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The official newsletter of Flagstaff County

Summer 2022

Have your say on our Strategic Plan

Flagstaff County Council is responsible for developing a plan to determine the long-term strategic direction of the municipality. Council's current 2022-25 Strategic Plan is a guide outlining their key priorities and strategic goals for their term.



Flagstaff County Communications Coordinator Cary Castagna sits down with Reeve Don Kroetch and Deputy Reeve Howard Shield to discuss the Strategic Plan. Listen at bit.ly/FlagstaffCountyPodcast.

Residents are invited to learn more about the Strategic Plan on our website (flagstaff.ab.ca) and then offer their feedback. Public input regarding the plan may be emailed to:

publicinput@flagstaff.ab.ca.

This Strategic Plan is designed to position the County to both meet the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities that the future will inevitably bring. It contains Council's vision for the future of our Community of communities, as well as Council's three guiding principles. It shapes our organization, as well as the municipal programs and services we provide to all residents of Flagstaff County.

Council and administration will review all feedback and discuss whether any of the strategic goals and/or strategic priorities need to be amended.

Podcast and Public Input

In the newest episode of our podcast,



Tax notices mailed

2022 Tax and Assessment Notices were mailed to Flagstaff County, Strome and Galahad property owners at the end of May. If you have not yet received your notice, please contact our office at 780-384-4100.

Payment is due October 17, 2022. For more information, visit: bit.ly/TaxNoticesMailed.



2022 Programs and Services

The 2022 Road Recovery Program started in May. Crews are working on eight shoulder pulling projects this year, including:

- ENE 19-45-15, Rge Rd 155 – South for 4.5 miles (Local Road)
- NNW 24-44-14, Twp Rd 444 – East for 3.0 miles (Local Road)
- NNE 32-41-15, Rge Rd 154 – South for 2.0 miles (Local Road)
- NNW 11-44-16, Twp Rd 442 – East for 6.0 miles (Collector Road)
- ENE 33-40-11, Rge Rd 113 – South for 4.0 miles (Collector Road)
- ENE 36-40-13, Rge Rd 130 – South for 4.0 miles (Local Road)
- NNW 32-40-12, Twp Rd 410 – East for 2.0 miles (Arterial Road)
- NNE 20-45-16, Twp Rd 454 – East for 1.0 miles (Local Road)

Please keep in mind that our seasonal crews will be out working on our roadways and to use extreme caution while travelling on these roads while they are being maintained in any way. We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this season.

For more information and
a map of our 2022
Programs and Services,
visit our website at:
flagstaff.ab.ca.



Get the latest Public Works Updates at: bit.ly/PWUpdates.



Fencing and gates across road allowances

If you're considering any fencing or gate projects across Flagstaff County road allowances this summer, please refer to the below information to ensure you work within our guidelines.

The purpose of Procedure # PW 001-6 is to facilitate the opportunity for short- and long-term cattle grazing within County road allowances.

Wire fences for livestock management may not be constructed on a County right-of-way without written authorization. Applications are to be submitted in writing, with sufficient detail, to be considered by the Public Works department. Information required by the applicant includes:

- Location and term of proposed use;
- Post size and spacing (minimum 100 mm or 4-inch posts);
- Corner and intermediate bracing details (sketch with wood and/or wire dimensions provided);
- Gate details (sketch showing type of wire posts and other hardware including closing device, minimum 7.3 m wide);
- Wire gauge and spacing (minimum 4 strand);



- Location of signs – with the signs being supplied by the County at the landowner's expense
- Provisions to maintain through traffic (i.e. no locking devices)

Fence and gate construction must be consistent with the noted Fence/Gate

Standard Drawing. Gates across road allowances shall **not** be locked, and if approved, the applicant must enter into a "Hold Harmless" Agreement with Flagstaff County.

Texas gates may be considered as an option to manage cattle. Applications must be submitted in writing to the Public Works department for review and approval. The applicant will be responsible for the cost of installation, removal and maintenance of the Texas gate. All work performed in the road allowance will be completed by the County.

On roads developed to a gravel standard, Texas gates must be certified for a minimum load rating of 36,000 kg or 80,000 lbs and be a minimum of 8.0 m wide. For undeveloped roads, other options would be considered based on current access use. Cattle underpasses must meet Alberta Transportation standards.

2022 gravel sales dates

Gravel is available to Flagstaff County ratepayers for sale to a maximum of 150 tonnes per year per residential/farm/acreage site within the County. Any residents of rural Flagstaff County or the hamlets wishing to purchase gravel must contact the Public Works department to make arrangements and obtain a "Permission for Purchase of Gravel" form prior to receiving any gravel sales. Gravel will not be loaded out of a pit without this form.

For the remainder of 2022, the following dates have been designated for gravel sales:

- July 6 & 20
- August 3 & 17
- September 7 & 21

- October 5 & 19

Gravel will be available at one of the following gravel pits (depending on the location of the loaders):

- 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).

To arrange for the purchase of gravel, please call the Flagstaff County Administration Office at 780-384-4100. Information regarding a list of available aggregate products and pricing can also be obtained from the Public Works department. Flagstaff County does not haul gravel for ratepayers; hauling arrangements must be made by the ratepayer.



