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The official newsletter of Flagstaff County

Spring 2024

Count yourself in!

Flagstaff County Reeve Don Kroetch invites you to “Count yourself in!”

Our 2024 Municipal Census officially opened on May 1. The previous week, letters were mailed out to all rural and hamlet addresses in the County.

In your letter, you will find a two-part secure access code, and a QR code, that allow you to complete the census online. It’s quick, secure and the preferred way to participate.

The only information we require is the number of residents residing in your dwelling, and their ages and genders.



Reeve Don Kroetch

2024 Census



Can't complete the census online? You are also more than welcome to call the County office at 780-384-4100 to complete the census over the phone.

Why are we conducting a municipal census?

Please note that we are using the census to complete an Electoral Boundary Review and to help support Municipal Services offered.

As this is our first census in several decades, your participation is crucial in helping us plan for the evolving needs of Flagstaff County. Years of population change, including the

more recent incorporation of the Hamlets of Strome and Galahad, have left an uneven distribution throughout our seven electoral divisions.

It's time to redraw our electoral boundaries to give residents the best representation. Please help us to serve you better.

We blast unwanted beaver dams

Flagstaff County will blast any unwanted beaver dams on private land. The fee charged in 2024 is cost recovery on

materials, plus \$50/hr. If interested in this service, please contact Agricultural Fieldman Nick Dunn at 780-384-4138.



2024 Road Recovery



LOCATION	MILES	ROAD CLASS
ENE 07-46-16 Rge Rd 165	South 6.0	Local
ENE 35-46-15 Rge Rd 151	South 4.0	Local
ENE 33-42-14 Rge Rd 143	South 6.0	Local
NNW 22-42-14 Twp Rd 424	East 5.0	Local
NNW 22-46-16 Twp Rd 464	East 3.0	Local
NNW 22-45-16 Twp Rd 454	East 1.0	Local

The Road Recovery/Rehabilitation Program focuses on rehabilitating a road structure, restoring drainage and disposing of any rocks and regrowth of trees and shrubs.

Crews are working on six projects this year. This program is carried out by Flagstaff County resources. For further information, please visit our website at: flagstaff.ab.ca.

Gravel for sale to County landowners

Gravel is available for sale to a maximum of 150 tonnes/year per residential/farm/acreage site. Gravel is not available for sale to commercial users.

Anyone wishing to purchase gravel must contact the Transportation Department to obtain a "Permission for Purchase of Gravel" form.

Gravel will not be loaded out of a pit without this form.

Gravel sales will be limited to the following upcoming dates:

- **June 5 & 19**
- **July 3, 17 & 31**
- **August 14 & 28**
- **September 11 & 25**
- **October 9 & 23**

To arrange for the purchase of gravel, please call the Flagstaff County Administration Office at 780-384-4100.

Flagstaff County does not haul gravel for ratepayers.

Hauling arrangements must be made by the ratepayer.

Please note that gravel sales are limited to the following gravel pits: Mazure Pit (NE 16-43-09 W4); Skori Pit #2 (N 1/2 09-46-11 W4); Barber Stockpile (NE 17-44-09 W4); and Daysland Stockpile (SE 13-45-17 W4), provided a loader is available at that gravel pit on that particular day.



Pollinator Program back this year

The Pollinator Habitat Establishment Program returns for 2024. New in 2022, it involves seeding a small plot of land, typically three to five acres, with a pollinator seed blend. The plot of land must be adjacent to wetlands. The costs of seed and labour are fully covered by Flagstaff County.

This program is important, as promoting pollinators and pollinator habitat will combat the current widespread decline of these areas. Pollinators are vital to agriculture, as well as our food system and ecosystems. They help thousands of flowering plants reproduce, from crops to flowers to fruits. Pollinator habitat can also provide benefits on farms, such as preventing soil erosion and improving biodiversity.

We are currently accepting applications for the Pollinator Habitat Establishment Program. Please contact Nick Dunn for further information at 780-384-4138.



Flagstaff Fresh MARKET

Hosted by the Town of Killam

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Main Street Killam

3 PM - 6 PM



in partnership with



Traps available to rent

There are traps available at the Flagstaff County office located at 12435 Twp Rd 442 in Sedgewick. Each trap is available for one month. Residents who keep the trap for longer than one month will be charged the \$75.00 deposit. Call 780-384-4100.



Magpie trap



Raccoon/skunk trap

Fill the Bucket for the Flagstaff Food Bank

Thursday, May 30
Killam Co-op
3 to 6 p.m.



