



2015
Annual Report

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A MESSAGE FROM REEVE GERALD KUEFLER

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

We are pleased to be working with our neighbours through the Flagstaff Inter-municipal Partnership (FIP) Committee, as we proceeded with a Regional Governance Study with a goal to identify options for enhanced collaboration between all towns, villages, and the County within the Flagstaff Region. 13 Ways Inc. was contracted to research and analyze options which were presented to the elected officials of all the municipalities. FIP determined to continue with this project proceeding with Phase 2 of the Regional Governance Study. This included applying for Alberta Community Partnership grants which will move the project ahead in 2016. Along with public and community engagement, press releases identifying the progress will be available, as we support building our region into stronger communities.

We continue to fund other projects such as Recreation Grants, Educational Scholarships, Cemeteries Grants, Nights Alive Teen Program, Parkland Regional Library, STARS, Mennonite Liaison Program, Parents for Fun in Flagstaff, and Flagstaff Community Adult Learning.

Public Works is a major part of the Flagstaff County day to day operations. Managing the road network is a difficult task; however, County Council is committed to implementing the Rural Road Study to provide a ban free arterial road system.

The Agricultural Service Board continued with the Leafy Spurge Program, the Shelterbelt Establishment Program, roadside mowing, and roadside spraying. Flagstaff County Council approved the construction of a 2,880 sq. ft. pesticide container storage collection building to reside at Flagstaff Waste Management. This solution will contain pesticide residue, therefore reducing environmental impact. Construction is to commence in the spring of 2016.

Flagstaff County recognizes the importance of economic development for our region. It is for this reason we have approved and are committed to our Economic Development Strategic Pathways Plan. This plan covers four key pillars: Entrepreneurship Enablement, Investment Attraction and Retention, Marketing and Brand Building, and Regional Collaboration. Our Region Branding project was completed in October 2015 and is intended for use by all municipalities within the Flagstaff Region. Watch for our branding campaign to be released in 2016.

With the focus on economic development comes the responsibility of managing the development. In 2015 a review of the Land Use Bylaw, Municipal Development Plan, and the Inter-municipal Development Plan with Forestburg and Hardisty commenced with a projected completion to be in 2016. This will ensure that the Flagstaff Region will have the proper planning processes in place for future development.

Taking on the role of a County Councillor is no easy task. Difficult decisions need to be made in the interests of all our residents. Under Section 153 of the Municipal Government Act, we as Councillors have duties that we must fulfil. I am confident that we fulfil these duties and legislative requirements. Our financial position is solid and our history of being able to operate with little or no debt is an accomplishment we are extremely proud of. We are aware of the changing economic environment and we will consider this in addition to other factors as we proceed to plan for the future.

On behalf of County Council I would like to thank the staff of Flagstaff County who implements our decisions which helps 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 landowners 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 landowners 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.

MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE (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 initiatives.

The province committed to providing the total MSI funding with the possibility of extending it over a period of more than ten years. Our past funding from MSI grants are as follows:

	Operating	Capital
2007	\$116,312	\$753,459
2008	\$379,097	\$1,098,345
2009	\$368,951	\$805,284
2010	\$357,311	\$1,893,310
2011	\$337,622	\$1,769,950
2012	\$323,334	\$1,747,847
2013	\$317,780	\$1,674,900
2014	\$184,574	\$1,753,151
2015	\$182,290	\$1,617,683
2016	\$237,241	\$2,553,307

INITIATIVES

Active Living Conference for Seniors – Budget: \$8,000

The Active Living Conference for Seniors is a one day conference held annually 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: \$50,000

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: \$22,000

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: \$93,500

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: \$17,500

The Cemeteries Assistance Grant program was established in 2012 in an effort to assist rural communities who operate a cemetery within the County to complete general maintenance and improvements. Cemeteries are eligible for a \$2,500 grant every two years. In 2015, five applications were processed, totalling \$12,500.

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 yearly donation for the period of 2013-2017.

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 sightlines, protect infrastructure, and minimize the spread of weeds onto adjacent properties. In 2015, 1,422 miles of roadside were covered for weed control and 922 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 spraying is conducted 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:

- Absinth (Wormwood)
- Common tansy
- Leafy spurge
- Scentless chamomile
- Toadflax
- White cockle

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

Shelterbelt Establishment Program

A shelterbelt establishment program is offered and trees are ordered from TreeTime.ca 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 2015, there were two positive sites identified. There have been 34 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 2016 and touched up as needed.

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

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

- NE 8-41-12 (NE of Alliance)
- SW 27-41-10 (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
- Insect Identification
- Grazing School for Women

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

Campgrounds

The Agricultural Service Board manages the following three campgrounds:

Fish Lake Campground

Fish Lake Campground is located five kilometers 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, fire pits, 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 2016...

- Pilot Program – 4 Evergreen Rejuvenation Project
- Pilot Program – Reverse Fence line Spraying Program
- A water loading station located at NE 3-44-14 (South West of Killam) will be constructed.

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.

