



2014 ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM REEVE GERALD KUEFLER

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

A major decision made by Council was determining the type of surface for arterial roads. After many hours of discussion, it was decided by Council to proceed with MG 30 and Calcium Chloride surface, as it was determined to be the options which would be cost effective and sustainable into the future.

The Agricultural Service Board continued with the Leafy Spurge Program, the Shelterbelt Establishment Program, roadside mowing, and roadside spraying. We will be presenting a resolution at the Agricultural Service Board Convention to enhance the end of life management for agricultural plastics, including pesticide container, bale wrap and grain bags.

Economic Development has become an increased focus for County Council. We see Economic Development as the way to address the pressing issues of a declining and aging population. The approved Strategic Pathways Plan will begin implementation in 2015. Watch for announcements of upcoming events on our website or subscribe to our new Economic Development eNews to receive quarterly updates.

We continue to fund the Flagstaff Community Medical Recruitment and Retention Committee. This committee is recognized as a leader in the province, and was asked to present our program at the Rural Physician Attraction Program convention in Edmonton.

Recreation funding saw a considerable change in 2014. For the 2015 year, the funds will be distributed to the Agricultural Societies, who will be responsible to distribute it at their discretion.

The last year was a busy year for Council, as we made many difficult decisions. These decisions were made by collecting relative information on a number of options, discussing the options and making a decision for the betterment of all citizens. Council was elected to make these hard choices and we are committed to this process.

On behalf of County Council, I would like to thank the staff of Flagstaff County who implements our decisions which help us achieve our vision. We look forward to a bright future of responsible and sustainable governance.

COUNTY VISION

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

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

COUNTY COUNCIL

REEVE GERALD KUEFLER - DIVISION 2

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

DEPUTY REEVE GUNNAR ALBRECHT - DIVISION 4

In my fourth term, I would like to focus on regional cooperation and collaboration, as well as pursuing Economic Development initiatives that can diversify the economy while attracting and retaining people to our region.

RICK MANNING - DIVISION 1

I hope the upcoming years will bring us closer towards regional thinking and sharing of the resources that we struggle to keep active in our towns and villages for all our citizens, young and old, alike. Thank you for the previous years, I look forward to the future as I serve on Council.

JIM MATTHEWS - DIVISION 3

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

GARY MATTHIESSEN - DIVISION 5

I am currently serving my first term on Council. I believe the need to provide responsible and affordable services to the residents of the County are of utmost importance when endeavouring to attract new people and prevent the decline of population in our communities.

JAMES BRODIE - DIVISION 6

I am honoured to represent the ratepayers of Division 6 and Flagstaff County. I believe in a responsible Government and I agree with most decisions of past council. I also believe there are areas that need improvement. I look forward to working with my fellow councillors and the residents of Flagstaff County. It is my objective to make Flagstaff County a strong place for business and a great place to raise a family.

WADE LINDSETH - DIVISION 7

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

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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

MSI PROJECTS

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

The proposed MSI grant funding allocated to our municipality 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 10 years.

Our past funding from MSI grants are as follows:

	OPERATING	CAPITAL
2007	\$116,312	\$753,459
2008	\$379,097	\$1,098,345
2009	\$368,951	\$805,284
2010	\$357,311	\$1,893,310
2011	\$337,622	\$1,769,950
2012	\$323,334	\$1,747,847
2013	\$317,780	\$1,674,900
2014	\$184,574	\$1,753,151
2015	\$182,290	\$1,617,683

2014 MSI PROJECTS

Teen Leisure Club

Phase 2 - Budget: \$172,092

Phase 1 (2010) - Research and data collection.

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.

Support to Non-Profit Organizations

Budget: \$75,000

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

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

INITIATIVES

Active Living Conference for Seniors

Budget: \$10,000

The Active Living Conference for Seniors is a one day conference that is held in the region annually at the beginning of June during Seniors Week. The goal of this project is to engage the community and to recognize the importance of active living to the well-being, independence, and quality of life for seniors.

Educational Scholarships

Budget: \$55,000

Scholarships are provided to encourage post-secondary training which provides assistance with costs of attending institutions outside of the region. This project is designed to encourage our youth to return to the region to work and live once they have completed their studies.

Heritage Inventory Program

Budget: \$12,000

In a continuing commitment to ongoing heritage awareness in the County, financial resources have been allocated to assist future requests for identification and designation of heritage assets.

Physician Recruitment

Budget: \$87,000

Administrative and financial support is provided to the Flagstaff Community Medical Recruitment and Retention Committee in order to actively participate in the retention and recruitment of medical professionals in the Flagstaff region.

Cemeteries Assistance Grant

Budget: \$70,000

The cemeteries assistance grant program was established in 2012 in an effort to assist organizations to operate a cemetery within the County complete general maintenance and improvements. Cemeteries are eligible for a \$2,500 grant every two years. In 2014, 12 applications were processed and approved.

STARS Donation

Budget: \$20,000

From 2008-2012, Flagstaff County provided a \$10,000 donation to STARS. In 2013, Council approved to provide a \$20,000 annual donation for the period of 2013-2017.

