

# Council Highlights



## Regular Council Meeting of August 12, 2020

**Council Highlights** briefly identify decisions made by Council. Council encourages its residents, businesses and stakeholders to keep in touch with Council news.

### **Facility Condition and Needs Assessments**

Council approved the following facility requests:

- Galahad School—the County will continue utilizing the building as the Galahad Public Works Shop.
- Strome Office/Post Office—the Strome Post Office and Post Office building will be listed for sale “as is”.
- Heisler Grader Shed—the Grader shed and parcel of land will be listed for sale “as is”.

### **BREOC Community Demonstration Project**

Council directed administration to move forward with the “Consumer Intent to Buy Local” proposal to submit an expression of interest to Battle River Economic Opportunities Committee (BREOC) for our Community Demonstration Project. Flagstaff County’s Economic Development Department will work with the Village of Forestburg and the Village of Heisler (the other two Flagstaff Region BREOC partners) to choose the regional economic development function proposal out of the remaining two proposal options.

### **Valley Ski Hill Construction Funding**

Flagstaff County will not partner with the County of Paintearth to offset a potential shortfall of \$85,000 in the event that the Valley Ski Hill is not successful in obtaining the CFEP grant. Flagstaff encourages the Valley Ski Hill to continue to access municipal recreation grant funding through our region’s Agricultural Societies.

### **Forestburg Thermal Treatment Plant—Letter of Support Request**

Council directed administration to provide G-M Pearson a letter of support regarding the benefit of the overall region to assist in the application process to Alberta Environment and Parks for a permit to operate a thermal treatment plant.

### **Flagstaff Regional Emergency Services Society**

Due to the fiscal challenges facing Flagstaff County, Council has agreed to continue with the formation of the Flagstaff Regional Emergency Services Society (FRESS) if it is agreed that the proposed agreement be amended to give Flagstaff County veto power on the annual budget; and that an affordable plan be developed to demonstrate cost savings to meet the region’s needs and the Flagstaff County portion of the budget will not exceed \$450,000.

### **Hamlet of Strome Public Works Shop**

Council accepted the proposal from Vantage Builders Ltd. in the amount of \$269,000 for the replacement of the Hamlet of Strome Public Works Shop, and will have the existing Strome Public Works Shop demolished at an approximate cost of \$40,000 and maintain ownership of the parcel of land.

Once approved, the full Council Meeting minutes can be found at [www.flagstaff.ab.ca](http://www.flagstaff.ab.ca) under the “Council” tab and in the “Meetings and Minutes” section.