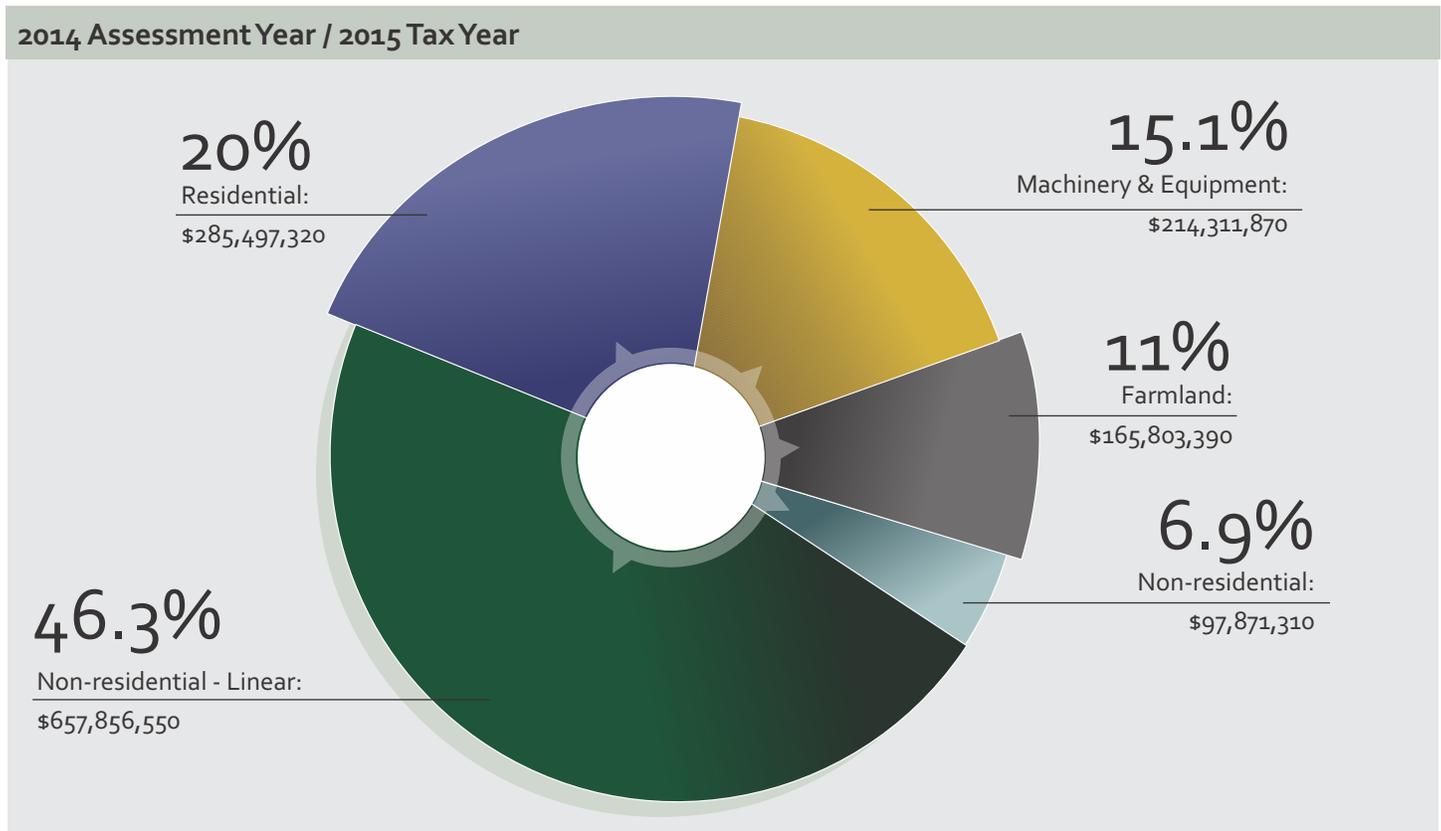
Market Value

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.

Assessment Summary



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.

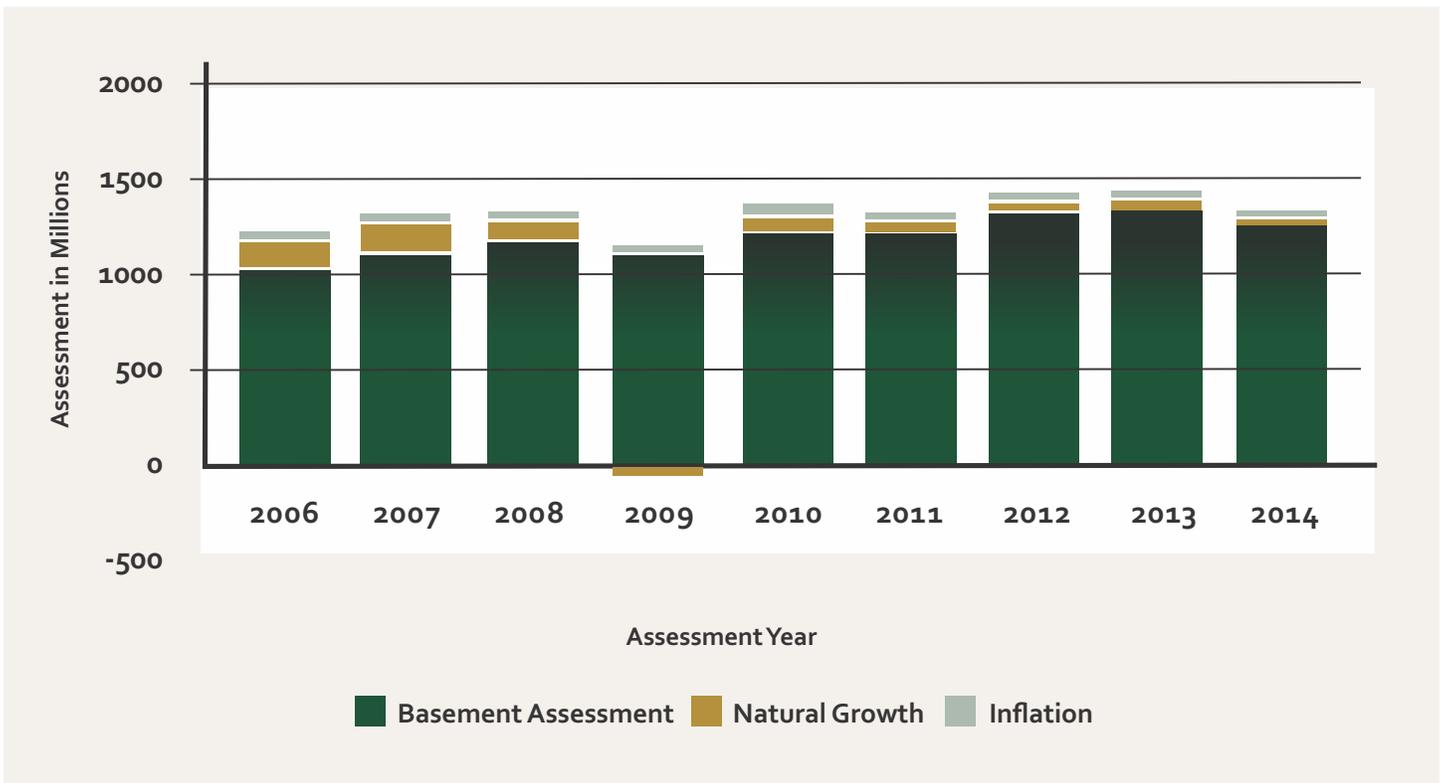
There are four types of regulated property:

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 on 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 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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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 12 youth to attend the Alberta Community Cooperative Association's 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

The Company Program was offered to high school students in the region with 7 youth completing the leadership program in 2015. 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.

