

January 2025

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 Council Meeting

All regular Flagstaff County Council meetings shall commence at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the County administration building. Council meetings shall be held once per month, unless amended by resolution of Council.

Council and Committee meeting agendas are available at the County's website at:

flagstaff.ab.ca/council/meetings-and-minutes

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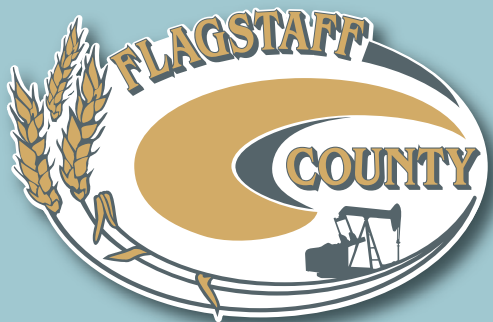
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Monday to Friday
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(Closed Noon - 1 p.m.)

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Council Highlights



Regular Council Meeting of January 15, 2025

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

Utilities Bylaw 01-25

Council approved Utilities Bylaw 01-25. The overall increase to hamlet water, sewer and solid waste services is \$1.10 per month or approximately 0.62%. An annual review of utility rates is required as the County works toward full cost recovery to include operating costs for treated water production and sewer distribution (not including administration operating costs), as well as depreciation.

Sale of Used 2020 Graders

Council rejected both bids received from Ritchie Bros and accepted the guaranteed trade-in value of \$206,700 plus GST from Finning Canada for each of the 2020 John Deere 872GP AWD used graders that were up for sale by tender.

2025 Policy HR006 Mileage and Subsistence

Council approved Policy HR 006 Mileage and Subsistence as presented. The policy is reviewed annually.

Beaver County — Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework

Council approved an amendment to the Flagstaff/Beaver Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) agreement to enable an extension of the review process to 2027, with no revisions as presented. In 2020, Flagstaff County completed ICFs with all neighbouring municipalities, as well as the towns and villages. All ICFs are to be reviewed once every five years.

2025 Tourism Assistance Grant — Heisler Archery Club

Council approved a Tourism Assistance Grant application request from the Heisler Archery Club in the amount of \$3,000. The club plans to develop an outdoor 3D archery shooting range. This range will draw competitors from across the province to compete in annual tournaments. The Archery Alberta ASA Tour has approached the club to host an upcoming event expected to draw 100 competitors.

2025 Business Plan and Budget Timeline

Council approved the 2026-2029 Business Plan and Budget timeline, as presented. Following the Business Plan and Budget process, every January the timeline is presented for approval for next year's business plan.

Public Participation Plan

Council approved the Public Participation Plan for the 2026 Business Plan and Budget as presented. The plan includes a survey and an open house billed as "Coffee with your Councillor" to be held Feb. 4, 2025.

Parkland Regional Library — Executive Committee Member Vacancy

Council approved to correspond to the library boards requesting they consider the request from Parkland Regional Library to elect a representative volunteer to attend Parkland's February 27th board meeting for the vacant seat on the Executive Committee.

Flagstaff's Informed Response Sharing Team (FIRST) Fundraiser

Council approved to provide a donation of \$1,500 and a gift basket to Flagstaff's Informed Response Sharing Team (FIRST) for the 27th Annual Dinner and Auction Community Fundraiser on Feb. 1 in Loughheed.

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.



2025 Shelterbelt Establishment Program

**Apply by
January 31!**

Flagstaff County offers the Shelterbelt Establishment Program 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: <https://bit.ly/shelterbelt>.

Farmer Pesticide Course

**February 11 and 12, 2025
at the County Office**



**Limited spots
available**

Day 1 Farmer Pesticide Certificate
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$150

Day 2 Exterior Rodent Endorsement
8:30 a.m. to noon \$75

Day 2 Stored Grain Endorsement
12:30 to 3:30 p.m. \$75

Sign up for both days for a package deal of \$275 per person. Lunch is included.



To register or for more information, contact Ag Fieldman Nick Dunn at ndunn@flagstaff.ab.ca or at 780-390-0342.



Coffee with your Councillor



Feb. 4, 2025

2 to 4 p.m.

Flagstaff County Office



Complete our 2026 Business Plan Survey and you could win \$500 in Flagstaff Bucks!

As part of the development of our 2026 Business Plan, we are seeking public input on our current programs and levels of service. Please take a few moments to complete this survey and then enter our draw for \$500 in Flagstaff Bucks!

Name: _____
 Email address: _____

1 What age category do you belong to?

- Under 18 50-64
 18-29 65+
 30-49

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
 Not a property owner within the Flagstaff County municipality

3 How long have you owned property in Flagstaff County?

- Not applicable 2-10 years
 Less than 2 years Over 10 years

Communications

Electronic Media

Flagstaff County leverages digital platforms and multimedia channels to disseminate information, engage audiences, and enhance brand visibility.

4 Which of the following describes how you view the Electronic Media program?

- Critical Important Desirable

5 In your opinion, does Flagstaff County leverage electronic media channels (website, social media, podcasts) effectively to foster dynamic communication, engagement and outreach?

