

Council Highlights



Regular Council Meeting of October 11, 2023

Council Highlights briefly identify decisions made by Council. Council encourages its residents, businesses and stakeholders to keep in touch with Council news.

Forestburg-Flagstaff Industrial Park Area Structure Plan – Bylaw 08-23

Council approved first reading of Bylaw 08-23 – Area Structure Plan for the Forestburg-Flagstaff Industrial Subdivision, and also approved that a Public Hearing for the Forestburg-Flagstaff Industrial Subdivision Area Structure Plan be held at the November 22nd, 2023, Council meeting at 9:00 a.m. Eric Sehn, Planner for Select Engineering Consultants, was in attendance to review the final draft of the Area Structure Plan for the industrial park proposed to be located on the parcel legally described as NE 35-41-15-4.

Electrical Distribution Franchise Fee 2024

Council approved the franchise fee percentage as per the electrical distribution system franchise agreements be submitted to the Alberta Utilities Commission for approval as follows:

- With FortisAlberta for the Hamlet of Strome – no change, fee to remain at 9%;
- With ATCO Electric for the Hamlet of Galahad – no change, fee to remain at 9%.

The franchise fees collected on ratepayers' electric bills by FortisAlberta for the Hamlet of Strome and ATCO Electric for the Hamlet of Galahad were due to be reviewed for the 2024 budget year.

Battle River Innovation Centre – Sustainability

Council approved to support the Battle River Innovation Centres (BRIC) with partnering municipalities by approving funding to a maximum of \$120,000 in 2024, with the following condition:

1. That we enter into a formal agreement, including a Terms of Reference, with all members of the Battle River Economic Opportunities Committee (BREOC), and that it be executed prior to December 31, 2023.

Council had reviewed a power-point presentation provided by BREOC regarding the achievements and status of the two BRICs, located in Forestburg and Castor, along with BRIC budget information before making their decision.

Once approved, the full Council Meeting minutes can be found at www.flagstaff.ab.ca under the "Council" tab and in the "Meetings and Minutes" section.