Four elementary programs were also offered in partnership with Central High Sedgewick Public School to 64 students in Grades 3, 4, and 5.

Business Services

Business Visits

Businesses are visited on a three-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 2015 business visit cycle included the communities of Forestburg, Galahad, Heisler, Alliance, and the surrounding area. A total of 54 businesses received a visit; 44 within the towns and villages and 10 rural.

Business Development

Three Professional Development workshops were held in 2015. These included Social Media for Businesses and Social Media for Municipalities hosted by Flagstaff County and a Webinar on Unleashing Local Capital facilitated by Alberta Community Cooperative Association.

The Business Partnership Breakfasts were new in 2015. There were three breakfasts featuring speakers on topics relevant to small business. The speakers were: Corey Poirier-"Standing Ovarions from Every Customer", Tom Droog-Founder of Spitz International Inc., and Jean Vidal-"What is the Alberta Government Doing for Small Businesses." All the breakfasts were well attended and exciting speakers are planned for 2016.

Tri-County Job and Career Fair

The Tri-County Job and Career Fair was hosted on October 9th in the Sedgewick Curling Rink, with over 30 vendors and 450 students in attendance. This event provided many students direct access to many post-secondary institutions and the ability to ask, and learn about all the different opportunities available to them.

Flagstaff Celebrates Success

The 2015 Flagstaff Celebrates Success was hosted in Killam with Keynote speaker W. Brett Wilson. The event was an evening to celebrate everything that makes the Flagstaff Region so unique and a great place to live. The event had over 350 people in attendance. Thank you to BRAED and F.I.R.S.T for partnering with Flagstaff County on the event.

Promotions and Tourism

The Newcomers Canada Conference was an excellent opportunity to showcase the Flagstaff Region to people who have recently relocated in Canada, and are looking for places to establish roots, find employment, or invest in established businesses. Flagstaff County attended as an exhibitor and presenter.

The Country Roots Tour was held on August 15, 2015, with over 80 attendees. The tour participants went to the Lougheed Hutterite Colony, the Lougheed Hotel for lunch, Sunrise Farms by Killam, and back to Sedgewick for an amazing "Made in Flagstaff" meal, and the evening closed with entertainment by the Electric Hillbillies.

In partnership with Travel Alberta and the six museums from around the Flagstaff Region, banner stands and a regional brochure were created for each museum to use to promote their museums.

The new Flagstaff Region Brand was developed and approved by Council. The new brand features the marketing campaign "Nothing so Beautiful." The new brand is a workhorse for ambitious strategic objectives such as stemming rural population decline, undertaking "Community of communities" collaborative initiatives, and pursuing niche economic development opportunities that produce quality jobs. The Flagstaff brand is targeted at the following areas where the region has proven competitive advantages: Agriculture-Processing; Agriculture-Ag services, craft value-added production, farm stay tourism, and succession; Oil and Gas Services-independent entrepreneurs and Metal Fabrication. The brand is a key way to implement the Flagstaff County Economic Development Plan, which was created with regional input and had direct applicability to all communities in the Region.

Looking Forward to 2016...

- Hosting Business Partnership Breakfasts.
- Partnering with Killam Chamber of Commerce and Daysland & District Business Association to provide learning opportunities for the business community.
- Implementing the new Flagstaff Region Brand.

