

Council Highlights



Regular Council Meeting of February 14, 2024

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

2025 Business Plan and Budget Public Participation Plan

Council approved the Public Participation Plan for the 2025 Business Plan and Budget as presented and amended to include a recap of the previous year's information and offer tours of the shop. The plan includes three main components: "Coffee with your Councillor" at the County office on April 2, an online survey, and an online idea wall known as the Brainstorm Board. Participation in all three will earn three entries into a draw for \$500 in Flagstaff Bucks.

Purchase of Used Tractor

Council approved administration to purchase a used tractor up to a value of \$350,000 to be funded from Reserves – Fleet Management. In 2023, the County tendered for the purchase of a used tractor, however due to delays in availability it was never received. This tractor is utilized in the Road Recovery Program. Due to the purchase process not being completed, the funds allotted were transferred into Reserves at the end of 2023.

Strome Fire Station Facility — Request to Lease

Council declined Flagstaff Regional Emergency Services Society's (FRESS) request to renew the lease of the Strome Fire Station facility in order to retain the space for County use. The Strome Fire Station closed at the end of 2023. FRESS was requesting to use the facility for a central storage space.

Town of Killam Intermunicipal Development Plan

Council approved Bylaw 02/24 for the purpose of adopting the Town of Killam and Flagstaff County Intermunicipal Development Plan as presented.

Sanling Energy Ltd. — Cancellation of 2018-2023 Taxes and Penalties

Council approved that the total amount owing of \$3,059,305.40 for the 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 taxes and penalties for Sanling Energy Ltd. be cancelled due to receivership having been concluded.

- Tax Levy - \$1,618,271.17
- Tax Penalties - \$1,441,034.23

Flagstaff County has been working with Brownlee LLP for the recovery of outstanding taxes for Sanling Energy Ltd since 2019 with no success. With the conclusion of receivership, there is no longer any prospect of recovering any of their outstanding taxes and it was recommended that we cancel all outstanding amounts on this account.

2024 Fees and Charges Bylaw

Council approved Bylaw 03/24 – Fees and Charges Bylaw as presented.

Fire Guardian Appointments

Council appointed FRESS Chief Derek Homme as a fire guardian for Flagstaff County under the Forest and Prairie Protection Act, effective March 1, 2024 until February 28, 2025.

Organizational Structure

Council approved the Flagstaff County Organizational Chart as presented.

Red Serge Ball — Request for Donation

Council approved that a Diamond Sponsorship of \$1,500 be provided to the 12th Red Serge Ball in support of Flagstaff Victim Services and Parents for Fun in Flagstaff Society. The Red Serge Ball Committee had requested a donation.

Community Services Grant Applications

Council approved that the 2024 budget for the Community Development Assistance Grant be \$151,000, and the 2024 budget for the Tourism Assistance Grant be \$50,000.

Council approved the Community Development Assistance Grants as follows with a total of \$150,800 for 2024, \$130,800 for 2025 and \$130,800 for 2026:

Community Development Assistance Grant	2024	2025	2026
Flagstaff Community Adult Learning	\$54,300	\$54,300	\$54,300
Parents for Fun in Flagstaff Society	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Flagstaff's Informed Response Sharing Team (FIRST)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Flagstaff Satellite Family Day Home Society	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$21,500
Flagstaff Victim Services	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Flagstaff Kids Connection Daycare	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$150,800	\$130,800	\$130,800

Council approved the Tourism Assistance Grants as follows with a total of \$14,068 for 2024, \$2,000 for 2025 and \$3,874 for 2026:

Tourism Assistance Grant	2024	2025	2026
Friends of Battle River Railway Society	\$11,068	\$2,000	\$3,874
Flagstaff Scottish Club Society	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$14,068	\$2,000	\$3,874

Accounts Receivable — Uncollectible

Council approved to write-off outstanding Accounts Receivable bad debt accounts totalling \$2,432.86, as presented.

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.