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The official newsletter of Flagstaff County

Winter 2024



'Espresso' yourself!

Come have coffee with your councillor on April 2

Got some ideas percolating through your frontal lobe? Or some concerns you want to get off your chest? Or maybe you just enjoy a good cup of steaming hot java served with some good conversation?

Whatever the reason, we cordially invite you to the Flagstaff County Administration Building from 2 to 4 p.m. on **April 2, 2024**, for Coffee with your Councillor!

This drop-in event is an informal opportunity to sit down with your elected municipal official and



engage him face-to-face. Councillors will listen, take notes and answer your questions.

Your valued input will be considered in the development of the 2025 Business Plan. Plus, there will be an opportunity to win \$500 in Flagstaff Bucks, which can be used at a long list of participating local businesses. But more on that later.

In the meantime and in-between time, we ask that you mark April 2 on your calendar. It's a coffee date and we're truly looking forward to it!

Report kids' positive deeds

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

Peace Officer Skyler wants 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.

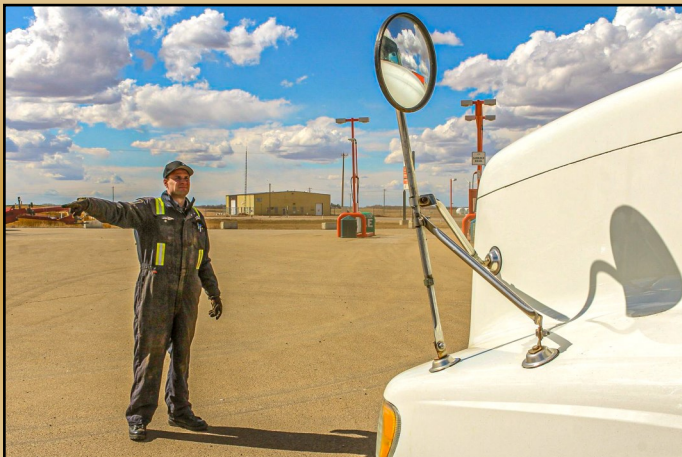
Contact Officer Skyler if you know of a deserving youth!

Officer Skyler can be reached at 780-384-4100 or via email at szelinski@flagstaff.ab.ca.



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!



Farm Truck Inspections

Flagstaff County will be hosting voluntary Farm Truck Inspections at the Co-op Cardlock location in Killam in late March/early April. Watch for the date to be announced in the coming weeks.

Critical safety items such as brakes, steering, lights, fuel systems and drive shafts will be inspected prior to the busy spring season.

Winter Roadway 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 of a snow event, unless there is heavy snow and persistent winds.

Upon request, a field access road may be plowed, one time only, to permit access to: grain bins, re-locate livestock, and/or oil/gas lease sites.

In each maintenance area, three routes are established. When snow plowing is required, the starting point is rotated between routes to ensure that an equitable level of service is provided.

If reduced visibility becomes a safety concern, snow plowing operations will be suspended until conditions improve.

Please keep in mind that our 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. Thank you.

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.

Make Service Requests Online

Attention all rural Flagstaff County and hamlet landowners: Do you have a service request, such as any of the following?

- Road issues
- Debris in the road allowance
- Bridge and culvert issues

- Water/sewer issues
- Damaged road signs
- Weeds

You can report it online through our website by clicking: lf.flagstaff.ab.ca/Forms/Public-Report-Form.

2023 Programs and Services

382 miles

Within the 2023 Gravel Program, Public Works crews graveled 382 miles of roadway. This includes the application of gravel on arterial, collector and local roads, as well as 2022 and 2023 road recovery projects.

34 Strategic locations/ intersections

Within the Dust Suppressant Program, a total of 34 strategic locations and intersections were sprayed with MG 30 dust suppressant.