FINANCE

Deb Brodie, Finance/Administration Officer

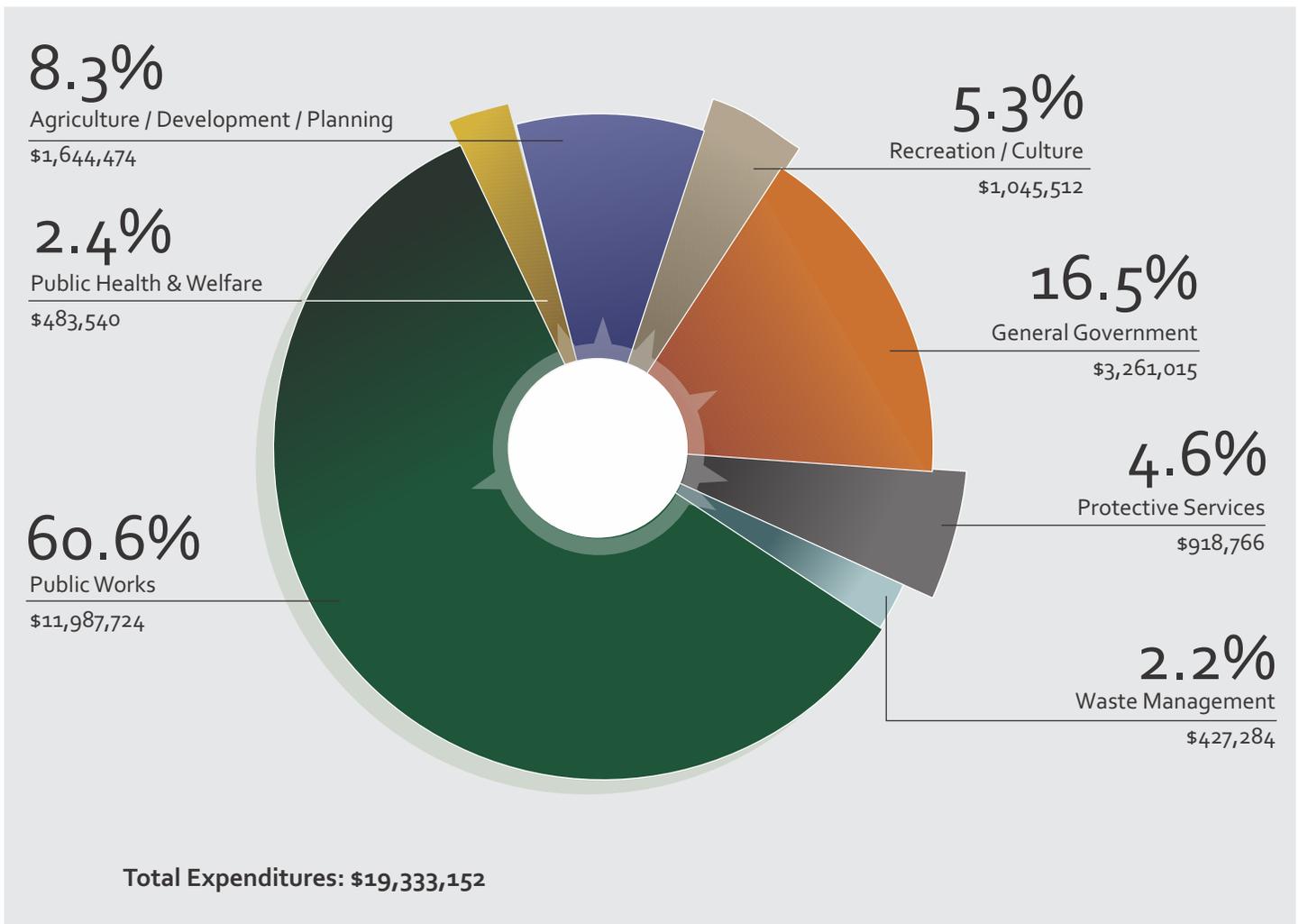
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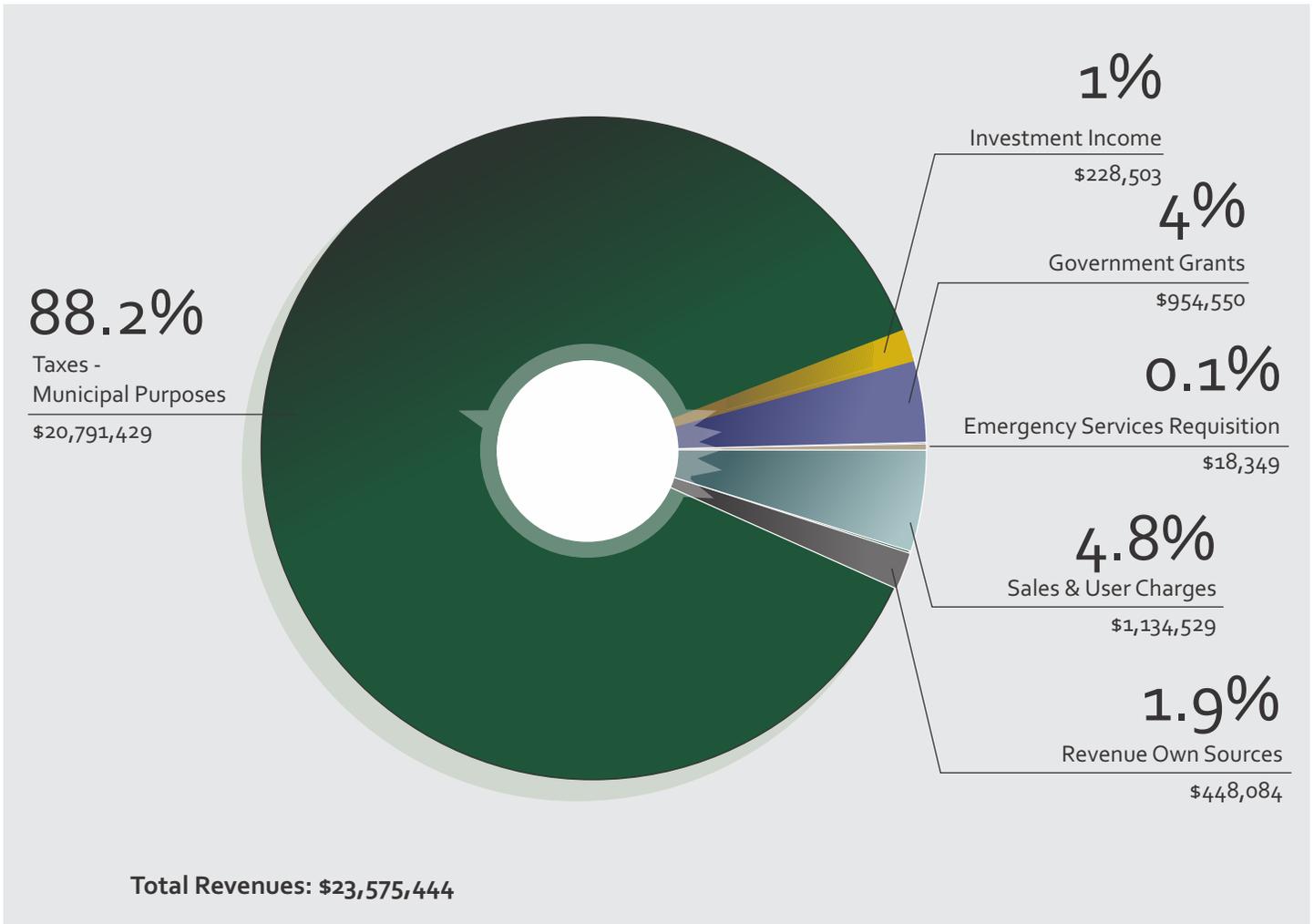
The finance department prepares annual operating and capital budgets to reflect current programs and services, review monthly revenue and expenditure reports including budget variances to ensure the organization is accountable for efficient and effective utilization of resources. In addition, this department 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 - 2015



Operating Revenues



Excess Revenue Over Expenses

\$3,807,129

Unrestricted Surplus

\$1,454,437

Reserves

\$3,807,473

Equity in Tangible Capital Assets

-\$1,454,781

Flagstaff County has copies of the 2015 Financial Statement available for the public. Copies can be obtained by contacting the County office at Box 358, Sedgewick, AB, ToB 4Co or calling (780) 384-4100. You may also go to the website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca and download or view a PDF version of the 2015 Financial Statement.

