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The official newsletter of Flagstaff County

Winter/Spring 2025

Celebrating Excellence

Flagstaff County Peace Officer Receives Prestigious Award

Flagstaff County is pleased to announce that Peace Officer Skyler Zelinski is the newest recipient of the annual Award of Excellence from the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers (AACPO).

This distinguished honour was presented at the recent AACPO annual conference in Lake Louise and recognizes Officer Zelinski's exceptional commitment, professionalism, and service to the community.

With 15 years of dedicated service to Flagstaff County, Officer Zelinski has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to public safety and community well-being.

The AACPO Award of Excellence is typically awarded to a single peace officer who exemplifies outstanding leadership, professionalism, and deep



Peace Officer Skyler Zelinski

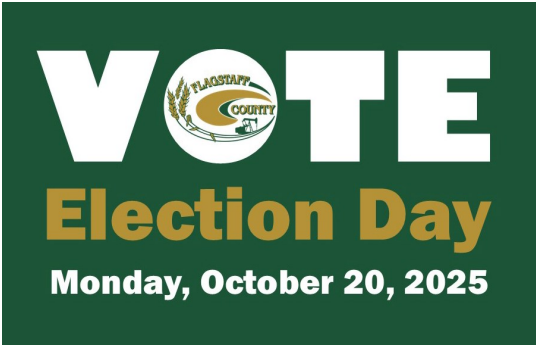
community involvement. This recognition highlights Officer Zelinski's tireless efforts to enhance safety, build community trust, and uphold the highest standards in law enforcement.

Flagstaff County Council and

staff extend our sincere congratulations to Officer Zelinski for this well-deserved honour.

We thank him for his continued dedication and contributions to the safety and well-being of our residents.

Declare Your Intention to Run!

