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The official newsletter of Flagstaff County

Winter 2023



Peace Officer now e-ticketing

Flagstaff County has adopted an electronic ticketing system for traffic violations.

E-ticketing, which officially began in the County at the start of 2023, will speed up the enforcement process, reducing the amount of time spent roadside and thereby enhancing safety for both officers and motorists.

The new technology allows officers to scan a driver's licence and instantly pull up the driver's information. It also ensures that the information on each e-ticket that is issued is accurate and legible.

Although the system is digitized, motorists can expect to receive a paper copy of the e-ticket.

“There will be some challenges in the beginning learning a whole new system, but there will be many benefits in moving towards an electronic format,” says Flagstaff County Peace Officer Skyler Zelinski.

E-ticketing is already used by many other law enforcement agencies across the province, and eventually will be used by all agencies, streamlining the administration and court process.

2022 Programs and Services

383 miles

Within the 2022 Gravel Program, Public Works crews graveled 383 miles of roadway. This includes the application of gravel for roads on the five-year re-gravel cycle, arterial routes, and 2021 and 2022 road recovery projects.

28 Strategic locations/ intersections

Within the Dust Suppressant Program, a total of 28 strategic locations and intersections were sprayed with MG 30 dust suppressant.



26.5 miles

Public Works crews completed a planned 26.5 miles under the 2022 Road Recovery Program. The Road Recovery Program is designed to rehabilitate road structures, restore drainage, and dispose of any rocks and regrowth of trees and shrubs within the right-of-way.

Shoulder pulling, a major facet of the Road Recovery Program, is a process that extends the life of the road and reduces maintenance costs. This process includes drainage improvements, culvert replacement, reshaping back slopes/grade slopes, re-compacting the sub-grade utilizing a soil stabilization product and re-establishing the road surface crown, and is applied to roads in excess of 10 metres wide.



Watch for Public Works updates on Facebook, Twitter and our website.

Winter Road Maintenance

Roadways are cleared of snow as necessary. During normal winter conditions, collector and local roads should be cleared of snow within four days and arterial roads should be cleared of snow within one to two days, unless there is heavy snow and persistent winds.

Collector and local roads are cleared utilizing a fleet of nine graders, each responsible for an average of 120 to 160 miles. Two graders are allocated for snow and ice removal on arterial roads. One plow truck is designated to remove snow and apply sand/salt to oil surface and paved roads. Upon request, a field access road may be plowed, one time only, to permit access to grain bins and/or to re-locate livestock.

Please keep in mind that our crews will be out working on our roadways and to use extreme caution while travelling on these roads when they are being maintained in any way.

Snow removal from municipal roadways is not permitted without first obtaining permission from Public Works.

To keep our roadways safe this winter, please refrain from depositing snow and ice from residential laneways onto roadways, right-of-ways and municipal ditches. Depositing snow and ice onto property other than your own can have the following adverse results:

- Slowing down Flagstaff County's snow removal process;
- Damage to roads and road maintenance equipment;
- Blocking or damaging culverts, which can lead to flooding issues in the spring;
- Damage to utility lines and roadside vegetation;
- Increasing safety hazards for motorists;
- Damage to snow plow blades.

Culvert Repair/Replacement

This fall, crews completed four large diameter culvert replacements/repairs:

- BF# 77282 – SW 06-44-16 W4 (Twp Rd 440) south of Daysland;
- BF# 74378 – SW 23-42-11 W4 (Twp Rd 423) south of Lougheed;
- BF# 81558 – SE 30-40-13 W4 (Twp Rd 404) north of Alliance;
- BF # 78046 – SE 22-41-13 W4 (Rge Rd 132) north of Alliance.



Residential/Field Access Approaches

The construction of an approach within a road right-of-way requires the prior approval of Flagstaff County. Approval will only be granted where the requested location is considered practical and safe.

All approaches shall be constructed in accordance with the standards provided in Schedule A - Approach Design and Construction Standards. Each quarter section of land is to be provided one approach by the County if there is no existing approach; construction will be scheduled and performed with County equipment upon availability. Where a subdivision is created, approaches, including culverts and crossings to the proposed parcel and to the residual of the land, shall be provided at the owner's and/or developer's expense and to the specifications and satisfaction of Flagstaff County. At the owner's request, the approach may be constructed by the County provided that County equipment is available (cost billed to owner at County cost). Under



this provision the landowner must provide reasonable and sufficient notice of scheduling.

Landowners may request additional approaches or an approach to be upgraded or extended. The County will supply and deliver, at a cost to the landowner, a culvert or culvert extension if required. Material (i.e. clay) required to construct the approach subgrade is to be sourced (supplied and located in close proximity to the worksite) by the landowner. The County will schedule the resources to complete the work upon availability.

Gravel is required on all approaches; the gravel may be supplied by the County at a cost to the owner. Where the County is undertaking a road construction or road recovery project, affected approaches will be graveled.

All requests for access off a provincial highway fall under provincial jurisdiction.