Salary and Benefits Disclosure

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

	2015				2014	
	# of Persons	Benefits & Salary	Allowances	Total	# of Persons	Total
Councillor Division 1	1	\$36,813	\$4,880	\$41,693	1	\$40,103
Councillor Division 2	1	\$40,495	\$6,602	\$47,097	1	\$45,451
Councillor Division 3	1	\$36,813	\$6,048	\$42,861	1	\$41,316
Councillor Division 4	1	\$36,813	\$6,048	\$42,861	1	\$41,316
Councillor Division 5	1	\$36,813	\$6,048	\$42,861	1	\$41,316
Councillor Division 6	1	\$36,813	\$6,048	\$42,861	1	\$41,316
Councillor Division 7	1	\$36,813	\$6,048	\$42,861	1	\$41,316

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.

PLANNING & 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 2015 increased from 67 to 68 over last year for a value of \$41,026,683.

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. Please refer to the definition of “development” under Part 1.3.20 of our Land Use Bylaw.

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 meters (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 2015

	Commercial	Industrial	Non-Residential	Residential
Number of Permits Issued	11		31	2
Value of Permits Issued	\$29,250,000		\$4,917,206	\$6,859,477

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 1 to 15 acres. Other Land Use Districts available are *Agricultural Small Holdings, Highway Commercial, Multi-lot Country Residential, Industrial, and Rural Industrial*.

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

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 21 subdivision applications received in 2015.

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

Looking Forward to 2016...

- A new Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan will be available by December 31, 2016.
- Revised Inter-municipal Development Plans with the Town of Hardisty, Town of Killam, Village of Forestburg, and Town of Sedgewick, will be available by December 31, 2016; and an Inter-municipal Development Plan will be established with the Town of Daysland.
- Planning and Development goals and regulations for the Hamlets of Galahad and Strome will be integrated into the County's Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan.

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
- Other Provincial Acts and Legislation

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.

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

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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 is 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 Program

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 meters wide. This program extends the life of the road and reduces maintenance costs. This program may include drainage improvements, culvert replacement, reshaping backslopes and sideslopes, re-compacting the sub-grade, re-establishing the road surface crown, including the road surface width that it was originally constructed, and the disposal of any rocks or shrubs. Gravelock, a soil stabilization product, was utilized in all but one of these projects and has been successful in strengthening the sub-grade.

The following Shoulder Pulling projects were completed in 2015:

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| • NNW 33-44-12 – Twp Rd 450, from Rge Rd 124, East for 7.00 miles (Gravelock) | Total Cost = \$274,200 |
| • NNW 07-44-16 – Twp Rd 442, from SH 855, West for 4.00 miles (Gravelock) | Total Cost = \$193,400 |
| • NNE 34-42-14 – Twp Rd 430, from Rge Rd 142, East for 2.00 miles (Gravelock) | Total Cost = \$96,300 |
| • NNW 33-45-15 – Twp Rd 460, from Rge Rd 154, East for 6.00 miles | Total Cost = \$284,500 |
| • ESE 01-43-14 – Rge Rd 140, from Twp Rd 430, North for 1.00 mile (Gravelock) | Total Cost = \$54,200 |

Sub-Grade Preparation: Is required on roads where the sub-grade has lost its compaction. This maintenance procedure includes re-compacting the sub-grade, re-establishing the crown on the road surface, and includes incorporating Gravelock, a soil stabilization product, to strengthen the sub-grade.

The following Sub-Grade Preparation project was completed in 2015:

- **ESE 28-42-11** – Rge Rd 113, from SH 608, North for 4.50 miles (Gravelock)
Total Cost = \$153,300

The following Sub-Grade Patch Projects were completed in 2015:

- **2 X 250 meter sections** - on Twp Rd 442 and Twp Rd 444 (both North of Lougheed)
Total Cost = \$11,000

Dust Suppressant

Strategic locations have dust suppressant applied which helps reduce the frequency of maintenance, improve safety while mitigating the nuisance of dust to residents, and minimizing the environmental impact. 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 therefore keeping aggregate on the road. Calcium Chloride has also proven to help reduce washboard, grader maintenance, and the frequency for gravelling, thus extending the life of our gravel sources.

In 2015, Calcium Chloride was used on 66 miles of road; 71 residential locations and 60 strategic locations (intersections, hills, and curves).

Residential Dust Suppressant – For a fee, Flagstaff County provides Calcium Chloride 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 or by contacting the Public Works Department at (780)384-4110.

Oil Surface Products

In 2013, the 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 compacted. Once an oil surface road has dehydrated to the point where the oil doesn't bind to the aggregate and the clay from the sub-grade is exposed, this road is then maintained as if it were a gravel road.

Roads remaining with an oil surface:

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

• Strome East	Rge Rd 151 – North of Hwy 13	0.40 miles
• Hardisty North	Rge Rd 95A – SH 861 West to Rge Rd 100	1.00 mile
• Hardisty	Rge Rd 100A – North of Hwy 13	0.35 miles
• Airport Road (Hardisty)	Rge Rd 103 – From Hwy 13 South to SH 608	7.00 miles
• Hardisty West	Town of Hardisty – to Rge Rd 101	0.8125 miles
• Shop Road West	Twp Rd 442 – West of SH 869 to Rge Rd 130	2.10 miles
• Shop Road East	Twp Rd 442 – East of SH 869	0.4375 miles

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

50% in the Spring (March 1 – July 31)
75% in the Summer and Fall (August 1 – November 30)
90% in the Winter (December 1 – February 28)

Test Products

Annually, funds are allocated for testing new dust suppressant products. These products are tested to determine whether they are effective, affordable, and environmentally suitable. The following dust suppressant products were tested in 2015:

- **MG 30**
 - Rge Rd 123 – South from SH 602 7.25 miles
 - Twp Rd 420 – East from Rge Rd 103 2.50 miles
 - Twp Rd 434 – East from Rge Rd 131 3.00 miles
 - Rge Rd 113 – South from Twp Rd 432 6.00 miles
- **Dust Lynx**
 - Rge Rd 123 – North from SH 602 2.00 miles

Products that have been tested with unsatisfactory results are:

- Canola Oil
- Durasoil
- Earth Glue
- Magnesium Chloride
- Dust Lynx

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 cost effective alternatives.

