

# #yourflagstaff



The official newsletter of Flagstaff County

Summer 2025



## ‘This Is Home To Me’

### River Jacks pay tribute to Flagstaff with debut song

**F**lagstaff County has found its rhythm — and it’s echoing through the heartfelt lyrics and homegrown sound of the River Jacks.

In a partnership that hits all the right notes, the County has teamed up with the popular local band to produce a tribute song that celebrates the people, places, and spirit of rural life. The result is *This Is Home To Me* — a prairie anthem written by the River Jacks, and packed with warmth, nostalgia, and a whole lot of heart.

The song, along with a County-produced music video filmed in and around Coldstream Farms south of Killam and bolstered with recently shot

footage from throughout the Flagstaff Region, is set **to be released in the latter half of August**. Watch our social media platforms for more details in the coming weeks.

From the opening line to the final chorus, *This Is Home to Me* is a reflection of what it feels like to live here, grow up here, and carry this place with you wherever you go.

The song speaks to the quiet pride of rural life, the strength of small-town roots, and the unshakable sense of belonging that defines Flagstaff County. It’s not just about the land — it’s about the people, the values, and the memories that make this place home.



**Thinking about running for Council? If you're considering running in the 2025 Municipal Election, you won't want to miss this!**

**VOTE 2025**

**Candidates Information Session**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Aug. 19, 2025**  
**County Admin Building**

**Get Informed: Your Council, Your Community**

Learn about Flagstaff County's operations and finances, discover the roles and responsibilities of Council, and get key details about the upcoming municipal election.

*It is recommended to register. Call 780-384-4100  
 or email [returningofficer@flagstaff.ab.ca](mailto:returningofficer@flagstaff.ab.ca)*

**VOTE**

**Election Day**

**Monday, October 20, 2025**

## **Election info on website**

The 2025 Municipal Election takes place on  
**Monday, October 20, 2025.**

If you're looking for any election information prior to our Candidates Information Session, including our updated registry of candidates, please visit our website at: <https://www.flagstaff.ca/council/county-council/2025-municipal-election-information>.



Joanne McMahon is one of several County residents who have signed up for the beneficial Pollinator Habitat Establishment Program.



# Help pollinators thrive

## Sign up for free Pollinator Habitat Establishment Program

We're more than halfway through 2025, but there's still time to join the Pollinator Habitat Establishment Program!

First launched in 2022, this program helps landowners seed small pollinator habitats — typically three to five acres — with a specialized pollinator blend. Eligible plots must be located next to wetlands. Flagstaff County covers 100% of the seed and labour costs.

Why is this important? Pollinators are in decline, and they play a critical role in agriculture, ecosystems, and food security. Creating dedicated habitat helps support their populations while also offering on-farm benefits like improved biodiversity and reduced soil erosion.

For more information or to apply, contact Nick Dunn at 780-384-4138.

## Attend our in-person EFP Workshop on Aug. 19

Need help with your Alberta Environmental Farm Plan? Join us for an in-person support session from 8:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 19. Your local EFP technicians — Nick, Jessica, and Matthew — will guide you through the EFP workbook so you can complete your plan and receive your certificate.

Limited spots are available. Be sure to reserve yours today by calling 780-384-4100.

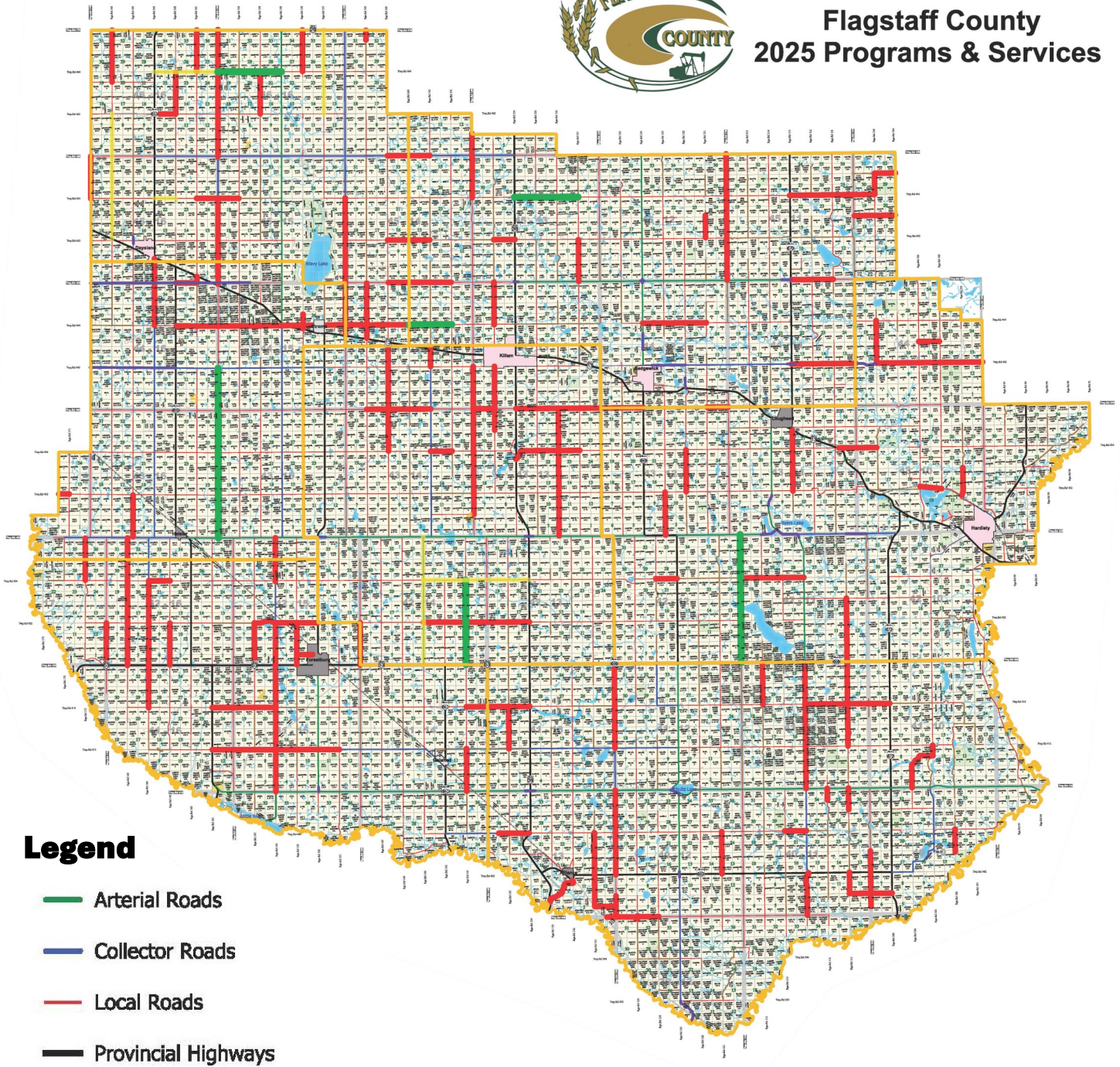
### Why complete your EFP?