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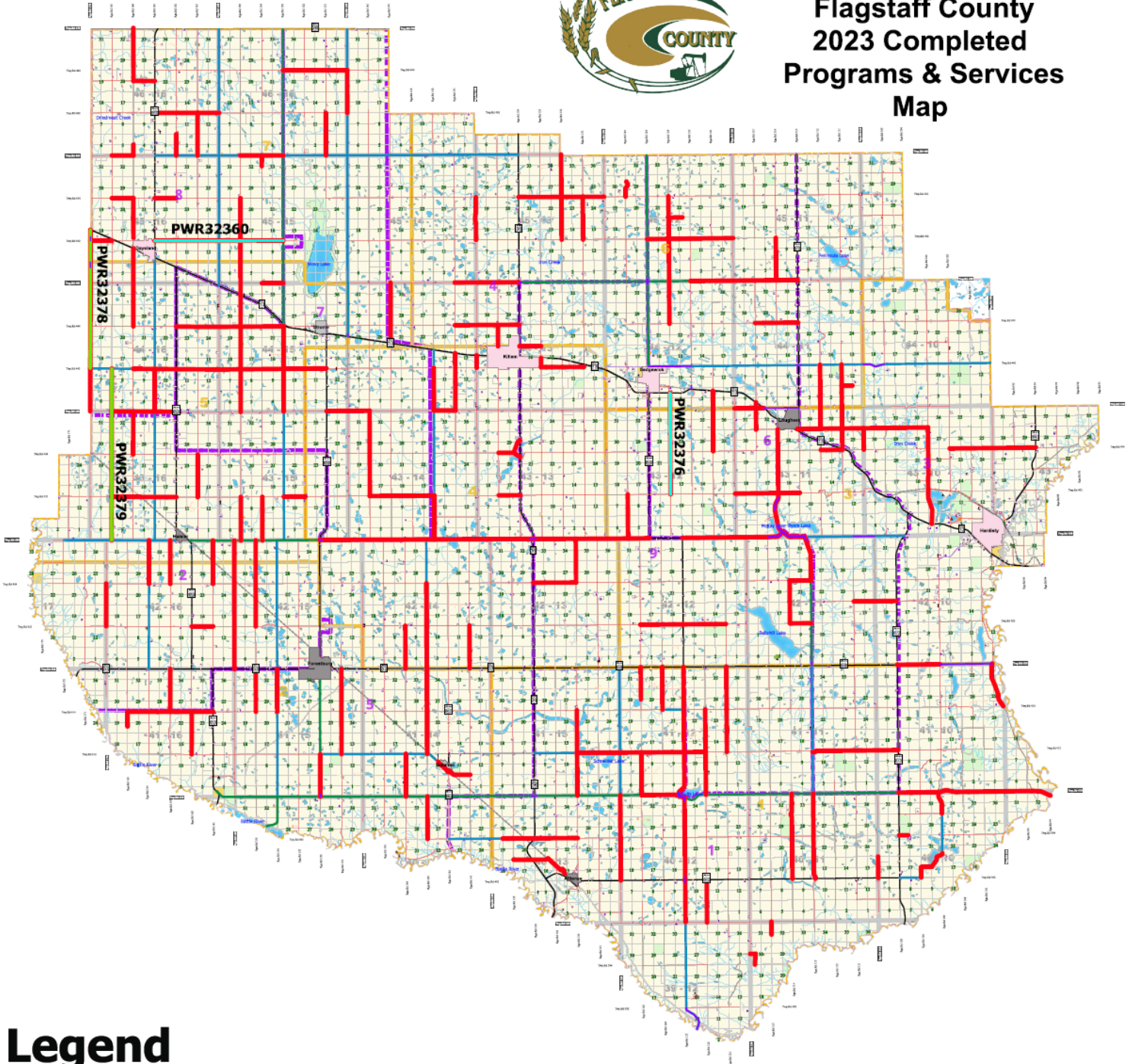
25 miles

Public Works crews completed a planned 25 miles under the 2023 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.