Pavement

The following roadways are designated pavement roads:

• ATCO Power Plant Road	Twp Rd 410 – to ATCO Power Plant	4.50 miles
• County Airport Road	Rge Rd 131 – North of Hwy 13	0.75 mile
• Galahad Access Road	Twp Rd 412 – West of Hwy 36	4.00 miles

Road Bans

Road Bans define the maximum allowable weights permitted on certain municipal roads. Oil roads are banned at 50% during the spring, 75% during the summer and fall, and 90% during the winter months. Gravel roads are banned only if deemed necessary to protect the infrastructure. Certain dirt/sand roads have an annual weight restriction of 75% to reduce heavy oilfield traffic. Please refer to our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca for the most current Road Ban Order.

Gravel Program

Gravel

On average, 175,000 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-gravelled 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, etc., influence cycle times. Within the re-gravel program, all 8-meter wide roads are gravelled at 330 tonnes per mile. Narrower road widths are gravelled at a reduced rate of 290 tonnes per mile. The loading and hauling of aggregate materials for the gravel program is performed by in-house resources utilizing four gravel trucks with two additional gravel trucks designated for spot patching on gravel roads throughout the County.

Gravel Production

Gravel Production (crushing) replenishes our supply of gravel and ensures inventory levels are adequate to support our programs. Crushing projects are tendered to ensure that a competitive price is obtained. All gravel is crushed to a required specification and quality controls are completed by in-house personnel.

Three gravel production projects were completed in 2015 at the following locations:

- **CR-01-2015** Skori Pit (N1/2 09-46-11) – 102,400 tonnes
- **CR-02-2015** Mazure Pit (NE 16-43-09) – 119,200 tonnes
- **CR-03-2015** McDonald Pit (NW 14-45-19) – 50,000 tonnes

A total of 271,600 tonnes of gravel was crushed in 2015 at a total cost of \$2,373,500.

Gravel Reclamation

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

Gravel Exploration

In an effort to secure a long-term gravel supply, we are continually seeking potential gravel sources.

Landowners continue to provide information of possible gravel sources on private lands 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.

In 2015, gravel testing was conducted at two locations (southwest area and northwest area of the County) and provided to have inadequate gravel deposits for productive mining.

Gravel Sales

Landowners may purchase a maximum allotment of gravel up to 150 tonnes per year per residential/farm/acreage site 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 prior to receiving any gravel sales.

Please note that the intent of County gravel sales is for use on private lands for laneways and yard sites, **not for re-sale.**

Road Maintenance

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

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

County gravel roads are maintained by 10 graders. Grader operators are able to blade approximately 18-25 miles/day; these roads should receive maintenance 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.

Back roads or blind roads will not be plowed unless deemed necessary by Public Works.

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. County Staff is required to conduct an Occupational Health and 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.

Bridge Maintenance and Repair

Bridge maintenance includes deck sweeping, vegetation control, beaver dam removal, replacement of bridge decking, guardrails, and hazard markers. This maintenance preserves the capital asset and contributes to safe crossings.

The 85 bridges within the County are inspected and analyzed on a five-year cycle for major deficiencies.

The following bridge projects were completed in 2015:

- **Bridge File # 9054** – Rge Rd 132 (Northeast of Killam)
(This bridge project was carried forward from 2014)
 - Cap replacement, replace 1 pile, and install new bridge rail and miscellaneous repairs.
Total cost = \$72,800
- **Bridge File # 9462** – Rge Rd 135 (North of Killam)
(This bridge project was carried forward from 2014)
 - Cap replacement, replace 1 pile, replace stripdeck, replace bridge rail and posts
Total cost = \$87,600
- **Bridge File # 81723** – Twp Rd 444, east of Rge Rd 165 (South of Daysland)
 - Replacement of culvert
Total cost = \$49,000
- **Bridge File # 81724** – Rge Rd 165, north of Twp Rd 444 (South of Daysland)
 - Replacement of culvert
Total Cost = \$53,000

The following bridge project was not completed in 2015 and will be completed in 2016:

- **Bridge File # 1696** – Rge Rd 102, north of Twp Rd 432 (Northwest of Hardisty)
 - Removal of bridge structure and replace with single lane industrial oilfield span structure

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 as equipment and resources become available as the same resources are utilized in gravel production and reclamation programs.

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

Approaches

Approaches located within the road's right-of-way are under the direction, control, and management of Flagstaff County and as such Public Works retains the authority to approve the installation of new approaches. In the interest of the public safety, approval will only be granted where the requested location is considered practical and ensures that all approaches are constructed in accordance with County standards and policy PW 004-Approaches.

Oil and gas companies must submit an application in a form of a letter along with a site survey plan and must be accompanied by a \$250 inspection/administration fee. Where access is required off of a partially or undeveloped road allowance, the applicant is required to enter into the appropriate Road Use/Construction Agreement.

Road Side Clean Up

Landowners are not to dump rocks and debris in the County right-of-way. This debris causes hazards in the right-of-way. The landowner will be responsible for the clean-up of any new rock piles found.

Ditches within our County right-of-ways on developed and partially developed road allowances will be periodically cleared of debris such as rocks, garbage, and dead trees.

Signs

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

Culverts

Culvert maintenance includes 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 in approaches on road allowances and to local municipalities. Used culvert is also available for sale at half the purchase price; sizes will vary depending upon availability.

Airport

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

The following capital projects were completed in 2015 at a total cost of \$49,600:

- Application of seal coat on existing taxi-ways and extension to new hangars.
- Upgrades to the terminal building; siding, shingling, and build deck.
- Fuel tank upgraded to comply with Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta requirements.

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/backlopes, drainage, and type of traffic, are used to determine which roads will be constructed and prioritized for reconstruction.