**Also happening this
same afternoon in Killam ...**

Flagstaff Fresh
MARKET



Roadside Vegetation Management

Flagstaff County's Ag Services Department controls weed and brush on municipally owned roadsides with herbicide. Roadsides will be sprayed up to 500 feet from a farm site and continue 500 feet past the farm site.

Landowners/tenants that are not in favour of having municipally owned roadsides adjacent to their property treated with herbicide are encouraged to apply for a No Herbicide Application Agreement prior to June 1.

The No Herbicide Application Agreement is good for five years. Please keep in mind that by signing the agreement, you are responsible for maintaining the weed and brush along those areas to municipal standards.

An online application form or a printable PDF of the No Herbicide Application Agreement can be found on our website at flagstaff.ab.ca.

Roadside Haying

Flagstaff County uses a permit system for all landowners within the County wanting to hay municipal right-of-ways. All roads are intended to be mowed twice a year commencing in June.

The purpose of the permit system is to minimize conflict between the municipality and landowners who want to cut and bale hay along roadsides. The deadline to apply for Roadside Haying Permits is June 15. All permits are only valid for one year. Annual renewal is required.



RoCon now available

Flagstaff County is now offering another option for the control of Richardson's ground squirrels. It's called RoCon, a poison-free rodenticide registered by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency for the control of Richardson's ground squirrels and Norway rats.

Flagstaff County residents may purchase RoCon and associated supplies at the following cost-recovery pricing:

- Kit (includes pump, nozzle, 24 cones and four jugs of mustard seed foam) – \$826
- Pump – \$385
- Nozzle – \$60
- 24 cones – \$156
- Mustard seed foam – \$56.25/jug

GST will be added to all purchases.



Weevil-Cide (aluminum phosphide tablets)

Weevil-Cide fumigant is a pesticide that helps to control Richardson's ground squirrels. However, to purchase Weevil-Cide, you must have:

- A Farmer's Pesticide Certificate with Pest Control in Stored Grain or Exterior Rodent Control endorsements;
- Or hold an Applicator's Certificate with Rodenticide endorsement.

Cost-recovery pricing is \$90/canister. Each canister contains 500 tablets.

An agreement form must be completed before purchasing and picking up.

Certificates and endorsements

Flagstaff County has hosted courses in the past in which residents were able to obtain the necessary certificates and endorsements.

If you would like to be placed on a waiting list for our next course, please contact Agricultural Fieldman Nick Dunn by phone at 780-384-4138 or via email at ndunn@flagstaff.ab.ca. If there is sufficient interest, the next course will likely be held this fall.



New peace officer

Meet Flagstaff County Peace Officer Aaron Young.

While he's new to Flagstaff, Officer Young isn't new to law enforcement.

His previous peace officer experience includes time in Red Deer and Sylvan Lake.

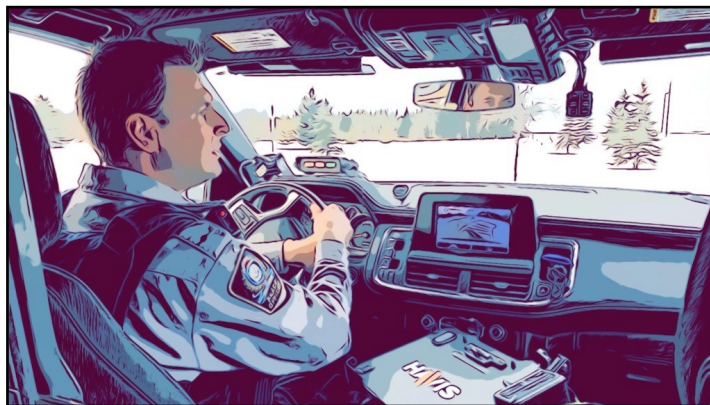
Prior to that, he was a conservation officer in Red Deer District and has also served as a law enforcement/training academy instructor.

If you see Officer Young out patrolling in your community, be sure to give him a warm Flagstaff welcome!



Report kids' positive deeds

Positive tickets are issued for positive behaviour such as practicing personal safety, being a community hero and making smart choices.



Contact our peace officers if you know of a deserving youth! Officer Zelinski and Officer Young can be reached at 780-384-4100 or via email at szelinski@flagstaff.ab.ca or ayoung@flagstaff.ab.ca.

Peace Officer

Skyler Zelinski and Peace Officer Aaron Young want to be notified by teachers, coaches, friends and neighbours throughout the Flagstaff Region who have witnessed a child doing a positive or helpful deed, or performing a safe act that would be worthy of receiving a positive ticket.

Positive tickets come with a

\$10 coupon that can be redeemed at participating businesses, as well as a bracelet for a free swim at the Killam Regional Aquatic Centre. Let's acknowledge the good that our young people are doing right here in Flagstaff County!