- 1 2 3
 Not satisfied Satisfied

Print Media

Flagstaff County utilizes traditional print channels to deliver targeted messages, promotional materials, and informative content to specific audiences.

6 Which of the following describes how you view the Print Media program?

- Critical Important Desirable

7 In your opinion, does Flagstaff County produce compelling print materials that effectively inform, educate, and engage residents?

- 1 2 3
 Not satisfied Satisfied

Public Participation

Flagstaff County promotes inclusive decision-making processes by engaging community members, stakeholders, and residents in meaningful dialogue, collaborative workshops, and feedback mechanisms.

8 Which of the following describes how you view the Public Participation program?

- Critical Important Desirable

9 In your opinion, does Flagstaff County enhance communication and community connection by creating compelling print materials that effectively inform, educate, and engage residents?

- 1 2 3
 Not satisfied Satisfied

Economic Development

Small Business Exposure

Flagstaff County offers branding support and features a business from the Flagstaff Region each month with a Flagstaff County produced video and story.

10 Which of the following describes how you view the Small Business Exposure program?

- Critical Important Desirable

11 In your opinion, does Flagstaff County facilitate connections between entrepreneurs and consumers by increasing the visibility and exposure of local businesses?

- 1 2 3
 Not satisfied Satisfied

Business Resources

Flagstaff County offers a suite of support services including mentorship, training,

networking opportunities, and access to resources, designed to empower entrepreneurs and small business owners at every stage of their journey.

12 Which of the following describes how you view the Business Resources program?

- Critical Important Desirable

13 In your opinion, does Flagstaff County support the growth and success of local enterprises by offering a wide range of resources and services tailored to the needs of businesses?

- 1 2 3
 Not satisfied Satisfied

Protective Services

Patrol Services

Flagstaff County's peace officers observe traffic, conduct traffic stops and issue warnings or provincial tickets as necessary to ensure compliance with the Traffic Safety Act. Flagstaff County provides traffic enforcement services for the urban municipalities within the County through agreements.

14 Which of the following describes how you view the Patrol Services program?

- Critical Important Desirable

15 In your opinion, does Flagstaff County create a safe and secure environment for all road users by maintaining a visible presence and diligently patrolling gravel roads and highways?

- 1 2 3
 Not satisfied Satisfied

Agriculture

Vegetation Management on Municipal Lands

Flagstaff County employs proactive strategies to maintain lands under municipal ownership including rights-of-way.

16 Which of the following describes how you view the Vegetation Management program?

- Critical Important Desirable

17 In your opinion, does Flagstaff County sufficiently address overgrowth and invasive species through managing roadside

vegetation?

- 1 2 3
 Not satisfied Satisfied

Water Loading Stations

Flagstaff County provides access to bulk water supply for agricultural use at various locations.

18 Which of the following describes how you view the Water Loading Stations program?

- Critical Important Desirable

19 In your opinion, does Flagstaff County provide easy and reliable access to bulk water that meets the needs of agricultural stakeholders?

- 1 2 3
 Not satisfied Satisfied

Transportation

Gravel Road Maintenance

Flagstaff County maintains the condition of our gravel roads through grading, pothole filling, and drainage improvements across nine (9) maintenance areas with a heightened focus on the arterial road network.

20 Which of the following describes how you view the Gravel Road Maintenance program?

- Critical Important Desirable

21 In your opinion, does Flagstaff County provide well-maintained gravel road infrastructure, promote efficient transportation and elevate the overall quality of our community's road network through the systematic grading of roads that provides a consistent and smooth driving surface in all seasons?

- 1 2 3
 Not satisfied Satisfied

Dust Suppressant

Flagstaff County mitigates dust and stabilizes gravel roads in front of residences on arterial roads and other strategic locations.

22 Which of the following describes how you view the Dust Suppressant program?

- Critical Important Desirable

23 In your opinion, does Flagstaff County create a more comfortable, environmentally friendly, and durable road network by applying a dust suppressant that mitigates dust, stabilizes the road surface, and improves air quality while ensuring a smoother and safer travel experience?

- 1 2 3
 Not satisfied Satisfied

Service Request Management

Flagstaff County processes complaints and service requests through streamlined communication channels and systematic tracking.

24 Which of the following describes how you view the Service Request (complaint) program?

- Critical Important Desirable

25 In your opinion, does Flagstaff County deliver sufficient response to complaints through timely responses and effective solutions?

- 1 2 3
 Not satisfied Satisfied

Your feedback is valued.

Don't forget to please include your name and email address to be eligible for the draw for \$500 in Flagstaff Bucks.

Then drop off or mail your completed survey to:

Cary Castagna
 Flagstaff County
 12435 Twp Rd 442
 P.O. Box 358
 Sedgewick, AB
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There are two more ways you can earn an entry in our draw for \$500 in Flagstaff Bucks



Brainstorm Board

Submit an innovative idea on our online Brainstorm Board and you will earn another entry in the draw for \$500 in Flagstaff Bucks!
 Visit: flagstaff.ab.ca for more information.

Coffee with your Councillor

Stop by the Flagstaff County Administration Building between 2 and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4, for Coffee with your Councillor and you will earn yet another entry in the draw for \$500 in Flagstaff Bucks!