➤ 2015 Road Construction Program

No Road Construction was completed in 2015.

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

- ENE 32-45-12 – Rge Rd 124, South for 2.00 miles
- ENE 20-44-12 – Rge Rd 124, South for 2.00 miles

The 2015 budget included the annual allotment of \$2,500,000. Preliminary engineering and design for 2016 and 2017 road construction was completed in 2015. The remaining amount was placed in reserves for further construction projects.

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, landowners 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:

Principles of 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 be MG 30 and Calcium Chloride.
- The 2015 Dust Suppressant Program will be revised to reflect the surface type of MG 30 and Calcium Chloride, and to develop 142.50 miles of the arterial road network with the same surface type over an eight-year period.
- 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.

On December 2, 2015, a facilitated discussion was held with the Executive of the Flagstaff Coalition for Better Roads, County Council, and staff. The topics covered the concept of perception, understanding expectations, giving and receiving feedback, and specific discussion around the Rural Road Study.

At the December 11, 2015 County Council meeting, the information from the meeting with the Flagstaff Coalition for Better Roads was discussed, and Council approved the following:

- To research and prepare a proposal for the use of the product Terrachem with chip seal for a dust suppressant alternative; if the product projects to be an economical and effective option for a surface type for the arterial road network, determine a test section for the application for further analysis.
- To develop a rating system, utilizing the criteria in the Rural Road Study, to further review the arterial road designation; and consider different surface types dependent on the rating of the roads.

Reporting Issues or Information

Please contact Public Works Administration at (780) 384-4110 with any issues or information regarding:

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

Looking Forward in 2016 to...

- Secure a gravel source for the future programs and our gravel road system
- Provide Public Works services for the Hamlets of Galahad and Strome
- Establish a long term Capital Bridge Replacement Program

Public Works Programs scheduled for 2016 are:

Road Construction

The following Road Construction is scheduled for 2016:

- ESE 17-40-10 – Rge Rd 104, North 0.50 mile (Collector)
- THR 16-40-10 – Twp Rd 402A, Northeast 1.00 mile (Collector)
- ENE 33-40-10 – Rge Rd 103, South 1.00 mile (Collector)
- THR 10-39-12 – Rge Rd 122A, South 1.50 miles (Collector)
- Town of Daysland - 64th Street and Rge Rd 164 from Highway 13, North 900 meters (Local)

Road Recovery

Shoulder Pulling Projects:

The following Shoulder Pulling projects are scheduled for 2016:

(Gravelock, a sub-grade road stabilization product, will be applied to these roads)

- ENE 12-44-14 – Rge Rd 140, South 7.00 miles (Local)
- NNW 36-42-13 – Twp Rd 430, East 2.50 miles (Arterial)

Total = 9.50 miles

Sub-Grade Preparation Projects:

The following Sub-Grade Preparation projects are scheduled for 2016:

(Gravelock will be applied to these roads)

- ENE 09-41-12 - Rge Rd 123, South 4.00 miles (Arterial)
- NNW 35-40-14 – Twp Rd 410, East 4.00 miles (Arterial)
- ENE 10-41-15 – Rge Rd 152, South 2.00 miles (Arterial)
- ENE 33-41-11 – Rge Rd 113, South 6.00 miles (Arterial)

Total = 16.00 miles

Also, a contingency of an additional five miles is included in the budget if time permits for further Road Recovery work.

Gravel Production

Gravel crushing will take place at the following locations in 2016:

- CR-01-2016 – Southwest Area - approximately 60,000 tonnes
- CR-02-2016 – West Area - approximately 50,000 tonnes
- CR-03-2016 – Hinkey Pit (NW 17-44-09) - approximately 100,000 tonnes

Bridges

The following bridge work is scheduled for 2016:

- **BF# 1696** - Rge Rd 102, North of Twp Rd 432 (Northwest of Hardisty)
 - This project has been carried forward from 2015.
 - The following work will be completed: Removal of bridge structure and replace with single lane industrial oilfield span structure.
 - Estimated Cost: \$588,900
- **BF# 9055** - Rge Rd 135, North of Twp Rd 452 (North of Killam)
 - The following work will be completed: Replace timber caps, drive 6 new piles, patch sub-deck, replace pier sway braces, and miscellaneous repairs.
 - Estimated Cost: \$181,500 (includes contracted services and engineering).
- **BF# 1459** - Rge Rd 120, (South of Lougheed)
 - The following work will be completed: Timber caps and miscellaneous repairs.
 - Estimated Cost: \$99,000 (includes contracted services and engineering).

*In 2016 Level 2 Timber coring inspections will be completed on the following bridge structures to determine future replacement and repair requirements:

- **BF# 72018** – NW 15-43-10 (Rge Rd 103)
- **BF# 7717** – SW 06-46-13 (Twp Rd 460)
- **BF# 6703** – NE 07-44-10 (Twp Rd 442)
- **BF# 8318** – NW 13-43-10 (Rge Rd 101)

RECREATION

Grant Funding

In 2015, \$750,000 in recreation funding was 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.

The following indicates how each Agricultural Society allocated their grant.

2015 Recreation Funding Allocations		
Agricultural Society	Funding Distribution	Flagstaff County Grant
Killam	Rec. Board:	\$120,000
	• Pool:	\$98,500
	• Arena:	\$15,000
	• Summer Fun:	\$3,000
	• Ball:	\$500
	• Bowling Alley:	\$3,000
	Sedgewick Spray Park:	\$3,000
	Alliance Ski Hill:	\$705
	Hardisty Lake:	\$500
	Strome Curling Rink:	\$200
Killam Jr. B:	\$5,000	
Ag. Society Building:	\$16,000	
		\$145,405
Lougheed	Lougheed Seniors Centre:	\$1,500
	Lougheed Community Society:	\$5,000
	Lougheed Childhood Services Society:	\$1,500
	Lougheed Curling Club:	\$3,000
	Lougheed Arena Committee:	\$20,000
	Iron Creek Museum:	\$3,000
	C.H.S.P.S:	\$1,500
	Lougheed Play Group:	\$250
Lougheed Ball Diamonds:	\$4,714	
		\$40,464
Heisler	Daysland School:	\$2,000
	Forestburg School:	\$2,000
	DaysArts:	\$2,000
	Heisler Library:	\$1,500
	Heisler Minor Ball:	\$2,000
	Valley Ski Hill:	\$2,500
	Thunderstars Minor Hockey:	\$4,000
	Heisler Community Centre:	\$2,000
Heisler Rec Centre:	\$4,381	
		\$22,381
Strome	Strome Historical Society:	\$5,000
	Strome Seniors:	\$2,000
	Strome Curling Club:	\$5,000
	Strome Willing Workers:	\$5,000
	Strome Community Church:	\$5,000
	DaysArt:	\$3,500
		\$33,794

