

Council Highlights



Regular Council Meeting of April 16, 2025

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

2025 Public Works Declaration Week

Council approved a resolution thereby proclaiming May 18th to May 24th, 2025 as "National Public Works Week" in Flagstaff County.

Services to Towns and Villages — Town of Killam Request

Council approved to advise the Town of Killam that Flagstaff County will continue to provide services to all towns and villages on a full cost-recovery basis, as outlined in the current Policy PW 009 - Municipal Services for Towns and Villages.

2024 Financial Statements Presentation

Council approved the 2024 audited Financial Statements as presented. In reviewing the Audited Financial Statements and the Financial Information Return for the year ended December 31, 2024, Scott St. Arnaud, Auditor from Gitzel & Company, advised that Flagstaff County received a clear report with no reservations again this year.

2025 Revised Budget

Council approved the proposed amendments to the 2025 budget as presented with operating expenses increasing by \$618,800 to a total of \$28,632,950 and capital expenses decreasing by \$1,774,600 for a total of \$6,776,700.

Council approved the proposed amendments to the 2026 capital budget with an increase of \$3,315,900 for a total of \$8,405,500.

2025 Mill Rate Bylaw

Council approved Bylaw 03-25, the Mill Rate Bylaw to authorize the proposed rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within Flagstaff County in 2025. Among the highlights of this bylaw, the mill rate has notably decreased.

Valley Ski Hill — Funding Request — Snow Guns

Council approved a funding request from the Valley Ski Club and pledged to contribute \$30,000 towards the rebuilding of the snow guns project, to be funded by recreation operating reserves. That matches a \$30,000 donation to the Valley Ski Club from Paintearth County.

2025 Tourism Assistance Grant — Flagstaff Scottish Club, Gathering of the Clans

Council approved a grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 after reviewing the evaluation form for the Tourism Assistance grant request from the Flagstaff Scottish Club for the purpose of hosting The Gathering of the Clans Highland Festival.

2025 Tourism Assistance Grant — Forestburg Arena Association, Buckin' in the 'Burg

Council approved a grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 after reviewing the evaluation form for the Tourism Assistance grant request from the Forestburg Arena Association for the purpose of hosting the Buckin' in the 'Burg bull riding event.

2025 Policy Review

Council approved the following policies as presented:

- AG 002 Weed and Pest Control – no revisions;
- AG 003 Weed and Pest Appeal Committee – as revised;
- CP 007 Administration of the Safety Codes Act – no revisions;
- CP 009 Cemeteries Assistance Grant Program – no revisions;

- CP 014 Debt Management – as revised;
- LE 002 Investment Policy – as revised;
- LE 005 Flagstaff County and Region Identity – no revisions;
- LE006 Public Participation – no revisions;
- LE006 Public Participation Schedule A and B - no revisions;
- PW 004 Approaches – as revised;
- PW 005 Railway Crossings – as revised;
- PW 008 Road Naming Policy – no revisions;
- PW 008 Road Naming Policy Schedule A – no revisions.

2025 Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework — Extension with Town of Hardisty

Council approved Bylaw 04/25 – to amend the Flagstaff County/Town of Hardisty Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework.

2025 Request to Rescind Resolution — Council Remuneration

Council rescinded Resolution FC20250212.1015: THAT Council remuneration be increased effective following the election in October 2025, as follows: Reeve: \$59,969, Councillors: \$55,969.

Village of Forestburg — Annexation and Industrial Park

Council approved that should the proposal from the Village of Forestburg for annexation of NE 35, Twp 41, Rge 15, W4 align with the terms of our Joint Intermunicipal Development Plan, Flagstaff County will consider it.

Council approved a resolution that Flagstaff County fully supports the development of an Industrial Park. As previously stated, when a private investor has committed to developing, we would move to support new development, and would look forward to developing a negotiated agreement with the Village of Forestburg.

Providence Place — Request for Donation

Council approved to respectfully decline the donation request from Providence Place for expenses towards their 25-year celebration event, as this event does not benefit the citizens of Flagstaff County.

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.