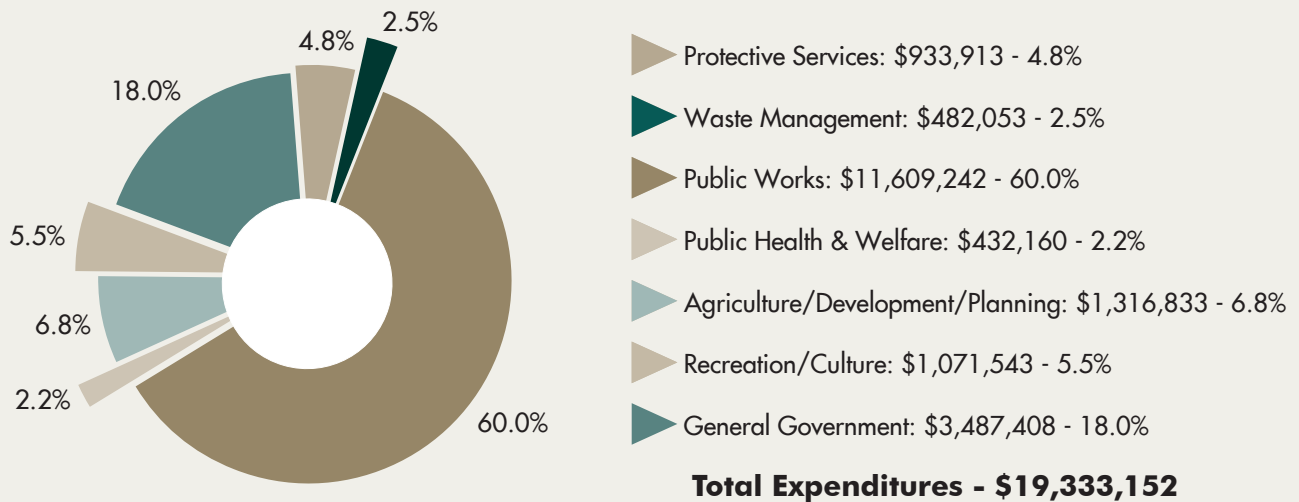
FINANCE

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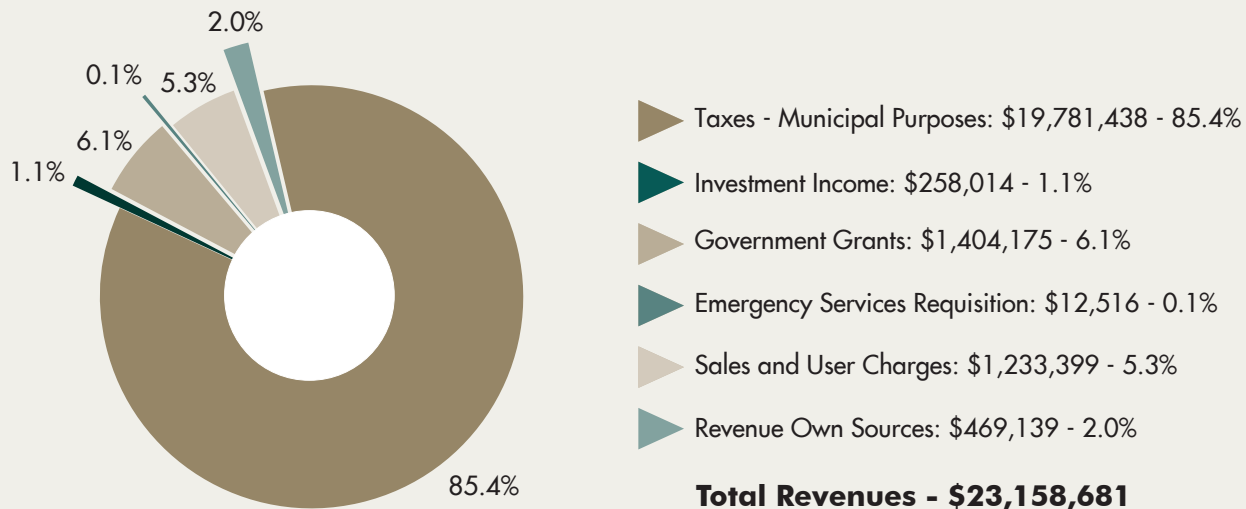
The finance department prepares annual operating and capital budgets to reflect current programs and services, review monthly revenue and expenditure reports including budget variances to ensure the organization is accountable for efficient and effective utilization of resources. In addition, this department 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 2014



Operating Revenues 2014



2014 SURPLUS

Transfer to Unrestricted Surplus	\$1,335,413
Transfer to Restricted Surplus (Reserves)	\$1,252,331
Increase to Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	\$1,237,785
	\$3,825,529

The 2014 Financial Statement is available to the public. Copies can be obtained by contacting the office at Box 358, Sedgewick, AB T0B 4C0 or by calling 780-384-4100. You may also go to www.flagstaff.ab.ca and download or view a PDF version of the 2014 Financial Statement.

SALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

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

2014					2013	
	# OF PERSONS	SALARY	BENEFITS & ALLOWANCES	TOTAL	# OF PERSONS	SALARY
Councillor Division 1	1	\$35,880	\$4,223	\$40,103	1	\$39,221
Councillor Division 2	1	\$39,468	\$5,983	\$45,451	1	\$44,439
Councillor Division 3	1	\$35,880	\$5,436	\$41,316	1	\$40,397
Councillor Division 4	1	\$35,880	\$5,436	\$41,316	1	\$40,397
Councillor Division 5	1	\$35,880	\$5,436	\$41,316	1	\$40,397
Councillor Division 6	1	\$35,880	\$5,436	\$41,316	1	\$40,704
Councillor Division 7	1	\$35,880	\$5,436	\$41,316	1	\$40,397

Salary includes gross honoraria and any other direct cash remuneration.

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

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

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

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) includes County Council and the following appointed members:

- Jason Forster
- David Hihn
- Steve Saruga
- Howard Shield

ROADSIDE BRUSH AND WEED SPRAYING

Weeds and brush are sprayed to improve sight lines, protect infrastructure, and minimize the spread of weeds onto adjacent properties. In 2014, 952 miles of roadside were covered for weed control and 610 miles of roadside were covered for brush control.

NO SPRAY AGREEMENTS

No Spray Agreements are available to landowners and tenants who do not want herbicide application on roadsides adjacent to their property and are willing to take responsibility for the weed and brush control. No herbicide is applied within 500 feet on either side of farmyards.

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

ROADSIDE MOWING AND ROADSIDE HAYING

All municipal right-of-ways are mowed twice a year. Landowners who want to hay municipal right-of-ways must:

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

CUSTOM WEED CONTROL

Custom herbicide application services are offered on private land to control small infestations of persistent weeds such as:

- Leafy spurge
- White cockle
- Scentless chamomile
- Toadflax
- Common tansy

Up to two hours of free labour is provided for herbicide application for the control of white cockle and scentless chamomile.

LEAFY SPURGE

Leafy spurge is a deep rooted perennial weed (15 feet down) that thrives in sandier soils. In 2013, approximately 100 goats were utilized to graze leafy spurge along the banks of the Battle River near Hardisty. In 2014, approximately 300 goats were brought back to the area to graze on the leafy spurge resulting in exceptional control. The goats love the taste of the spurge and prefer it over other food sources when grazing. Using the goats for grazing is a great way to control leafy spurge in areas where herbicide use is not practical.

SHELTERBELT ESTABLISHMENT PROGRAM

A shelterbelt establishment program is offered and trees are ordered from Alberta Nurseries on behalf of the landowner, subsidizing 50% of the cost of the trees. Shelterbelt establishments of one third of a mile in length or longer will be eligible for planting and initial watering at no cost. Additional watering will be provided at \$75/hour. In order to control weeds, plastic mulch and a mulch applicator are available for an additional charge.

CLUBROOT DISEASE OF CANOLA

Clubroot is a concern for farmers across Alberta. Clubroot is a serious soil-borne disease of canola and has been declared a pest under the Alberta Agricultural Pest Act. In 2014, there were nine positive sites identified. There have been 32 confirmed locations in the County since 2007.