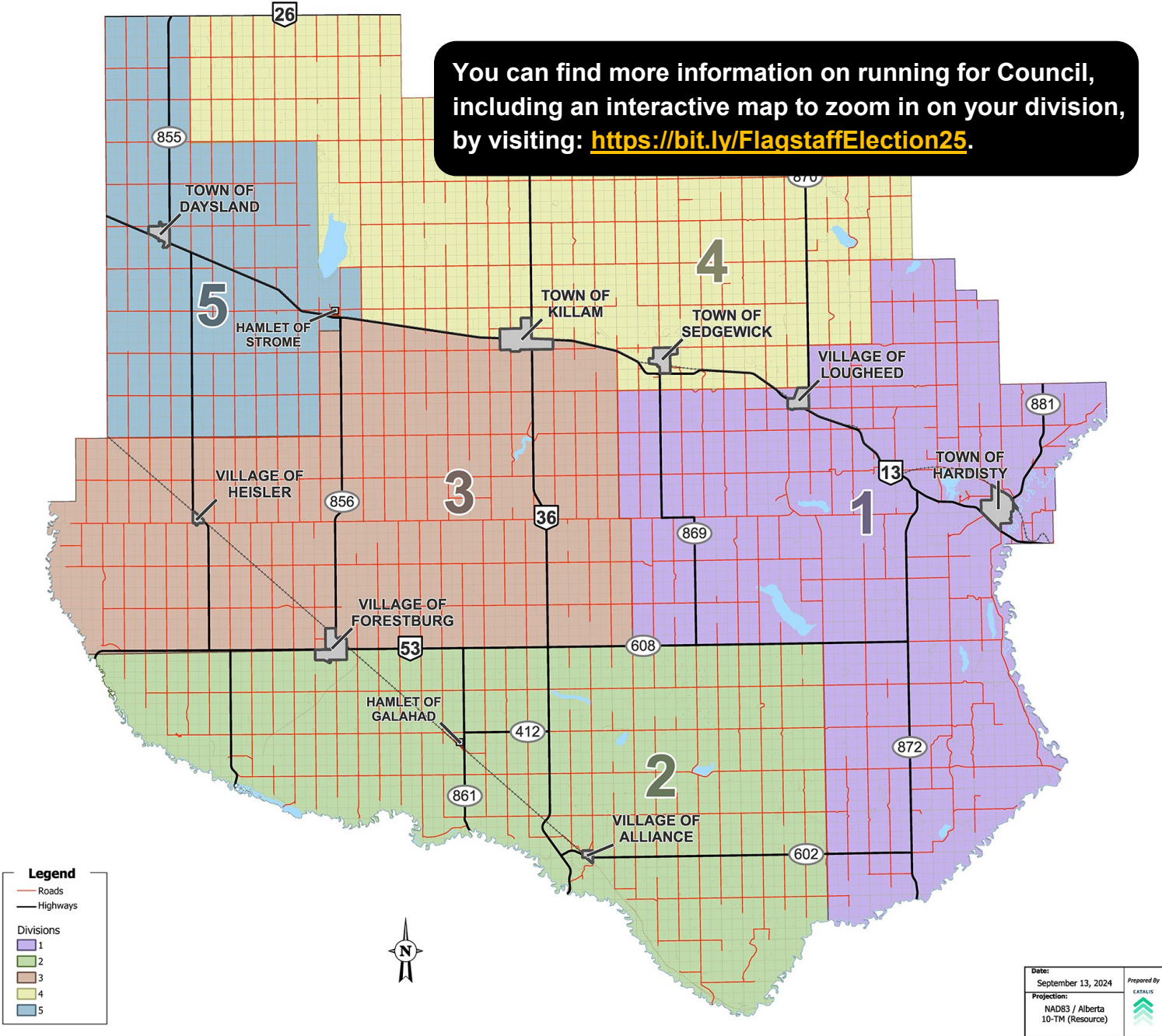


Thinking about making a difference in your community? Nominations are open for Flagstaff County Council! If you're passionate about local leadership, now is your chance to step up.

Start by filling out the **Notice of Intent to Run form** right away and then submit your nomination! Your voice matters—consider running and shaping the future of Flagstaff County!

Flagstaff County Electoral Division Boundaries

You can find more information on running for Council, including an interactive map to zoom in on your division, by visiting: <https://bit.ly/FlagstaffElection25>.





Hamlet Utility Operator Michael Northey displays the water sales panel at the Bulk Water Station in Strome. Inset: The hose is fitted with a camlock.

Bulk Water Station Open in Strome

Bulk water sales are now available in Strome at 51 Street and 51 Avenue.

Strome's Bulk Water Station is designed with convenience in mind. It features a digital keypad for easy access, clear instructions on-screen, and a streamlined process to ensure quick and efficient water loading at any time of the day.

This Bulk Water Station is similar to the one

in Galahad, offering treated, potable water. Please note that accounts for the Galahad station will also work in Strome, and vice versa.

Need help? Be sure to watch the video on our YouTube channel at: <https://bit.ly/StromeWater>.

For further information, please call Utility Operator Michael Northey at: 780-385-8211.

Special Council Meeting Slated for March 24

A Special Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 24, at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers at the County Administration Building. This meeting is to review our 2024 programs and services.

Planned Road Improvements for 2025

This year, road construction is planned for a 2-km stretch of local roadway on Twp Rd 440 from Secondary Hwy 870 for 2 miles east.

Another six stretches of local roadway totalling 26 km are earmarked for road recovery work in 2025. They are:

- ENE 23-42-14 Rge Rd 141, south 4 miles
- NNW 22-44-14 Twp Rd 444, east 2 miles
- ENE 12-44-16 Rge Rd 160, south 8 miles

- ENE 36-42-12 Rge Rd 120, south 6 miles
- NNW 19-46-15 Twp Rd 464, east 3 miles
- NNW 21-45-13 Twp Rd 454, east 3 miles

Road recovery focuses on rehabilitating a road, restoring drainage and disposing of any rocks and regrowth of trees and shrubs. This program is carried out by County resources and includes shoulder pulling and sub-grade preparation. Both procedures incorporate Gravelock, a soil stabilization product.