Flagstaff County 2023 Completed Programs & Services Map



Legend

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| Electoral Districts | Hamlets | Field Access Roads |
| Maintenance Areas | Railway | Strategic Dust Control |
| Titled Property | Arterial Roads | 2023 Shoulder Pulling |
| Municipal Property | Collector Roads | 2023 Subgrade Prep |
| Crown Land | Local Roads | 2023 Graveling |
| Towns | Provincial Highways | |
| Villages | Oiled Roads | |

**FLAGSTAFF COUNTY
2023 COMPLETED
PROGRAMS & SERVICES
MAP**

12435 TWP Road 442
P.O. Box 358
Sedgewick, AB T0B 4C0
Phone: (780) 384-4100
Fax: (780) 384-3635
Toll Free: 1 (877) 387-4100
Website: flagstaff.ab.ca

Projection: UTM Zone 12 NAD 83 Date: February 07, 2024

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Leafy spurge fight takes flight

We've tried everything from goats to flea beetles over the past several years — with varying results. Now we're looking skyward in our attempt to purge the Hardisty area of the scourge known as leafy spurge.

Our new Leafy Spurge Program, featuring aerial spraying, includes a 50/50 cost-share between the County and landowner, with treatment by contracted helicopter services to areas over 10 acres and

inaccessible areas. If any landowners are interested in this program or would like to report leafy spurge infestations, please call Agricultural Fieldman Nick Dunn at 780-384-4100 or email him at ndunn@flagstaff.ab.ca.

Rural Farm Security Workshop

5:30 to 9 p.m. on February 29, 2024
Daysland Community Hall

**FREE for rural
Camrose and
Flagstaff
residents**

Featuring:

- Camrose County Peace Officer
- Killam RCMP member

Topics: Farm security, risk assessment, security measures, fire safety, emergency response, community involvement, legal and regulatory considerations, and risk management.

Supper will be provided. Please RSVP by Feb. 22 to county@flagstaff.ab.ca or asb@county.camrose.ab.ca

Presented by





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.

Provincial Highway Spraying

In 2023, Flagstaff County entered into a Municipal Access and Work Agreement with Alberta Transportation to perform roadside spraying along all provincial highways within Flagstaff County where noxious weeds are present.

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 June 1. 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 May 15. All permits are only valid for one year. Annual renewal is required.



Mulch sites available this spring

Flagstaff residents voiced support for the idea of establishing easily accessible mulch storage sites within the County where unwanted wood chips, usually created by contractors maintaining utility services, could be stockpiled for public use.

Staff have identified the benefits of such a program to include:

1) Rather than being discarded, the wood chips could be recycled as mulch;

2) The regional landfill can only utilize 50 metric tonnes of chips annually as part of their composting process with the remainder becoming waste;

3) Easily accessible mulch stockpiles would benefit ratepayers and could supplement the growing Shelterbelt Establishment Program.

There will be sites in Strome, Sedgewick, and Galahad. They will be established this spring.

FLAGSTAFF COUNTY 2024 SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Transportation

- ◆ **Class 1 Truck Driver**
1 Position — May to November 2024
- ◆ **Light Equipment Operator I**
1 Position — May to November 2024
- ◆ **Light Equipment Operator II**
1 Position — May to November 2024
- ◆ **Hamlet Labourer**
1 Position — July to August 2024

Agricultural Services

- ◆ **Mower Operator**
2 Positions — May to October 2024

Parks

- ◆ **Parks Labourer**
2 Positions — May to August 31, 2024

Please send applications referencing the position to:

Flagstaff County

12435 Twp Rd 442

Box 358

Sedgewick, AB T0B 4C0

Fax: 780-384-3635

Email: county@flagstaff.ab.ca

PH: 780-384-4100



Application Deadline: Thursday, February 29, 2024

For further information or a job description, please visit our website at www.flagstaff.ab.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest in these positions. Only those applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.

ON-GOING

The Regional Thought Exchange Program



VIRTUAL CONVERSATIONS

When: Monthly on the 1st Wednesday

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHAT IS IT?

Over the next several months, Flagstaff County and Green Hectares are hosting a series of online, facilitated conversations to explore the many facets of the rural economy and the workforce that supports it.

HOW THOUGHT EXCHANGES WORK

The format of these exchanges allow people to hear what others have experienced, explore how to tackle challenges, and explore opportunities and outcomes of real, rural projects. The 2 hour sessions have short presentations by the experts, with the bulk of the session aimed at exploring topics brought forward by the participants in an attempt to build community, elevate rural, and share community outcomes.