ROADSIDE RE-VEGETATION

After the completion of road construction activities, ASB staff will seed the ditches. Last year, 50 miles of ditch was seeded. These areas will be inspected again in 2015 and touched up as needed. A hydroseeder will be utilized for grass establishment.

WATER LOADING STATIONS

Six water loading stations are established within the municipality. The water at these facilities is non-potable and is suitable only for crop spraying and irrigation purposes.

The following four facilities operate year-round and provide rural residents with a reliable and adequate supply of water to utilize for agricultural purposes.

- NE 11-44-11-W4 (NE of Loughheed)
- SE 27-41-16-W4 (SW of Forestburg)
- SW 10-45-16-W4 (S of Daysland)
- SE 2-43-13-W4 (SE of Killam)

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

- NE 8-41-12-W4 (NE of Alliance)
- SW 27-41-10-W4 (S of Hardisty)

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Throughout the year, the Agricultural Service Board offers workshops on various topics such as:

- Water Well Workshop
- Crop Protection Seminar
- Grazing the Grass
- Trees and Bees
- Grazing School for Women

If you have an interest or a topic that you would like to see addressed, please contact our department.

FLAGSTAFF COUNTY CAMPGROUNDS

The Agricultural Service Board manages the following three campgrounds:

Fish Lake Campground

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

Diplomat Trout Pond

Situated southwest of the Village of Forestburg, the Diplomat Trout Pond has five non-serviced sites, a gazebo, two fishing docks, firepits, and the Diplomat Mine Interpretive Site is located across the highway. There is no power or water. The pond is stocked annually with trout and is a great place to take the kids fishing.

Edgerton Day Campground

The Edgerton Day Campground is south of the intersection of Hwy 13 and Hwy 855 on the outskirts of Daysland. The campground has 12 available campsites. Power was trenched into the campground in late 2014.

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

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2015...

- Leafy Spurge Weed Management Program
- A water loading station located at SE 28-45-13-W4 (North of Killam) will be constructed.
- Installation of pedestals at Edgerton Day Campground will provide six partial serviced sites.

ASSESSMENT

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

Understanding Your Property Assessment

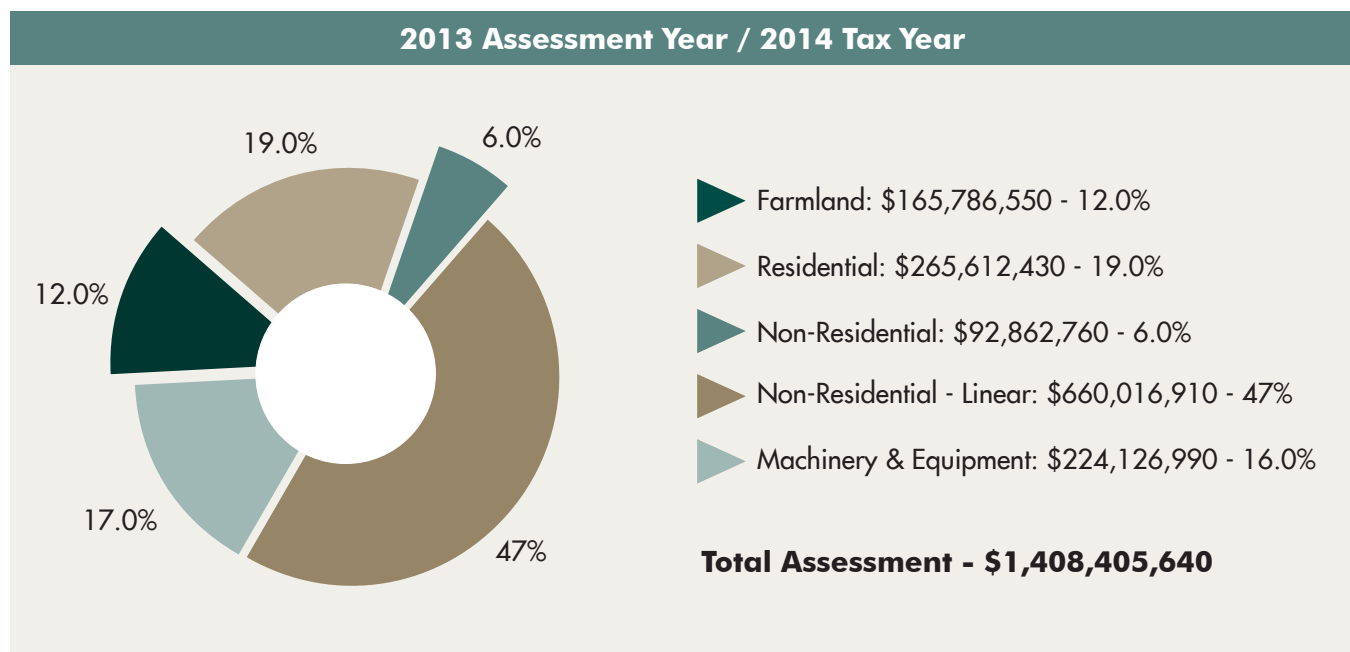
Property assessment is the process of assigning a dollar value to a property for taxation purposes. In Alberta, property is taxed based on the “ad valorem” principle. Ad valorem means “according to value.” This means that the amount of tax paid is based on the value of the property. Assessed values are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

Market Value

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

Key Characteristics of Market Value are:

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



Regulated Assessment

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

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

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

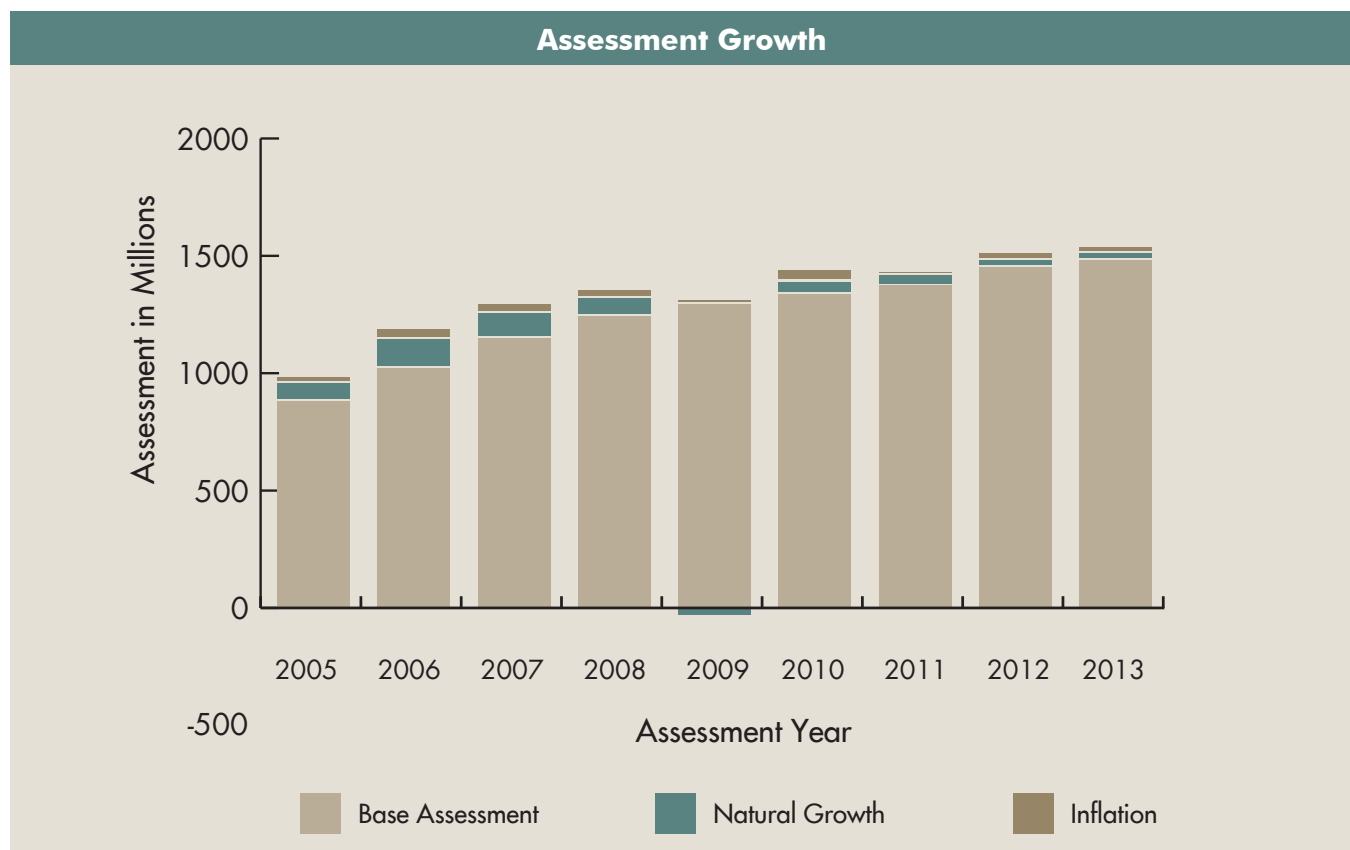
There are four types of regulated property:

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

Farmland

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

Assessment Growth



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

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

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

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

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

The number of developments in 2014 increased from 52 to 67 over last year for a value of \$13,420,333.

DEVELOPMENTS

All residents are reminded that no development shall be undertaken within the municipality unless an application for it has been approved and a development permit has been issued, other than those designated in Section 3.4 of the Land Use Bylaw which can be accessed on our website.

Development Permits are required to ensure that:

1. Setbacks from the road and property lines adhere to regulations.
 - All buildings, improvements, and dugouts must be set back a minimum of 50 metres (164 feet) from the centre of the 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 2014

	Commercial/ Industrial	Non- Residential	Residential
Number of Permits Issued	12	35	20
Value of Permits Issued	\$6,739,552	\$1,638,970	\$5,041,811

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.

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

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

SUBDIVISION OF LAND

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

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

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

The Development department is pleased to provide advice relative to Provincial and Municipal regulations that may apply and also assist in the process of obtaining approvals that may be required when building or changing the use of your property.

There were 18 subdivision applications received in 2014.

The Land Use Bylaw, Municipal Development Plan, Inter-municipal Development Plans, and related subdivision and development forms are available at the office or on our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2015...

- Review of the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan in the fall.
- Review of Development Plans for Town of Hardisty, Town of Killam, and Village of Forestburg.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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The Economic Development department focuses on joint regional Economic Development initiatives. This includes marketing, promotions, tourism, business retention and expansion, and investment attraction. Programs and services are offered to the citizens and businesses in the Region, focusing on sustainability and community development.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

ACCA Program

Flagstaff County sponsored 10 youth to attend the Alberta Community Cooperative Youth Leadership program held at the Goldeye Centre, near Nordegg, Alberta. This leadership program provides an opportunity for youth to develop their leadership skills and community development skills.

Junior Achievement

Once again, the Company Program was offered to high school students in the region with 19 youth participating in 2014. During this 18-week program, students experience and learn how to manage a business. The program enables young people to gain financial literacy, make confident decisions, and become innovators.

Three elementary programs were also offered in partnership with Central High Sedgewick Public School to Grades 3, 4, and 5.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Business Visits

Businesses are visited on a four-year cycle to consult with and to determine the needs of the small businesses. This provides us the insight to be better able to respond to and meet the needs of the businesses within the region.

The 2014 business visit cycle included the communities of Daysland, Strome, Killam, and the surrounding area. A total of 120 businesses received a visit; 105 within the towns and villages and 15 rural.

Business Development

Two Professional Development workshops for businesses were held in 2014. This included Social Media for Businesses hosted by Flagstaff County and a Labour Retention and Attraction workshop hosted by Kristen Cumming.

Economic Development Electronic Newsletter

During Small Business Week in October, the department launched the Economic Development eNews. Each issue offers articles, information, and resources that pertain to business, community, and the local economy. The eNews also includes relevant educational opportunities and business resources. To subscribe, visit our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca.

PROMOTIONS AND TOURISM

In partnership with Battle River Alliance for Economic Development (BRAED), we participated in the Global Petroleum Show in Calgary. This event provided an opportunity to promote the Flagstaff Region to an international market.

Friends of the Battle River Railway were supported with in-kind marketing and advertising assistance. This emerging tourism organization has conducted a strategic marketing planning session which resulted in their own marketing strategy.

In partnership with the six museums in our region, a Museum Tour was sponsored during the summer as a way to introduce local residents and visitors to the history in the Region. Thirty-five people attended this event and enjoyed the tour on the Flagstaff Community Bus.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2015...

- Develop site selection documents with economic profiles.
- Develop a Regional Marketing and Branding Plan.
- Host Business Partnership Breakfasts.
- Host the Tri-County Career Fair in the fall.
- Cooperative Marketing – Use a Travel Alberta Grant to develop regional museum brochure and pull-up banner stands for the local museums.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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 objective is to provide a high level of service to our residents by working as a team to achieve successful programs.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR – SHOP

Shop staff are responsible for the service, maintenance, and repairs of all mechanical resources ranging from small powered equipment to our largest piece of machinery. This includes routine inspections for trucks and trailers as required by the Alberta Transportation Vehicle Safety Act.