2025 Agriculture Industry Forum Resilience on the Farm

March 13 2025, 9am - 3pm
Galahad, Alberta



Lesley Kelly Resilience: *Weathering the Storm*

In this engaging keynote, Lesley shares her own story of resilience, alongside powerful stories from the farming community, to inspire hope and action.



And presentations including personal resilience supports, new generation coops, crop trends, ag and the community, strategic approaches for long term financial resilience.

Tickets \$50

Sales close March 10, 2025



Our Partners



Pollinator Program Back This Year

The Pollinator Habitat Establishment Program returns for 2025. New in 2022, the program involves seeding a small plot of land, typically three to five acres, with a pollinator seed blend. The plot of land must be adjacent to wetlands. The costs of seed and labour are fully covered by Flagstaff County.

This program is important, as promoting pollinators and pollinator habitat will combat the current widespread decline of these areas. Pollinators are vital to agriculture, as well as our food system and ecosystems. They help thousands of flowering plants reproduce, from crops to flowers to fruits. Pollinator habitat can also provide benefits on farms, such as preventing soil erosion and improving biodiversity.

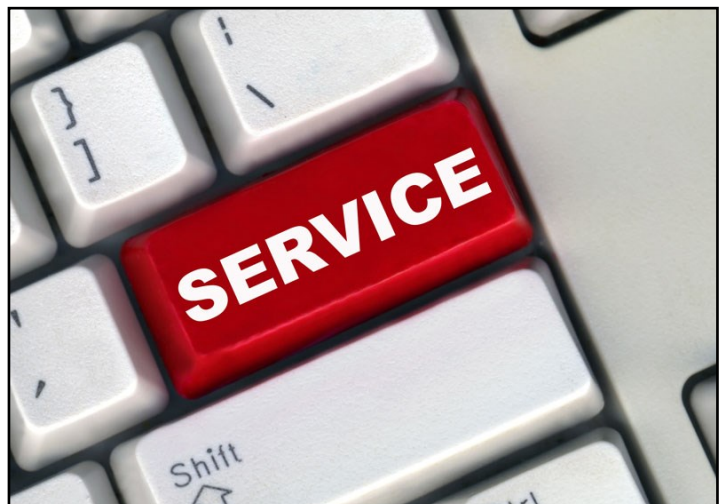
We are currently accepting applications for the Pollinator Habitat Establishment Program. Please contact Nick Dunn for further information at 780-384-4138.



Make Service Requests Online

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

- Change of Address
- Unsightly Property
- Water/Sewer Issues
- Road Issues
- Hazard or Debris in Road Allowance
- Bridge or Culvert Issues
- Weeds
- Sign Issues



You can report it online through our website by clicking: <https://portal.laserfiche.ca/r8288/forms/Public-Report-Form>.

150,000 tonnes of gravel used annually on roads

More than 1,700 miles of gravel roads

ROAD WORK AHEAD

16,400 hours of grader time on gravel road maintenance

FLAGSTAFF COUNTY

FLAGSTAFF COUNTY 2025 SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Transportation

- ◆ Class 3 Light Equipment Operator
2 Positions — May 1 to October 31, 2025

Agricultural Services

- ◆ Roadside Herbicide Applicator
2 Positions — May 1 to August 31, 2025

Parks

- ◆ Parks Labourer
1 Position — May 1 to August 31, 2025

Please send applications referencing the position to:

Flagstaff County
12435 TWP RD 442
Box 358
Sedgewick, AB T0B 4C0

Email: human.resources@flagstaff.ab.ca
PH: 780-384-4100



Application Deadline: Friday, March 14, 2025

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

**Battle River
Research Group**

www.battleriverresearch.com



FARMER PESTICIDE CERTIFICATE COURSE



Dr. Bill Hamman



Erin McIlwraith

The Farmer Pesticide Certification Course is a vital tool designed to help farmers minimize risks associated with pesticide use. This course is recommended under the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan and is mandatory for farmers who wish to purchase and use restricted pesticides requiring certification, such as Aluminum Phosphide. The one-day course will be taught by certified trainers Dr. Bill Hamman and Erin McIlwraith, who have extensive experience in pesticide application legislation, applicator safety, and environmental safety. Participants will receive study manuals and attend comprehensive lectures and PowerPoint presentations covering seven core modules and an additional grain storage module.

The course concludes with a closed-book exam consisting of 70 questions. Participants who pass the exam will receive their certification from Alberta Agriculture. This course offers an opportunity for recertification valid for another five years without the need for an exam. This certification is crucial for compliance with increasingly stringent pest management regulations and is often required to purchase certain restricted pesticides. Additionally, food companies, manufacturers, and wholesalers frequently mandate certification as part of contractual obligations for growing commodities.



MARCH 12

9 AM

\$150 EARLY BIRD FEES

**DAYSLAND COMMUNITY HALL
(5029 51 AVE, DAYSLAND, AB T0B 1A0)**

REGISTER ONLINE AT

www.battleriverresearch.com

CALL AT

(780 582 7308)





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:

Human Resource Department
Email: Human.Resources@flagstaff.ab.ca
Direct: (780) 384-4100

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

Join Our Flagstaff County Team as a Community Peace Officer!

Are you passionate about law enforcement, community safety, and making a real impact in a dynamic and supportive environment? Flagstaff County is calling on dedicated and motivated individuals to join our team as a **Community Peace Officer**. This is an exciting opportunity to serve and protect one of Alberta's most welcoming and picturesque regions. Become part of a close-knit community where your work truly matters.

What You'll Do: As a Community Peace Officer in Flagstaff County, you'll play a key role in maintaining peace and order. You'll be entrusted with enforcing Provincial Statutes and Municipal Bylaws, ensuring the safety and well-being of residents across Flagstaff County and our partner municipalities. Some of your key responsibilities will include:

- **Patrolling the beautiful landscapes** of Flagstaff County and the municipalities under contract to enforce traffic laws, bylaws, and Provincial Statutes.
- Ensuring safe roads by addressing traffic violations, enforcing commercial vehicle regulations, and overseeing road safety.
- Investigating complaints thoroughly and working to find fair and just solutions that ensure compliance.
- Maintaining a commitment to **health and safety** policies and guidelines, contributing to a safe and effective workplace.

What We're Looking For: We want someone who is not only qualified but also eager to serve, protect, and engage with the community. If you're passionate about upholding the law and thrive in a role that's both challenging and rewarding, this could be your next career opportunity!

• Required Qualifications:

- Completion of the Solicitor General's Public Security Peace Officer Training Program (or equivalent).
- Eligible to be appointed as a **Community Peace Officer Level 1** through Alberta Justice and Solicitor General.
- Current **Level C First Aid and CPR** certification.
- A solid understanding of the **Community Peace Officer Program policies and procedures**.
- Certification in **Radar/Laser Speed Detection, Commercial Vehicle Legislation, and Defensive Weapon & Tactics Training** (within the past 2 years) – or a willingness to complete the training.

• Bonus Qualifications (Assets):

- A **related diploma** in law enforcement, criminology, or a similar field is a bonus!
- Prior experience in **law enforcement** or similar fields is a plus!

We're also open to candidates who may not meet all qualifications but are eager to learn! If you have a passion for public safety and the right attitude, we encourage you to apply. We are willing to provide the necessary training and support to help you meet the requirements and grow within the role.

Position Type:	Permanent full-time
Hours of Work:	4 days on shift, 4 days off shift
Salary Range:	\$84,152.68 - \$103,497.18 annually
Closing Date:	Until suitable candidate is selected.