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER:

<https://www.flagstaff.ab.ca/county-services/economic-development/>



**SOCIAL
ENTERPRISE
SUPPORT
PROGRAM**

**BUSINESS
SUPPORT
PROGRAM**



**ONE-ON-ONE
BUSINESS
COACHING
SESSIONS**

**Succession
Readiness
Support
Program**

Small Business & Agricultural



▶▶ AVAILABLE NOW

Small Business Supports

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

For more information on the available small business supports, please contact Shaina Dunn – Economic Development Coordinator at 780-384-4151 or email sdunn@flagstaff.ab.ca.

<https://www.flagstaff.ab.ca/county-services/economic-development/>

Flagstaff Crafted Marketplace

Introducing the Flagstaff Crafted Marketplace in partnership with the Wild Rose Co-op located in Killam, an exciting collaborative initiative presented by Flagstaff County. This innovative project has been carefully crafted to offer a dynamic platform that celebrates and supports our local small business owners, enabling them to showcase and retail their exceptional products. We take pride in fostering an environment where local artisans and craftsmen can thrive, and proudly display their quality products. If you are a member of the Flagstaff Crafted Program looking to retail your products in the Flagstaff Crafted Marketplace, apply at: flagstaffcrafted.ca/opportunities.



Wild Rose

Marketplace

Join us in celebrating the spirit of entrepreneurship and community as we create a haven for exceptional craftsmanship in the Flagstaff Crafted Marketplace.



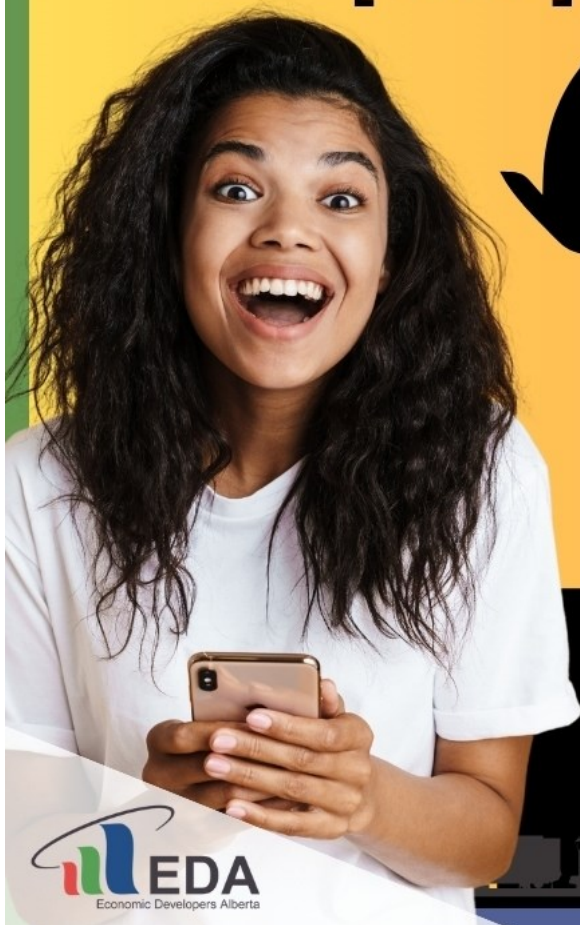
Apply today: flagstaffcrafted.ca/opportunities