ROAD RECOVERY PROJECTS

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

Shoulder Pulling: Is utilized on roads that are in excess of 10 metres wide to extend the life of the road and reduce maintenance costs. This program may include drainage improvements, culvert replacement, reshaping back slopes and side slopes, re-compacting the sub-grade, re-establishing the road surface crown, and the disposal of any rocks or shrubs.

The following Shoulder Pulling projects were completed in 2014:

- **ENE 31-41-14-W4** - Rge Rd 145, from Hwy 53, South for 1.75 miles
Total Cost = \$41,000
- **ENE 15-44-14-W4** - Rge Rd 142, from Hwy 13, South for 8.75 miles
Total Cost = \$252,000
- **NNW 34-45-16-W4** - Twp Rd 460, from SH 855, East for 5 miles
Total Cost = \$158,000

Sub-Grade Preparation: This maintenance procedure includes re-compacting the sub-grade, re-establishing the crown on the road surface, and may include incorporating gravelock. Gravelock, a soil stabilization product, was utilized in these projects and has been successful to strengthen the sub-grade. The following Sub-Grade Preparation projects were completed in 2014:

- **ENE 21-44-15-W4** - Rge Rd 153, from Hwy 13, South for 4 miles
Total Cost = \$206,000
- **ENE 21-43-15-W4** - Rge Rd 153, from Twp Rd 434, South for 2 miles
Total Cost = \$92,000

DUST SUPPRESSANT

The purpose of utilizing dust suppression products helps reduce the frequency of maintenance, and improve safety while mitigating the nuisance of dust to residents and motorists. The dust suppressant program consists of the following:

- Calcium Chloride
- Oil Surface Products
- Pavement
- Test Products

Calcium Chloride

Calcium Chloride is a water-soluble dust suppressant product which also has road surface stabilization characteristics that bind aggregate materials which increase grade strength therefore keeping aggregate on the road. Calcium Chloride has also proven to help reduce the frequency of maintenance and gravelling.

In 2014, Calcium Chloride was used on 52 miles of road; 85 residential locations and 50 strategic locations (intersections, hills, and curves). In addition, 21 miles and eight residential locations received Calcium Chloride due to ATCO Electric's project and Enbridge's project.

- Residential Dust Suppressant - Calcium Chloride is available for a fee to be applied as a dust suppressant for residents. Applications must be received by May 1 (spring application) and August 1 (fall application). An application form for a residential dust suppressant is available online at www.flagstaff.ab.ca.

Oil Surface Products

In 2013, the remaining oiled road inventory was eliminated and most oil surface roads will be transitioned over the next seven years back to gravel roads. The transitioning roads are maintained by one full-time grader operator. A maintenance program for pothole patching and rip/relay ensures a safe driving road surface. As oil surface roads deteriorate and patching is no longer cost effective, ripping and relaying is performed. If an oil surface road contains sufficient residual oil then the surface will be repacked. Once an oil surface road has dehydrated to a condition where the oil doesn't bind to the aggregate and the clay from the sub-grade is exposed, this road is then maintained as a gravel road.

The following roads are designated, in procedure, to be maintained with an oil surface treatment to help alleviate maintenance issues:

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| • Strome East | Rge Rd 151, North for 0.4 miles from Hwy 13 |
| • Hardisty North | Rge Rd 95A, West for 1 mile to Range Road 100 |
| • Hardisty | Rge Rd 100A, North for 0.4 miles from Hwy 13 |
| • Airport Road (<i>Hardisty</i>) | Rge Rd 103, North for 7 miles from SH 608 |
| • Hardisty West | Town of Hardisty to Rge Rd 101 for 0.8 miles |
| • Shop Road West | Twp Rd 442, East for 2 miles from Rge Rd 130 |
| • Shop Road East | Twp Rd 442, East for 0.4 miles from SH 869 |

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

50% in the spring, 75% in the summer and fall, and 90% in the winter

Pavement

ATCO Power Plant Access Road:

The 2014 budget included \$260,000 for patch paving repairs and line painting to the ATCO Power Plant Access Road. Several hazardous spots were created when settling occurred, causing heaves in the pavement. These spots were marked and the speed limit reduced until the work was completed. The total cost was \$235,000.

Test Products

Since 2006, funds have been allocated for testing new dust suppressant products. These products are tested to determine whether they are effective, affordable, and environmentally suitable. Water-soluble dust suppressant products that were tested in 2014 are:

- Magnesium Chloride - Twp Rd 410, between Rge Rd 143-144, for 1 mile
- MG 30 - Rge Rd 123, South from SH 602, for 7.5 miles
- Dust Lynx - Rge Rd 123, North from SH 602, for 2 miles

Products that have been tested with unsatisfactory results are:

- Canola Oil
- Durasoil
- Earth Glue
- Magnesium Chloride

Flagstaff County continues to consult with industry and municipalities to seek out new and alternative products. We also continue to perform testing on new dust suppressant products in search of solutions.

ROAD BANS

Road Bans define the maximum allowable weights permitted on certain municipal roads and are utilized to protect road infrastructure. Please refer to www.flagstaff.ab.ca for the most current Road Ban Order.

GRAVEL

On average, 170,000 tonnes of gravel is required annually for the following programs: re-gravel, road construction, road recovery, spot patching, washouts, approaches, and road repairs. Typically, gravel roads are re-graveled on a five-year cycle, which equates to 272 miles annually; however, other factors such as "Average Annual Daily Traffic," types of vehicles, and road designation influence cycle times. Within the re-gravel program, all 8-metre wide roads are graveled at 330 tonnes per mile and all other road widths are graveled at 290 tonnes per mile. The loading and hauling of aggregate materials for the gravel program is performed by in-house resources utilizing six gravel trucks with two gravel trucks designated for spot patching on gravel roads throughout the County.

Gravel Sales

- Gravel is available for sale to a maximum allotment of 150 tonnes per year per residential/farm/acreage site for ratepayers within the County.
- Anyone wishing to purchase gravel must contact the Public Works department to make arrangements to obtain a "Permission for Purchase of Gravel" form, or to receive further information regarding a list of available aggregate products.
- Hauling arrangements are the responsibility of the ratepayer.