2015 Recreation Funding Allocations

Agricultural Society	Funding Distribution	Flagstaff County Grant
	Daysland Memorial Arena: \$3,500 Daysland School: \$3,500 Alliance Ski Hill: \$1,000 *Unallocated Funds: \$294	
Daysland	Daysland Arena: \$40,000 DaysArts: \$10,000 Daysland Curling Rink: \$7,865 Daysland Golf Club: \$31,000 Daysland Business Association: \$7,000 Daysland Parks and Trail Committee: \$4,000 Daysland Community Hall: \$8,000 Daysland Skating Club: \$500 Daysland Thunderhawks Pond Hockey: \$1,000 DaysArt – Kamotion Creative Movement: \$1,000 Daysland School Council: \$2,500 Daysland Fitness Centre: \$2,500 Daysland & District Handivan Society: \$1,000 Daysland Business Association: \$1,250 Daysland Public Library: \$2,000	\$119,615
Forestburg	Battle River Fish and Game: \$5,000 Forestburg Swim Club: \$6,000 Forestburg Arena Association: \$11,975 Forestburg Art Club: \$100 Forestburg Cemetery Society: \$1,000 Forestburg Communities in Bloom: \$7,500 Forestburg Community Centre: \$8,000 Forestburg Curling Club: \$7,000 Forestburg Dance Society: \$5,000 Forestburg Fitness Institute: \$4,000 Forestburg Golf Club: \$7,000 Forestburg Golf Jr. Tournament: \$500 Forestburg Learn and Playschool: \$2,000 Forestburg Minor Ball: \$1,000 Forestburg Public Library: \$3,850 Forestburg Riding Arena: \$3,000 Forestburg School: \$15,000 Forestburg Swimming Pool Association: \$17,000 Golden Prairie 4-H Club: \$500 Hardisty Lake United Church Camp: \$500 Heisler Minor Ball: \$750 Thunderstars Minor Hockey: \$10,000 Valley Alpine Race Club: \$1,000 Valley Ski Club: \$5,000 Walter Jahns Singers Society: \$500	\$123,175

2015 Recreation Funding Allocations

Agricultural Society	Funding Distribution	Flagstaff County Grant
Alliance	Valley Ski Hill: \$2,000 Battle Bend Cemetery: \$1,500 Alliance Museum: \$1,300 Women's Institute: \$2,000 ACDC: \$200 Village Alliance: \$8,000 Rec Board Campsite Account: \$6,000 July 1st Committee Rec Grant: \$1,000 Alliance Ag. Society: \$3,791	\$25,791
Hardisty	Alliance Ski Hill: \$3,000 Hardisty Hall Board: \$5,000 Hardisty K-Club: \$15,000 Hardisty Lakeview Golf Association: \$45,000 Hardisty Minor Hockey: \$3,000 Hardisty Public Library: \$3,000 Killam Rec Board: \$1,000 Hardisty Golf: \$6,500 Hardisty Arena: \$15,713	\$94,713
Galahad	Valley Ski Club: \$5,000 Archery Club: \$2,500 Thunderstar Minor Hockey: \$2,000 Galahad Seniors Club: \$500 Galahad Bowling League: \$7,638	\$17,638
Sedgewick	Sedgewick Ag. Society: \$825 Battle River Minor Hockey: \$31,095 Sedgewick Curling Club: \$5,000 Flagstaff Fusion Lacrosse: \$6,500 Sedgewick Golf Club: \$938 Sedgewick Public School: \$4,000 Sedgewick Minor Ball: \$1,000 Killam Rec Board: \$6,500 Valley Ski Club: \$6,500 Battle River Football: \$3,000 Sedgewick Bowling League: \$7,500 Sedgewick Playschool: \$5,000 Sedgewick Recreation Centre: \$42,500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating Funding: \$27,500 • Capital Reserves: \$15,000 Transfer to Capital Reserves: \$6,143 Start-up expenses: \$526	\$127,026
		Total: \$750,000

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, and fire investigation.

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

The fire departments responded to the following in 2015:

Community	Vehicle Collisions	Fire Calls	False Alarms	Medical Assists	Total 2015
Alliance	1	10	4	5	20
Daysland	2	3	7	5	17
Forestburg	2	5	6	11	24
Galahad	2	5	0	1	8
Hardisty	8	6	9	4	27
Heisler	0	2	1	1	4
Killam	3	9	11	3	26
Lougheed	2	7	4	0	13
Sedgewick	3	1	5	1	10
Strome	3	4	0	4	11
Total Calls in 2015	26	52	47	35	160

Water Tanker

Two water tankers, owned by Flagstaff County, are housed at the Killam Fire Hall and the Hardisty Fire Hall. These tankers are operated by the volunteers of the Killam and Hardisty Fire Departments.

Rescue Services

A rescue truck is housed in the Killam Fire Hall and is operated by the volunteers of the Killam Fire Department. In 2015, the rescue truck responded to 24 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.

In 2015, Flagstaff County purchased an Emergency Management Response Trailer that will carry the equipment and supplies needed for large-scale emergency events. The types of equipment will include barricades, signage, lights, etc.

Looking Forward to 2016...

- Advanced extrication training - training in the latest technique on newer model vehicles.
- New Wildland trucks in place that is better suited to combat wildland fires.
- Emergency Management Response Trailer – will be purchasing the supplies needed to stock this trailer in preparation for large-scale emergency events.



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