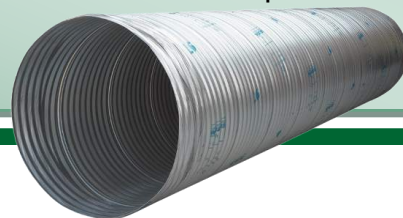
2022 culvert repair and replacements

Over the summer and early fall, the following work will be completed on large-diameter culverts located around Flagstaff County:

- BF # 77282 – SW 06-44-16 W4 (Twp Rd 440) south of Daysland (large-diameter culvert replacement)
- BF # 74378 – SW 23-42-11 W4 (Twp Rd 423) south of Loughheed (large-

diameter culvert replacement.

- BF # 81558 – SE 30-40-13 W4 (Twp Rd 404) north of Alliance (large-diameter culvert repair)
- BF # 78046 – SE 22-41-13 W4 (Rge Rd 132) north of Alliance (large-diameter culvert replacement)



Hazards in the County right-of-way

Please exercise caution when operating machinery adjacent to the County right-of-way. Certain infrastructure, such as culverts, may extrude into the right-of-way and if machinery is operated too closely to the boundary, there may be damage to the culverts, necessitating replacement.

If a landowner comes into contact with a culvert, please notify the Public Works department at 780-384-4100.



Pollinator Program new this year

The Pollinator Habitat Establishment Program, new in 2022, 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.



Custom spraying available for residents

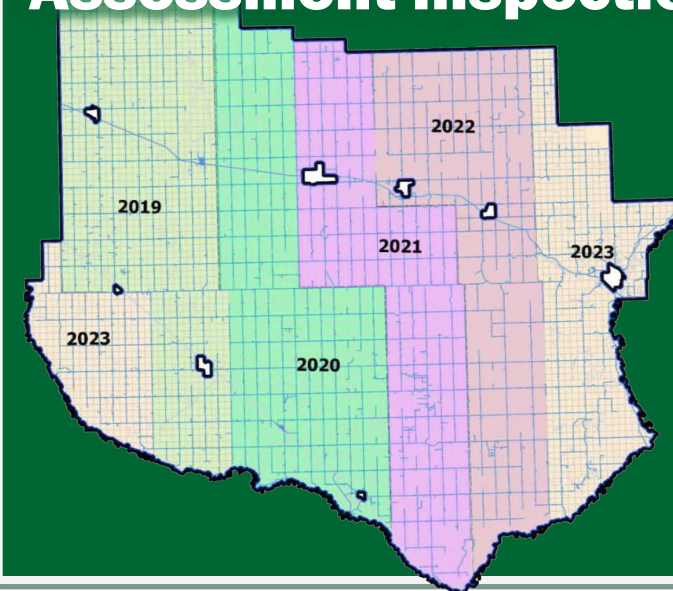
Flagstaff County offers custom spraying on private land for control of small patches of persistent perennial weeds such as toadflax, scentless chamomile, leafy spurge, white cockle, absinthe wormwood and common tansy.

This service is offered at cost recovery with chemical, plus labour at \$75/hour using a Kubota and \$25/hour using a backpack.

The Agricultural Service Board is committed to working in cooperation with all landowners by assisting with the identification and control of noxious weeds.



Assessment inspections set for July, August



Please be advised that Accurate Assessment will be doing 2022 assessment inspections in the following areas of the County during July and August:

- Twp 44-12
- Twp 45-12
- All of Range 10

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

Flagstaff Region Succession Program

The Small Business Succession Program is available to businesses located in the Flagstaff Region.

The program provides a variety of services, including training and seminars, coaching, access to trusted business services professionals and networking opportunities with other local businesses and entrepreneurs. Whether you're looking to pass

on the business to a family or staff member or a new entrepreneur to the region, proper succession awareness, consideration, preparation and implementation will ensure current operations will continue to run smoothly.

For more information, contact Shaina George, Economic Development Coordinator, at 780-384-4151 or email: sgeorge@flagstaff.ab.ca.



Flagstaff Fresh MARKET

Main Street, Sedgewick, AB

Thursday, August 25, 2022

4 PM - 7 PM

From savouring produce at the peak of freshness, to finding unique handmade products, to hearing live music, there are countless reasons to attend a Flagstaff Fresh Market this Summer.

To learn more about the 2022 Flagstaff Fresh Market or to apply to be a vendor, check out the Flagstaff Crafted website @ flagstaffcrafted.ca/flagstaff-region-markets/ or email klefsrud@flagstaff.ab.ca

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.

YES



Permit
required

- Build or expand a house/major renovation
- Demolition
- Garage or Residential Shop
- Manufactured Home
- Dugout
- Farm Building
- Accessory Building 10m² (108 ft²) and over
- Operation of business, including home business
- Sign

Examples of Developments

NO



Not
required

- Minor renovations/maintenance (paint, shingles, etc.)
- A building under 10m² (108ft²)*
- Shelterbelts*

***Provided all setbacks and regulations are met.**

Still not sure if you need a permit?
Contact us at county@flagstaff.ab.ca
or at 780-384-4102.

Applying for a Development Permit

How do I apply?

To apply, you must submit:

- A completed application form
- A site plan
- Building plans
- Application fee

Please be aware that additional information may be required at the discretion of the Development Officer.

How long will it take to be approved?

The Development Officer has 20 days after receipt of application to deem it complete or incomplete, and 40 days after the date deemed complete to make a decision.

Typically, however, a permit for permitted use is issued within one week.

A permit for discretionary use can take a full month due to the extra processing requirements.

Development Permit applications may be found on our website at: www.flagstaff.ab.ca/county-services/planning-development.