Gravel Exploration

- In an effort to secure a long-term gravel supply, we are continually seeking potential gravel sources. Landowners provide information of possible gravel sources which are analyzed for quality and quantity.
- As potential gravel sources are identified, a Gravel Testing Agreement is acquired prior to the commencement of exploration. Over the past three years, five additional long-term gravel sources have been secured.

Gravel Reclamation

- Seven gravel pits are currently leased and managed. Reclamation is performed in accordance with a Code of Practice and approved by Alberta Environment.

GRAVEL PRODUCTION

Gravel Production (crushing) replenishes the supply of gravel and ensures inventory levels are consistent to support programs. Crushing projects are tendered to ensure that a competitive price is obtained. All gravel is crushed to a required specification and quality control. Stockpile sites are utilized to increase efficiencies for the gravel haul programs.

Two gravel production projects were completed in 2014 at the following locations:

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| • CR-01-2014 | McDonald Pit (NW 14-45-19-W4) - 111,000 tonnes |
| • CR-02-2014 | Hinke Pit (NW 17-44-09-W4) - 81,500 tonnes |

A total of 192,509 tonne of gravel was crushed in 2014 at a total cost of \$1,839,000.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

There are 1,527 miles of bladed roads that are divided into:

- 10 Summer Maintenance Areas (120 - 160 miles/area)
- 10 Winter Maintenance Areas (120 - 150 miles/area)
- Field access roads are not maintained on a regular basis in the winter

There are 151 miles of secondary roads which are maintained by Carillion on behalf of the Province of Alberta.

Summer Maintenance

- Gravel roads are maintained by 10 graders.
- Grader operators are able to blade approximately 18-25 miles/day.
- Gravel roads are maintained approximately once per month.
- Specific heavy traffic routes have an increased maintenance cycle.

Winter Maintenance

- Roadways are cleared of snow as necessary. During normal winter conditions, maintenance areas should be cleared of snow within four 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, three routes are established. When plowing is required, the starting point is rotated between routes to ensure that an equitable level of service is provided.
- Regular work hours are 8-12 hours per day.
- Spare graders may be utilized to help during winter storms.
- Two plow trucks are designated to remove snow and apply sand/salt to oil and paved surface roads. Two graders are designated for snow and ice removal on Calcium Chloride and MG 30 roads.

Private Laneway Maintenance

The service of snowplowing and grading is available for residential laneways. The landowner is required to sign a Private Laneway Service Agreement. Staff are required to conduct an Occupational Health & Safety Inspection/Hazard Assessment prior to any work being completed. This process must be completed on an annual basis. Services to the public will be conducted after all scheduled road maintenance is completed on gravel, oil, and paved surface roads. A fee of \$65/half hour (half hour minimum charge) or \$130/hour will be charged for this service.

Signs

All signs are inspected on an ongoing basis. Any signs requiring maintenance are prioritized and scheduled for repair or replacement.

Brushing/Backsloping/Mulching

This process increases the level of safety by increasing sight lines and the contouring of ditches and backslopes. Brushing and mulching provides landowners an opportunity to control brush growth adjacent to road allowances. This service is provided to landowners upon request and is subject to availability of manpower and equipment.

Brushing on road allowances is not permitted.

Culvert Maintenance

- Culvert maintenance includes culvert replacement, cleaning, thawing, repairs to damaged ends, and the addition of extensions.
- All culverts are replaced and diameters are increased where required to improve water flow. New culverts are installed under new construction projects and may be replaced on road recovery projects.
- New culvert and couplers are available for sale to landowners for the use under approaches on road allowances and to urban municipalities. Used culvert is also available for sale at half the purchase price; sizes will vary depending upon availability.

Bridge Maintenance and Repair

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

The following bridge projects were completed in 2014:

- **Bridge File # 6623 - SW 14-42-12-W4** (Located Southwest of Loughheed on Range Road 122)
 - ▶ Cap replacement and repairs
 - Total cost = \$52,600

- **Bridge File # 13353 - NW 32-45-13-W4** (Located North of Killam on Township Road 460)
 - ▶ Minimal bridge repairs
Total Cost = \$33,000
- **Bridge File # 1218 - NW 10-45-13-W4** (Located North of Killam on Township Road 452)
 - ▶ Minimal bridge repairs
Total Cost = \$21,000

The following bridge projects were not finished in 2014 and will be completed in 2015:

- **Bridge File # 9054 - E 03-45-13-W4** (Located Northeast of Killam on Range Road 132)
 - ▶ Cap replacement, replace 1 pile, and install new bridge rail and miscellaneous repairs.
Estimated cost = \$79,000
- **Bridge File # 9462 - NE 30-45-13-W4** (Located North of Killam on Range Road 135)
 - ▶ Cap replacement, replace 1 pile, and replace bridge rail and posts
Estimated cost = \$96,200

AIRPORT

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

The following projects were completed at a total cost of \$54,400:

- Siding and shingling to the terminal building.
- Installation of natural gas to site.
- Apply cold mix and seal coat to existing taxi-ways and driveways to new hangars.

CONSTRUCTION

A budget of \$2,500,000 per year is allocated for the Road Construction Program. This includes contracted services, engineering, gravel, culverts, soil sampling, power line relocates, crop damage, land acquisitions, fencing, erosion control, environmental requirements, and rock picking. Evaluation criteria, such as safety concerns, historical maintenance, average annual daily traffic, sight lines, grade width, sideslopes/back slopes, drainage, and type of traffic, are used to determine which roads will be constructed and prioritized for reconstruction. Engineering services were completed by WSP Canada Inc. Construction projects are tendered and completed by contracted services. Howitt Construction Ltd. was awarded the tendered project to construct 6.3 miles of local roadway at a total program cost of \$2,887,735 (includes preliminary engineering costs that were incurred in 2013).

The following projects were completed:

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

RURAL ROAD STUDY

- On February 13, 2014, a Special Council Meeting was held to review the Rural Road Study and to discuss implementation of the study.
- At this meeting, Council approved that the road surface type for arterial roads will be Calcium Chloride.
- In April of 2014, ratepayers formed a group called the Flagstaff Coalition for Better Roads.
- Representatives from the group presented their concerns regarding the transitioning of oiled roads back to gravel and the use of Calcium Chloride. They requested that Council consider forming a committee to study this further and investigate the needs that would be relevant to each division and the County as a whole.
- A Rural Roads Committee was formed with representatives from County Council, the Flagstaff Coalition for Better Roads, and a public representative.
- The purpose of the committee was to make recommendations to County Council regarding a cost effective, efficient, and environmentally responsible solution for the surface of the arterial road network.
- Three committee meetings were held with little progress made towards finding a solution
- On November 24, 2014, a Special Council Meeting was held and County Council approved the following:
 1. Principles of the Rural Roads Study:
 - To provide a road network with arterial, collector, and local roads as defined in the Rural Road Study.
 - The arterial road network will be ban free utilizing dust suppressant products.
 - The arterial road network will consist of 147 miles (includes 4.5 miles of existing paved surface).
 - The surface type on the arterial road network will consist of MG 30 and Calcium Chloride.
 2. The 2015 Dust Suppressant Program be revised to reflect the surface type of MG 30 and Calcium Chloride, and to develop 142.5 miles of the arterial road network with the same surface type over an eight-year period.
 3. To dissolve the Rural Road Committee and rescind the Terms of Reference, due to the fact that the roads committee did not follow the guidelines of the terms of reference and the committee did not bring forward any new plans for road surfaces.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2015...