GRADUATING CLASS PLANT -A -TREE DAY

June 7th, 13th, 14th

Please join us in celebrating the graduating classes of:

Central High Sedgewick Public School- June 7th @ 10:00 a.m.
Forestburg School- June 13th @ 9:30 a.m.
Daysland School- June 14th @ 9:30 a.m.

In planting a 'Graduation Tree' to symbolize their growth and journey through their academic years!

Event Schedule:

Welcome and Congratulations from Flagstaff County Council
Presentation of tree and plaque
Planting of tree and placement plaque
Closing remarks from Flagstaff County Economic Development Team

Flagstaff
CELEBRATES *Success*

SAVE THE DATE

October 24, 2024

AVAILABLE

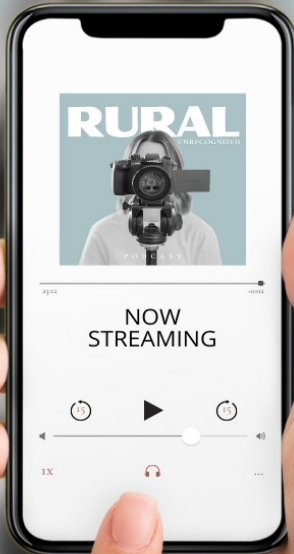
BUSINESS SUPPORTS

- BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAM
- SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SUPPORT PROGRAM
- ONE-ON-ONE BUSINESS COACHING
- SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESSION READINESS PROGRAM
- AGRICULTURE SUCCESSION READINESS PROGRAM
- REGIONAL THOUGHT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

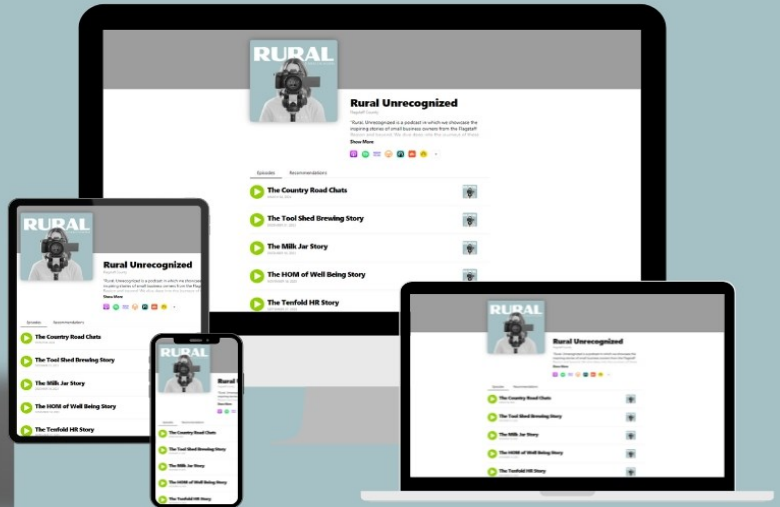
Contact Economic Development Coordinator,
Shaina Dunn for more information.

sdunn@flagstaff.ab.ca
780-384-4151

RURAL UNRECOGNIZED



PODCAST



The Rural Unrecognized podcast showcases the inspiring stories of small business owners. Tune in and get inspired by the amazing stories of these passionate and dedicated individuals who are making a difference in their communities and beyond.



LISTEN ON YOUR FAVOURITE PLATFORMS!

Do I require a Development Permit?

While there are a few exceptions, most projects require approval.

For example, dugouts and some signs require a development permit. A list of developments not requiring a development permit can be found in the Land Use Bylaw (Section 3.5).

Please contact our office regarding setback and permit regulations, or if you have any questions regarding your proposed development. It is always a good idea to contact us when planning proposed projects.

Subdivisions and Private Sewage Disposal

The Alberta Safety Codes Council has a Standard of Practice pertaining to private sewage disposal systems that are in use and permitted for a single family residence in Alberta.

The minimum required setback from a property line for an open discharge system is 150 to 300 feet. There is a 150-foot setback from a residence, farm dugout and watercourse.