Service requests can be made online

Attention all hamlet and rural Flagstaff County residents: Do you have a service request for Public Works, such as a sewer or road issue?

You can report it online through our website. Simply visit: flagstaff.ab.ca, click the "I Want To" button on the homepage, click "Report" in the dropdown menu, and then choose from the list of options.

Someone from our office will respond to you as soon as possible.

Public Report / Request for Information

First Name*

Last Name*

Contact Number*

Email

Report or Request? I would like to Report something
 I would like to Request Information.

Additional Information:

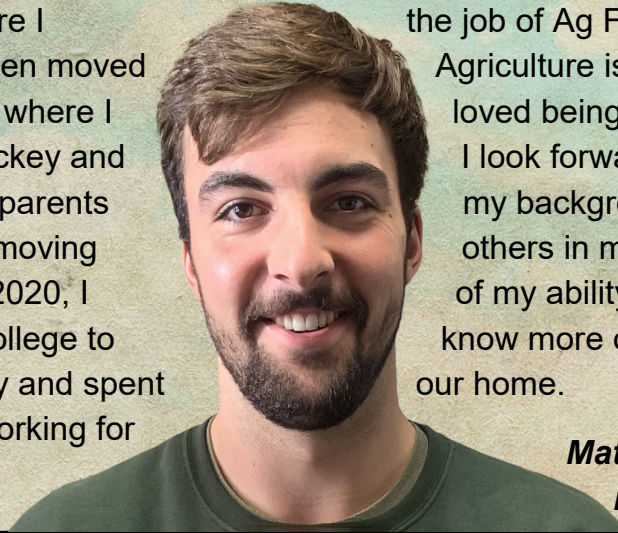
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Meet our new Agricultural Foreman

Matthew Pfeffer

I come from a cattle farm just south of Strome, where I grew up with my parents and three sisters. I attended Strome School up until grade six and moved over to Daysland School, where I graduated in 2019. I then moved out to Castlegar, B.C., where I played a season of hockey and met my amazing billet parents and their family. After moving home in the spring of 2020, I applied to Lakeland College to study Crop Technology and spent the summer of 2021 working for Flagstaff County in the

ASB department as a seasonal weed inspector/pesticide applicator. I returned to the County this summer spraying roadsides after graduating college, and was offered the job of Ag Foreman in late summer. Agriculture is something I always loved being a part of growing up, and I look forward to being able to use my background and learning to help others in my community to the best of my ability. I am excited to get to know more of you and contribute to our home.



Matthew can be reached at:
mpfeffer@flagstaff.ab.ca



2023 Shelterbelt Establishment Program

**Apply by
January 31!**

Flagstaff County offers the Shelterbelt Establishment Program to rural landowners to help establish and maintain healthy shelterbelts. Shelterbelts conserve soil, protect crops and yard sites, trap snow, provide wildlife habitat, and beautify the landscape.

For more information, please visit: bit.ly/2023Trees.



FLAGSTAFF COUNTY
PROUDLY PRESENTS THE

Canada's
Agriculture Day

PHOTO Contest

2023 Theme:
Agriculture in Flagstaff County

Submit photos to
ecdev@flagstaff.ab.ca
Deadline to Submit/Vote:
12 PM February 13, 2023





Beaver Control

For assistance with beaver control on private land

The following licensed trappers are willing to assist land owners with beaver management throughout the Flagstaff Region:

- **Shane Freeson** (Lloydminster) — 780-573-8337 or trappershane@outlook.com
- **Animal Damage Control** (Fort Saskatchewan/Sherwood Park) — 1-877-446-0204

Please note that Flagstaff County is compiling a list of trappers to help promote licensed trapping services in the region. There is a charge for trappers' services for removing beavers, and land owners are responsible for covering these fees.

If you are a trapper who would like to be added to this list, please contact Agricultural Fieldman Nick Dunn at 780-390-0342.

producers update their EFP on an ongoing basis. The plan is to be carried out remotely with their assistance. There are technicians in place to assist with the process. To date, one of our V... economically, environmental... cially.

Cultivate your ag knowledge!

Go "Between the roots" with Nick Dunn every month in The Community Press.



If you have any questions or are

Creating Compelling Content



Join us Thursday, February 23, for a Business Marketing Seminar at the Battle River Innovation Centre in Forestburg from 9 a.m. to noon. The purpose of the seminar is to assist with business retention and expansion, and to build capacities within local businesses. It will be a group-based, capacity-building session facilitated by Strong Coffee Marketing. The topic is around Creating Compelling Content.

Register at: bit.ly/CompellingContentSeminar.

'Ask Kate Anything' Roundtable

Join us **Wednesday, January 18**, for a one-hour "Ask Kate Anything" roundtable, where you can feel comfortable to ask your business questions and share. We invite businesses from the Flagstaff Region and members of the Flagstaff Crafted Program to attend, as facilitator Kate McKenzie answers questions from those who are in all different business stages. Hear challenges others are facing and learn from the solutions they find. Participants can share in a



VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE

Ask Kate Anything

Flagstaff
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facilitated format what's worked for them and help other entrepreneurs in a peer-to-peer learning style. Guidance will be practical and hands-on so members can apply it immediately. This roundtable session is open to

all business topics. Attendance will be capped at 10 attendees to allow for an intimate setting to ensure everyone feels comfortable asking questions and sharing. Secure your spot at: bit.ly/KateRoundtable.