Road Construction

On April 30, 2014, Council approved to postpone the following road construction projects originally scheduled for 2015 until a surface for arterial roads has been determined:

- **ENE 32-45-12-W4 - Rge Rd 124, South for 2 miles**
 - **ENE 20-44-12-W4 - Rge Rd 124, South for 2 miles**
- \$2,500,000 has been budgeted for 2015 road construction which will also fund preliminary engineering and design for the 2016 road construction with the remaining amount being placed in reserves.

Sub-Grade Stabilization Projects

The following project is scheduled:

- **ESE 28-42-11-W4 - Rge Rd 113, from SH 608, North for 4.5 miles**

Shoulder Pulling Projects

The following projects are scheduled:

- **NNW 33-44-12-W4 - Twp Rd 450, from Rge Rd 124, East for 7 miles**
- **NNW 07-44-16-W4 - Twp Rd 442, from SH 855, West for 4 miles**
- **NNE 34-42-14-W4 - Twp Rd 430, from Rge Rd 142, East for 2 miles**
- **NNW 33-45-15-W4 - Twp Rd 460, from Rge Rd 154, East for 6 miles**
- **ENE 33-46-15-W4 - Rge Rd 153, from Hwy 26, South for 2 miles**

Also, a contingency of an additional 5 miles is included in the budget if time permits

Gravel Production

Gravel crushing will take place at the following locations:

- **CR-01-2015 - Skori Pit - approximately 85,000 tonnes**
- **CR-02-2015 - Mazure Pit - approximately 100,000 tonnes**
- **CR-03-2015 - West Area - approximately 50,000 tonnes**

Bridges

The following bridge work is scheduled:

- **BF# 81723 - Twp Rd 444, East of Rge Rd 165 (South of Daysland)**
 - ▶ Replacement of culvert
- **BF# 81724 - Rge Rd 165, North of Twp Rd 444 (South of Daysland)**
 - ▶ Replacement of culvert
- **BF# 1696 - Rge Rd 102, North of Twp Rd 432 (2.5 miles Northwest of Hardisty)**
 - ▶ Removal of Bridge Structure and replace with single lane industrial oilfield span structure

Reminders

- Landowners are reminded not to dump rocks and debris within the County road allowance.
- There shall be **NO BRUSHING** or any other work performed on road allowances without authorization.
- All fences must be placed on private property not on road allowances.

Please contact Public Works Administration with any issue or information regarding:

- A plugged culvert where drainage is a concern or to purchase culvert
- To report a sign that has been vandalized, missing, or faded
- Bridge concerns or washouts
- If you require any type of access or brushing/backslapping on a road allowance
- Rental of Equipment
- Information on constructing an approach
- Purchase of gravel
- Application of dust control
- Maintenance of laneway

RECREATION

REGIONAL RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM

Nearly \$2 million has been granted towards recreational programs, events, and facilities since the release of the Flagstaff Regional Recreation Grant Program in early 2012.

In 2014, \$484,984 of funding was approved through the program. The program was composed of the Regional Recreation Grant and the Recreation Investment Grants. A total of \$500,000 was made available through the grant program up until the end of 2014.

REGIONAL RECREATION GRANT

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

A total of 94 applications were approved in 2014 with \$439,346 committed towards programming projects while an additional \$45,640 was approved for capital projects.

PROGRAMMING RECIPIENTS

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT AWARDED
Barley Kings	Barley Kings	\$622.50
Battle River Football Assoc.	Equipping the Rams	\$5,625.00
CHSPS Parent Council	School Sports Fees	\$5,000.00
Daysland & Dist. Cultural Arts	Summer Theatre Arts Camps	\$11,050.00
Daysland & Dist. Memorial Arena	Family/Public/Senior Skate	\$18,480.00
Daysland School	Swimming	\$2,302.50
Daysland School	Camping/Canoe Trip	\$410.50
Daysland School	Skiing	\$2,287.00
Forestburg Agricultural Society	Riding Arena	\$1,200.00
Forestburg Arena Association	Public Skating/Shinny	\$10,560.00
Forestburg Dance Society	Forestburg Dance Society 14/15	\$10,400.00
Forestburg School Lunch Society	Skating PE Program	\$1,250.00
Forestburg School Lunch Society	Swimming PE Program	\$2,500.00
Forestburg School Lunch Society	Skiing PE Program	\$1,250.00
Forestburg Soccer Association	Forestburg Soccer	\$1,042.50
Galahad Public Library	TD Summer Reading Program	\$290.00
Hardisty Alpine Ski & Snowboard	Learn to Ski and Snowboard	\$4,625.00