2024 Youth Challenge

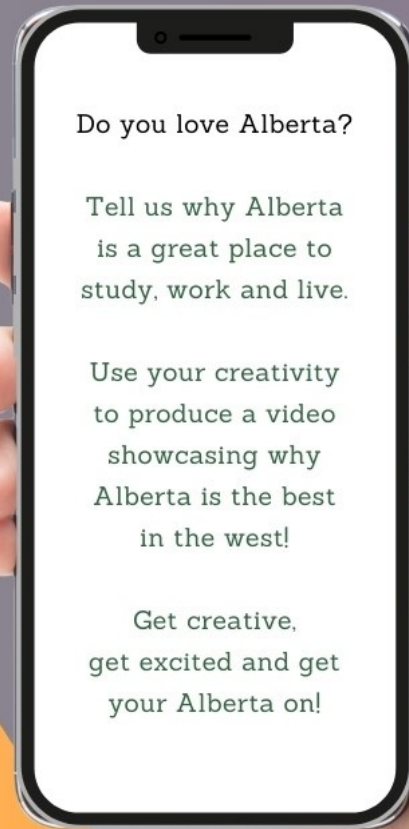
Calling all Grade 9 – 12 students! It's time to share why Alberta rocks! Join the YI#LOVEALBERTA Youth Challenge and let's show the world why we love Alberta. Click on the QR code below if you are ready to win cash prizes for showcasing why Alberta is THE place to be.

2024
YOUTH CHALLENGE
YI#LOVEALBERTA

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SCAN ME



Do you love Alberta?

Tell us why Alberta is a great place to study, work and live.

Use your creativity to produce a video showcasing why Alberta is the best in the west!

Get creative, get excited and get your Alberta on!



SMALL BUSINESS **SUCCESSION** READINESS WORKSHOP

MAR 5 2024 AT 11 AM



Killam Agriplex
Multi-Purpose Room
5175 51 Ave
Killam, AB T0B 2L0



MICHAEL WETSCH
*MNW Accounting & Tax
Professional Corp.*



<https://www.flagstaff.ab.ca/county-services/economic-development/>



sdunn@flagstaff.ab.ca

**Cultivate
your ag
knowledge!**
**Go “Between
the roots” with
Nick Dunn
every month in
The Community
Press.**





Flagstaff County Vision:

A safe, caring and vibrant rural "Community of communities" committed to working with our neighbours to ensure the quality of life for all citizens.

As an innovative and progressive "Community" that balances economic prosperity and environmental stewardship, we deliver a responsible level of service that is both efficient and effective.

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

Flagstaff County
12435 Township Road 442,
PO Box 358
Sedgewick, AB T0B 4C0

Contact:
Jim Fedyk, Assistant CAO
jfedyk@flagstaff.ab.ca
Direct Line: 780-384-4104

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

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

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

Community Peace Officer-Level 1

Summary of Position:

The Community Peace Officer is required to diligently patrol and enforce appointed and designated Provincial Statutes and approved Municipal Bylaws within Flagstaff County and the municipalities under contract with Flagstaff County.

Some key responsibilities are as follows:

1. Work in accordance with the Alberta Peace Officer Act and Regulation, the Public Security Peace Officer Program Policy and Procedure Manual, Flagstaff County Peace Officer Standard Operating Policies, following the duties and jurisdiction indicated on his/her Peace Officer Appointment.
2. Conduct safe and efficient road patrols throughout the County and the municipalities under contract and enforce infractions of County Bylaws, Provincial Statutes, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and other traffic offences.
3. Thoroughly investigate all complaints to ascertain validity and take appropriate action to bring an equitable solution of compliance or enforcement.
4. Responsible for ensuring compliance with Flagstaff County Policies, the Health and Safety Program, and the Human Resources guidelines and procedures.

Qualifications:

1. Completion of the Solicitor General's Public Security Peace Officer Training Program or equivalent and eligible to obtain an appointment as a Community Peace Officer Level 1 through Alberta Justice and Solicitor General.
2. Completion of an approved physical abilities evaluation test for uniformed enforcement roles.
3. Familiar with the Community Peace Officer Program policies and procedures manual.
4. Level C First Aid and CPR.
5. A related diploma in the field of law enforcement and/or criminology from a recognized post secondary institution with diverse law enforcement experience would be an asset.
6. Ability to handle complex issues and confidential information in an ethical and professional manner.
7. Other assets would include certification in: Radar/laser speed detection, commercial vehicle legislation/enforcement, defensive weapon and tactics training within the last two (2) years or be willing to receive such training.

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:	4 days on shift, 4 days off shift
Salary Range:	\$78,923.69 to \$97,066.18 annually (*2023 salary)
Closing Date:	Until suitable candidate is selected.