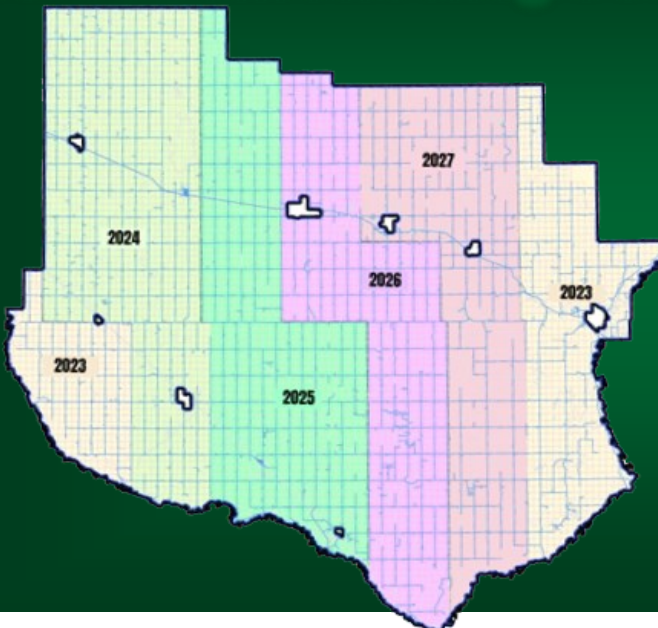
As a result, the minimum parcel size for a single residential parcel has increased to

approximately 8.5 acres. In the case where a subdivision hasn't been applied for, the parcel size is dependent on the location of buildings, water reservoirs, and open discharge in relation to existing or future property lines.

Pre-planning a subdivision prior to submitting the application is strongly recommended. Failure to pre-plan can substantially add to the cost. There are several approved methods of treating effluent from rural residences that reduce property line setback, all of which are included in the 2015 Standard of Practice.



Assessment inspections set for summer



Please be advised that Accurate Assessment will be doing 2024 assessment inspections in the following areas of the County during July and August:

- Twp 43-16
- Twp 46-16
- All of Range 15

For more information about assessments, please visit: bit.ly/FlagstaffAssessment.



Flagstaff County's Vision and Principles:

Vision: At Flagstaff County, we envision a vibrant and sustainable regional community that preserves our rural essence and enhances the quality of life for all residents.

Principles: Our Council has established three fundamental principles that guide our actions and decision-making: **collaboration, fiscal leadership & environmental responsibility.**

Flagstaff County is unwavering in our dedication to these principles, and they form the foundation of our work. Join our team and contribute to the betterment of our community while upholding these core values.

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit their resume along with a cover letter by mail or email to:

Contact:

Human Resource Department
Email: Human.Resources@flagstaff.ab.ca
Direct: (780) 384-4100

For the full job description please visit: www.flagstaff.ab.ca

Thank you to all applicants for their interest in Flagstaff County; however only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.

Flagstaff County is recruiting for the full-time position of:

Maintenance Grader Operator

Why Work With Us: At Flagstaff County; we're committed to building a stronger, vibrant, and sustainable community. We actively engage with local communities, businesses, and government bodies, ensuring transparent financial management and promoting environmental sustainability.

Position Overview: Join our dynamic team dedicated to enhancing community infrastructure and safety. We're seeking a skilled Maintenance Grader Operator to make a substantial impact in our Municipal Services department. Reporting directly to the Field Coordinator, this position is responsible for performing grader work on all gravel and dirt roads within a designated maintenance area within the road maintenance program of the department in accordance with policies and bylaws established by County Council.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Road Maintenance:** Responsible for maintaining roads within designated areas, including gravel spreading as part of the gravelling program.
- **Equipment Operation:** Operate heavy and light equipment as needed, including trucks and trailers for hauling gravel or equipment.
- **Various Programs Assistance:** Assist with back sloping, road construction, dust suppressant programs, and winter tasks like snow plowing and sanding.
- **Reporting and Repairs:** Report and assist in repairing damaged signs, culverts, road surfaces, washouts, and obstructions. Dispose of large items off road surfaces. Report view obstructions such as brush, grass, and weeds.
- **Equipment Maintenance:** Assist in servicing, maintaining, and cleaning the grader and other equipment.
- **Equipment Inspection:** Inspect and service equipment daily before operation.
- **Inventory Management:** Maintain required inventory for the grader shed, including tools, replacement parts, blades, tires, fuel, etc.
- **Facility Maintenance:** Ensure cleanliness, orderliness, and safety of the grader shed and yard, especially during operator absences of more than three days.
- **Compliance Responsibility:** Ensure compliance with Flagstaff County policies, Health and Safety program, and Human Resources guidelines.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of 2-3 years of related experience in operating a grader.
- Valid class 3 driver's license.
- Ability to work independently and cooperatively in a team environment.
- Flexibility to adapt to various working conditions.

All candidates are required to undergo and pass a drug and alcohol screening as a condition of employment.

Position Type:	Permanent Full-time
Hours of Work:	Monday to Friday 8-10 hrs/day (Guaranteed 176hrs/month)
Salary Range:	\$32.90/hour to \$40.47/hour
Closing Date:	June 6, 2024 or until suitable candidate is selected