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT AWARDED
Killam Braves	Braves Season 2014	\$ 356.00
Killam Ladies Hockey	Ladies Hockey 2014	\$ 577.50
Killam Minor Ball	2014 Season	\$3,080.00
Killam Minor Hockey	KMH Black Elk Hockey Camp	\$3,287.50
Killam Minor Hockey	Girls Mentorship Program	\$443.75
Killam Minor Hockey	KMH 2014/15 Season	\$11,200.00
Killam Recreation Board	Public Skating/Shinny 2014	\$2,526.50
Killam Recreation Board	Summer Fun 2014	\$7,100.00
Killam Recreation Board	Learn to Skate 2014	\$330.00
Killam Recreation Board	Ball Hockey Shinny	\$650.00
Killam Recreation Board	Slo Pitch 2014	\$1,155.00
Killam Tiny Tots Preschool	Family Resource Centre	\$300.00
Killam Tiny Tots Preschool	Yoga Submarine/Zumbatronic	\$460.00
Killam Tiny Tots Preschool	Skating/Swimming/Bowling	\$775.00
KPS Council	Yoga Submarine	\$1,000.00
KPS Council	Ski Lessons	\$1,865.00
KPS Council	Swimming Lessons/Scuba	\$2,135.00
Mallik Hockey Club	Mallik Hockey 2014	\$550.00
Sedgewick Curling Club	Curling Facility Costs	\$2,550.00
Sedgewick Curling Club	After School Curling Program	\$750.00
Sedgewick Mixed Bowling League	Bowling Alley Rental	\$ 7,000.00
Sedgewick Playschool	Extracurricular Rec Activities	\$900.00
Sedgewick Recreation Board	Public Skate and Shinny	\$ 3,437.50
Sedgewick Recreation Board	Moms and Tots Skate	\$ 1,375.00
Sedgewick Recreation Board	Learn to Skate	\$ 2,875.00
Sedgewick Recreation Board	Senior Shinny/Skate	\$ 1,375.00
Sharks Minor Hockey Association	Power Skating Program	\$ 3,720.00
Sharks Minor Hockey Association	Coach Mentorship Program	\$ 2,525.00
Sharks Minor Hockey Association	2014-15 Minor Hockey Year	\$24,738.50
Sharks Minor Hockey Association	Goalie Program	\$ 1,365.00
Strome Community Curling Club	Community Curling Club	\$ 2,550.00
Thunderstars Minor Hockey Assoc.	2014/15 Hockey Ice Rental	\$30,000.00
Valley Alpine Ski Club	Alpine Ski Race Training	\$ 8,500.00

CAPITAL RECIPIENTS

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT AWARDED
Daysland & District Memorial Arena	Facility Upgrade	\$4,750.00
Daysland & District Memorial Arena	Zamboni Repair	\$3,000.00
Heisler Ag Society	Facility Upgrade	\$11,140.00
Killam Rec Board	Pool Pilot	\$18,250.00
Strome Curling Club	Curling Club Upgrade	\$8,500.00

RECREATION INVESTMENT GRANTS

In 2014, \$35,000 was available as micro-grants towards recreational events and short programs. A maximum of \$7,000 was available in each quarter within the categories of family, youth, or seniors. An additional \$7,000 was made available to pioneer projects, which are activities that are new to the region.

2014 INVESTMENT GRANTS

\$25,125.07 was approved for investment grant opportunities in 2014.

INVESTMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT AWARDED
Valley Freestyle Club	Teen Night	\$1000.00
Sedgewick Ag Society	Snowmobile Rally	\$1000.00
Sedgewick Recreation Centre	Family Skate & Bowl	\$1000.00
Heisler Ag Society	Family Day Celebrations	\$832.74
Sedgewick Curling Club	Junior Curling Bonspiel	\$869.27
Sedgewick Curling Club	Senior Stick Curling Bonspiel	\$966.00
Parent for Fun in Flagstaff	Sportball	\$1000.00
Flagstaff Lacrosse Association	Nuans Registration	\$59.48
Killam Recreation Board	Try-It Triathlon	\$2000.00
Forestburg School	Alberta Opera	\$971.25
Killam Thunder Fastball	Pitching Clinic	\$997.58
K Club	Acro Dance	\$1000.00
Iron Creek Flying Club	COPA for Kids	\$1000.00
Golden Prairie 4H Club	Archery Days	\$1301.26
Forestburg Golf Club	Junior Golf Tournament	\$1000.00
Forestburg Golf Club	Senior Mixed Tournament	\$1000.00
Sedgewick Golf Club	Senior Golf Tournament	\$1000.00

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT AWARDED
Forestburg Municipal Library	Lego Day	\$1000.00
Parent for Fun in Flagstaff	Movie in the Park	\$2000.00
Galahad Public Library	TD Summer Reading Program	\$727.49
Friends of Hardisty Library	Books R Building Blocks	\$400.00
Daysland & Dist. Cultural Arts	Kamotion Creative Movement Dance	\$1000.00
Flagstaff Fusion Lacrosse	Lacrosse Introduction	\$1000.00
Forestburg Aquanauts	Future Stars Swim Camp	\$1000.00
Flagstaff Fusion Lacrosse	Lacrosse Summer Camp	\$100.00

LEISURE GUIDES

There were 3,500 leisure guides published and delivered throughout Flagstaff County in 2014. The spring/summer guide was made available by May and covered programs and events through to September. Due to the discontinuation of the recreation program, the leisure guide will no longer be published.

DISCONTINUATION OF REGIONAL RECREATION PROGRAMMING

Any formal Regional Recreation Programming will no longer be offered. All funding dedicated to recreation will now be provided to the 10 Agricultural Societies within the region.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2015...

In 2015, \$750,000 in recreation funding will be distributed to the 10 Agricultural Societies within the region. The amount of funding provided to each society is based upon a formula of the percentage of the rural population applied to the total population of each community.

An unconditional grant will be provided to the Agricultural Societies and they can determine how to distribute the funding for the purposes of recreation.

AG SOCIETY	2015 RECREATION GRANT
Alliance	\$25,791
Forestburg	\$123,175
Galahad	\$17,638
Heisler	\$22,381
Lougheed	\$40,464
Strome	\$33,794
Daysland	\$119,615
Hardisty	\$94,713
Killam	\$145,405
Sedgewick	\$127,026

REGIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Ten urban fire departments provide fire services to rural areas through fire service agreements. The fire departments provide service to a defined geographic area. 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 assists the 10 fire departments with fire prevention activities, fire department training, equipment procurement, coordination, fire suppression, fire investigation.

To become a valuable part of the firefighting team and receive extensive training, contact the Regional Emergency Services Coordinator at the office.

The fire departments responded to the following in 2014:

	VEHICLE COLLISIONS	FIRE CALLS	FALSE ALARMS	MEDICAL ASSISTS	TOTAL 2014
Alliance	0	2	3	1	6
Daysland	10	1	10	2	23
Forestburg	4	5	9	3	21
Galahad	2	3	1	0	6
Hardisty	11	10	7	6	34
Heisler	0	3	2	0	5
Killam	3	12	12	7	34
Lougheed	3	6	3	2	14
Sedgewick	6	5	7	4	22
Strome	3	2	1	1	7
Total Calls in 2014	42	49	55	28	174

WATER TANKER

A water tanker, owned by Flagstaff County, is housed in the Killam Fire Hall and is operated by the volunteers of the Killam Fire Department. In 2014, the water tanker responded to 10 fire calls.

RESCUE SERVICE

A rescue truck is housed in the Killam Fire Hall and is operated by the volunteers of the Killam Fire Department. In 2014, the rescue truck responded to 31 calls.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

Looking Forward to 2015...

- Advanced extrication training - training in the latest technique on newer model vehicles.



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