

# The 2023 Flagstaff County Public Engagement Extravaganza

As part of the development of our 2024 Business Plan, we are seeking public input on our current programs and levels of service.

Please take a few moments to complete this survey in its entirety.



## The Survey

**1** Which age category do you belong to?

- Under 18     35-49  
 18-24     50-64  
 25-34     65+

**2** What is your connection to Flagstaff County?

- Primary residence  
 Reside and own a business  
 Reside and own a farm  
 Own a business and live elsewhere  
 Own property but live elsewhere  
 Not a property owner in rural Flagstaff

**3** How long have you owned property in Flagstaff County?

- Less than 1 year     Over 10 years  
 1 to 5 years     Not applicable  
 6 to 10 years

**4** In the last year, what County services or County-supported services have you used?

- Agricultural Service Board services  
 Campgrounds  
 Economic Development programs or services  
 Flagstaff Regional Airport  
 Planning and Development services  
 Utilities — water/sewer line connection or truckfill  
 Peace Officer/Bylaw services  
 Flagstaff Family and Community Services  
 Fire Services  
 Library services  
 Regional landfill  
 Transfer station  
 None

**5** The Public Works department aims to provide the citizens of Flagstaff County a safe and economical road network. Programs include road construction, rehab, gravel and dust suppressant application, and winter/summer maintenance of more than 1,600 miles of road. Currently almost 53% of your tax dollars are spent in public works. In your opinion, should Flagstaff County:

- Decrease the level of service for roads  
 Maintain the current level of service for roads  
 Enhance the level of service for roads

**6** If you chose to enhance road service, would you support a tax rate increase to do so?

- Yes  
 No  
 No, but increase service by reducing services in other areas to balance the budget

**7** Flagstaff County supports a broad range of community service programs designed to promote well-being that aim to be accessible, affordable and effective and that are operated by a third party. Programs include FFCS, Flagstaff Community Adult Learning, Parents for Fun in Flagstaff, and Flagstaff Victim Services. In 2022, the County contributed \$432,777 to these organizations, which is less than 1% of your tax dollar. In your opinion, should Flagstaff County:

- Decrease the amount of funding to these community service organizations  
 Maintain the amount of funding to these community service organizations  
 Increase the amount of funding to these community service organizations

**8** If you chose to increase funding to these community service organizations, would you support a tax rate increase to do so?

- Yes  
 No  
 No, but increase the funding by reducing funding in other areas to balance the budget

**9** The Agricultural Service Board focuses on weed

control, soil conservation, water quality, and pest management. Programs include weed management, roadside vegetation management, pest control, shelterbelt establishment, water loading stations and administering conservation easements. Currently 3.3% of your tax dollar is spent on ag services. In your opinion, should Flagstaff County:

**10** If you chose to enhance the level of service for agricultural programs, would you support a tax increase to do so?



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**11** Economic Development focuses on joint regional initiatives. Programs include business retention and expansion, citizen retention and attraction, new

- Decrease the level of service for agricultural programs  
 Maintain the level of service for agricultural programs  
 Enhance the level of service for agricultural programs

**12** If you chose to enhance the level of service for economic development programming, would you support a tax increase to do so?

- Yes  
 No  
 No, but increase service by reducing services in other areas to balance the budget

**13** Flagstaff County supports recreation in the towns and villages by providing a conditional recreation grant to each of the agricultural societies within our region based on a funding formula. In 2023, the County will be contributing \$741,000 to

business startups, new business investment and economic development as a supportive team member. Currently 2.9% of your tax dollars are spent on economic development initiatives. In your opinion, should Flagstaff County:

- Decrease the level of service for economic development programming  
 Maintain the level of service for economic development programming  
 Enhance the level of service for economic development programming

**14** If you chose to enhance the level of service for agricultural programs, would you support a tax increase to do so?

- Yes  
 No  
 No, but increase service by decreasing service levels in other areas to balance the budget

**15** Peace officers provide services and education in the areas of traffic safety, infrastructure protection, bylaw enforcement and emergency response. The presence of peace officers can contribute to a safe and caring Community of communities. Currently 1.1% of your tax dollar is spent on peace officer services. In your opinion, should Flagstaff County:

**16** If you chose to increase the amount of recreation funding, would you support a tax increase to do so?

- Decrease the amount of recreation funding allocated to the towns and villages  
 Maintain the amount of recreation funding allocated to the towns and villages  
 Increase the amount of recreation funding allocated to the towns and villages

**17** Currently Flagstaff County Council is composed of six councillors and a Reeve, each representing one of seven wards or voting districts. In the near future, Council will be considering reducing the seats on council from seven to five. Would you support this decision?

- Yes  
 No  
 No, but increase the recreation funding by decreasing funding to other areas to balance the budget

**18** When thinking about the portion of property taxes paid for municipal services (excluding education taxes), how satisfied are you with the value of service received?

- Decrease the level of service that peace officers provide  
 Maintain the level of service that peace officers provide  
 Enhance the level of service that peace officers provide

**19** As governed by the Municipal Government Act, a municipal election is held every four years with the most recent being in October of 2021. The current Flagstaff County Council has been working together for approximately one year and four months with the goal of best serving the interests of the municipality as a whole. At this point of their term, how would you rank Council's performance?

- 1 Extremely Dissatisfied  
 2  
 3  
 4  
 5  
 6  
 7  
 8  
 9  
 10 Extremely Satisfied

- Yes  
 No  
 I don't know

**20** If you chose to increase the amount of recreation funding, would you support a tax increase to do so?

- Very good value  
 Good value  
 Fair value  
 Poor value  
 Not sure

## Thank you!

Your feedback is valued.

Don't forget to please include your name and email address, and then drop off or mail your completed survey to the Flagstaff County Administration Building at 12435 Twp Rd 442, P.O. Box 358, Sedgewick, AB, T0B 4C0, to be eligible for a chance to win two tickets to Shania Twain at Rogers Place in Edmonton on May 6!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_