Business Coaching for Small Business

Kate McKenzie wants to help you grow your business and empower you with the tools and resources you need to confidently move forward. She has worked with over 400 businesses, helping them to reach their growth goals both in Toronto and across Alberta as a consultant and through managing multiple business accelerator programs.

As the founder of Worldviews Productions, a digital media company, and Ayla Consulting, where she provides strategic communications and business coaching, Kate knows firsthand the challenges of starting, building and growing a business both with teams and as a solopreneur.

As a business strategist, Kate will provide support and resources for any challenges or opportunities, which may include some of the following topics:

- How to effectively network and share your brand story in person and online.
- How to create a social media strategy.
- How to build a press/media kit.



Business Coaching

with Kate McKenzie



- Brand Audit (Review of communication channels).
- How to set a yearly strategy plan with measurable goals.
- How to make time for your business.
- How to develop processes to help you streamline and standardize your business.
- How to increase profit margins.
- How to start paying yourself and making your business profitable.
- How to improve your sales skills.
- How to collaborate with other businesses.
- How to choose business values.
- How to build a strong company culture.
- How to manage stress and incorporate wellness into your business.

Each 1-hour session is valued at \$250 and

available to you for only \$40 + GST. Book your spot by visiting: flagstaffcrafted.ca/business-coaching-with-kate-mckenzie.

PLEASE NOTE: Sessions can be re-scheduled/transferred to a new date with 24-hour notice. Any sessions canceled, missed, or 'no-showed' will still be charged the full session price paid, with no refund.

Building Success In Small Business

All businesses in the Flagstaff Region are invited to book a personal, confidential strategy/coaching session with business strategist and coach Amanda Wagner.

Book one hour with Amanda and you can bring anything you want to the session to discuss! Maybe you have an agenda of items you'd like to talk through, maybe you're thinking up a new service or product and want to talk out an idea, or maybe you need a different brain to help you come up with ideas for social media marketing! And sometimes, you just need a pep talk – some support to help remind you why you do what you do and to help you through a challenge!

As a business strategist, Amanda will provide support and resources for where you are at in your business and give personalized guidance and ideas.

Amanda brings expertise in the following topics:

- Building your brand reputation.
- Creating meaningful customer experiences and increasing sales.



- Supporting your mindset, boundaries, and mental health as an entrepreneur.
- Creating a values-driven business that serves your life.

- Developing a thoughtful sales and marketing strategy – including making a social media plan and brainstorming content, pricing your products and services, creating specific campaigns to reach your sales goals.

- Branding, pricing, and strategic planning.

- Building your team with intention – from working with freelancers to hiring team members –

figuring out where you need the most support and helping you stay in the drivers' seat as a leader.

Each 1-hour session is valued at \$250 and available to you for only \$40 + GST.

Book your spot by visiting:

flagstaffcrafted.ca/coaching-with-amanda-wagner.

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FLAGSTAFF COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LAND USE BYLAW

Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 200, Sections 230, 606 and 692 of Flagstaff County hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt:

Bylaw 01/23 Flagstaff County Land Use Bylaw

The purpose of this bylaw is to repeal and replace existing Flagstaff County 09/18 and approve a new Land Use Bylaw.

MANY CHANGES have been made in the proposed Land Use Bylaw which may have an effect on some individuals. Some of these changes include:

- Expanded and updated list of definitions
- Insertion of a new section related to subdivision to provide a transparent overview of the existing subdivision process and conform with amendments to the Municipal Government Act
- Updates to the Enforcement section to align the LUB with existing County bylaws and to reflect advice from the County's solicitors
- Revisions to the lists of Permitted and Discretionary Uses within the existing Land Use Districts to reclassify uses with the potential to create offsite impacts or land use conflicts from the Permitted Use category to the Discretionary Use category
- New Development Permit requirement for cannabis retail sales establishments
- Changes to the Land Use Districts Maps

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Sections 606 and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act* a public hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw will be held:

9:00 AM | 8 February 2023

Flagstaff County Office | 12435 Twp. Road 442 Sedgewick, AB

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to make a verbal or written representation may do so at the hearing, or by providing the representation to the County's Chief Administrative Officer before 12:00 p.m. on February 2, 2023.

It would be beneficial for individuals to provide advance notice to Flagstaff County at 780.384-4100 of their intention to make a presentation at the hearing.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT, a copy of the proposed Bylaw will be posted at www.flagstaff.ab.ca for review and may be inspected at the Flagstaff County office during normal business hours.

To obtain more information regarding the proposed changes, please contact:

Rosemary Hoyland | Development Officer, Flagstaff County | Phone: 780.384.4102
Jane Dauphinee | Principal / Senior Planner, Municipal Planning Services | Phone 780.486.1991