie Clinic	\$1,000.00
Strome Old Time Threshers	Old Time Harvest	\$1,000.00
Sedgewick Minor Ball	Hardball Clinic	\$750.00
Heisler Ag Society PDA	Summer Intensive	\$740.00
Parents For Fun in Flagstaff	Movie in the Park	\$750.00
Iron Creek Flying Club	COPA for Kids	\$750.00
Sedgewick Golf Club	Junior Golf Lessons	\$750.00
Alliance Public Library	Summer Reading Program	\$668.45
Killam Public School Council	Fred Penner	\$750.00
Killam ACE Society	Concert for Kids	\$525.00
Sedgewick Ag Society	Horsemanship Clinic	\$616.03
Strome Historical Society	Kids Summer Program	\$750.00
Galahad Public Library	Summer Reading Program	\$750.00
Forestburg Public Library	Bricks 4 Kidz Lego Workshop	\$750.00
Friends of Sedgewick Library Society	July 1st	\$525.00
Forestburg Golf Club	Junior Golf Tournament	\$750.00



FLAGSTAFF COUNTY LEISURE GUIDES

Spring/summer and fall/winter leisure guides were distributed throughout the County in 2012. A total of 3300 copies of each guide were published and sent to each mailbox within the County. The guide is also available for viewing on our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca.

The spring/summer guide is available in May with programs and events from May to September included. The fall/winter guide is released in October and includes the months of October through April. There is no cost for organizations or their events to appear in the guide.



REGIONAL FACILITY MASTER PLAN

In October, Council approved the Regional Facility Master Plan which analyzed facilities within the region in order to determine which demonstrate the best potential of being considered regional and thereby qualify for Regional Recreation Grant funding. The plan examined facility needs of the region based on population and participation and selected facilities which met these needs using the criteria of age and condition of the facility as well as location. The plan identified the following as regional facilities:

- Daysland and District Memorial Arena
- Daysland Tennis Court
- Flagstaff Aquatic Centre
- Forestburg Multi-Use Facility
- Forestburg Swimming Pool
- Forestburg Tennis Courts
- Galahad Bowling Centre
- Hardisty Memorial Arena
- Heisler Bowling Alley
- Sedgewick Arena
- Sedgewick Bowling Alley
- Sedgewick Curling Rink
- Strome Curling Rink
- Valley Ski Hill



HIGH FIVE®

HIGH FIVE® is Canada's only comprehensive quality standard for children's sport and recreation programs. It represents a true commitment to quality physical activity and is based on research involving child development experts, recreation and sport professionals, families and leaders.

Flagstaff County hosted two 'Principles of Healthy Child Development' workshops in Sedgewick and Forestburg in 2012. 23 of our residents attended the courses at no cost. The Principles of Healthy Child Development (PHCD) workshops help front-line leaders (anyone working with children aged 6 to 12 – i.e. camp counselor, coach, swim instructor) improve the quality of their programs.

It provides in depth training in the HIGH FIVE® Principles of healthy child development so front-line leaders understand what they need to do to ensure each child's social, emotional and cognitive needs are met.

Leaders learn activities and gain knowledge, tips and resources to enhance their programs as well as their relationships with children and other staff members.

Flagstaff County will continue to offer free workshops to local residents so as to develop HIGH FIVE® accredited organizations within our region.



ACTIVE CREATIVE ENGAGED COMMUNITIES

ACE COMMUNITIES

Flagstaff County hosted an ACE Communities workshop in March with 30 people attending. ACE Communities – Active, Creative and Engaged Communities – is an initiative of the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) designed to get more people, more active, more often. ACE Communities has developed a number of key learnings which can help organizations and communities more effectively achieve results in any recreation or cultural endeavor.

Flagstaff County has purchased and placed ACE Communities Leadership Toolkits in each of our nine libraries as a reference for groups who aim to achieve results previously believed to be beyond their means.



LOOKING TO 2013...

Flagstaff County plans to release a Programming Master Plan as a follow-up to the Regional Facility Master Plan approved in 2012. The plan will create further guidelines on how applications should be considered and funds distributed on the programming side and how programs are able to improve their chances of receiving funding by better meeting grant criteria.

The County will hire a Recreation Programmer in 2013 who will be responsible for designing and delivering programming for all demographics within the region as well as assisting community groups in planning and hosting events. The programmer will work towards maximizing regional facilities and creating more opportunities for residents to partake in recreation.

The RRG application deadline for 2014 projects will be June 30, 2013. Decisions will be finalized and applicants will be notified in the fall.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

Kim Cannady, *Regional Emergency Services Coordinator* | (780) 384-4127 | kcannady@flagstaff.ab.ca

There are ten urban fire departments within Flagstaff County that provide fire services to rural areas through a new 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 ten fire departments with fire prevention activities, fire department training, equipment procurement and coordination. Fire suppression and fire investigation are also part of his responsibilities.

To become a valuable part of the fire fighting 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 2012:

	Vehicle Collisions	Fire Calls	False Alarms	Medical Assists	Total 2012
Alliance	0	7	1	2	10
Daysland	2	21	14	4	41
Forestburg	1	9	2	3	15
Galahad	1	10	3	0	14
Hardisty	6	6	2	0	14
Heisler	0	4	0	0	4
Killam	1	13	5	1	20
Lougheed	2	4	2	1	9
Sedgewick	1	13	5	2	21
Strome	1	9	0	1	11
Total Calls In 2012	15	96	34	14	159





ALLIANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT



DAYSLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT



FORESTBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT



GALAHAD FIRE DEPARTMENT



HARDISTY FIRE DEPARTMENT



HEISLER FIRE DEPARTMENT



KILLAM FIRE DEPARTMENT



LOUGHEED FIRE DEPARTMENT



SEDGWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT



STROME FIRE DEPARTMENT



DO YOU HAVE ADEQUATE INSURANCE?

Flagstaff County invoices the cost for fighting fires to the landowners / individuals whose property is threatened.

Remember, the cost of firefighting has increased. It is recommended you review your insurance coverage with your broker to ensure you are adequately covered.

FIRE SMART YOUR PROPERTY

Is your property at risk? Reduce the hazards of wildfire by following simple preventative steps. For a copy of the FireSmart Manual, contact the Flagstaff County Office.

RESCUE SERVICE

The rescue truck located in the Killam Fire Hall is operated by the volunteers of the Killam fire department.

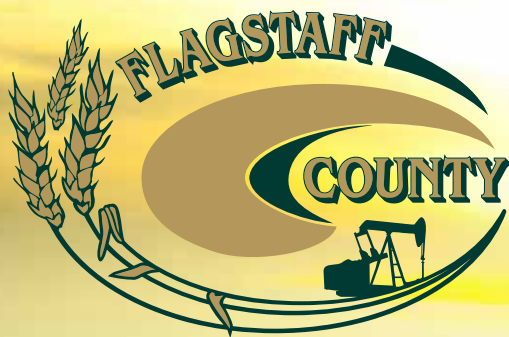
A new set of JAWS was purchased in 2010 to compliment the other valuable rescue equipment such as a cascade air system that make the 1996 Freightliner FL80 a very important part of the fleet when responding to collisions and fires. Specialized training is provided for those members involved in rescue activities. The rescue truck responded to 12 calls in 2012.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

A new Municipal Emergency Plan (MEP) was developed in 2012 that helps ensure the safety of all residents within Flagstaff County should a disaster occur. Both emergency responders and elected officials receive training to understand their roles should the MEP require activation. The MEP is updated regularly with the surrounding municipalities to assist in a coordinated approach with municipal resources in the event of a disaster.







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