The Alberta Environmental Farm Plan is a confidential, whole-farm self-assessment tool that helps you identify environmental risks and implement sustainable practices. An active EFP certificate may be required for AgriInvest and some Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP) grants.





## Flagstaff County 2025 Programs & Services



### Legend

- Arterial Roads
- Collector Roads
- Local Roads
- Provincial Highways
- Oiled Roads
- County Owned Pavement
- Field Access Roads
- 2024 Road Recovery Projects
- 2025 Shoulder Pulling
- 2025 Gravelling
- 2025 Strategic Dust Control

The above map outlines the key road projects and maintenance services being carried out by Flagstaff County's Transportation Department in 2025. These efforts are part of our commitment to maintaining safe and reliable infrastructure for all road users.



# Culvert projects set for fall

The following two in-house culvert replacements are scheduled for this fall:

1. BF # 83194 — Twp Rd 434, NW 21-43-16 W4
2. BF # 79104 — Rge Rd 104, SW 04-44-16 W4

## Gravel for sale to County landowners

Gravel is available for sale to a maximum of 150 tonnes per year per residential/farm/acreage site within the County. Landowners wishing to purchase gravel must contact the Transportation Department to make arrangements and obtain a "Permission for Purchase of Gravel" form prior to receiving any gravel sales.

Gravel Sales are limited to the following dates for the remainder of 2025, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

- **August 13 and 27**
- **September 10 and 24**
- **October 8 and 22**

Gravel sales are limited to the following gravel pits: Mazure Pit (NE 16-43-09 W4); Skori Pit #2 (N 1/2 09-46-11 W4); Barber Stockpile (NE 17-44-09 W4); and Daysland Stockpile (SE 13-45-17 W4), providing a loader is available at that gravel pit on that particular day.

To arrange for the purchase of gravel, please call 780-384-4100. Information regarding a list of available aggregate products and pricing can also be obtained.

Flagstaff County does not haul gravel for ratepayers; hauling arrangements must be made by the ratepayer. The intent of gravel sales is for use on private lands for laneways and yard sites.



**McNabb Stockpile (west of Forestburg)**



# THE BRAED REGION PRESENTS: 2025 AGRICULTURAL FORUM

This isn't your average ag forum. It's a one-day event built for producers, featuring hands-on research, bold economic insights, and practical tools to strengthen your farm — today and into the future.



## Agenda Highlights

- ✓ **Economics That Matter to You**  
**Angus Watt** will dive into how inflation, tariffs, and trade are shaping your bottom line — and what to prepare for next. Straight talk, real-world data, and actionable insights.
- ✓ **Smarter Farming with Olds College**  
Explore cutting-edge research on autonomous equipment, precision sensors, and regenerative agriculture from the **Olds College Smart Farm**. This is your chance to get ahead of the tech curve — without the sales pitch.
- ✓ **Strong Mind, Strong Farm**  
**Lesley Kelley**, mental health champion and co-founder of Do More Ag, brings tools and conversation that reduce stigma and boost resilience. Because your farm needs you at your best — and you're not in this alone.



 **Don't miss it!**

## Details

 **November 13, 2025**  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

 **Galahad, AB**  
Galahad Community Hall

Free Registration Here:





## TIPS, TRENDS & LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS - DIVE INTO OUR BLOG!

Get to know the faces behind the products and services—side hustlers, shop owners, and creative minds shaping our region. Discover tips, stories, and inspiration from the heart of Flagstaff.



[flagstaffcrafted.ca/blog/](http://flagstaffcrafted.ca/blog/)



## GROW YOUR BUSINESS WITH FLAGSTAFF CRAFTED

Are you a maker, entrepreneur, or small business owner in the Flagstaff Region or within 40 km of the boundary? Join Flagstaff Crafted—a dynamic program designed to elevate your business and help you reach your fullest potential. Whether you're just starting out or looking to scale up, Flagstaff Crafted is here to help you grow, connect, and succeed. Apply today and become part of a vibrant community that believes in local, supports creativity, and champions small business.



# FLAGSTAFF COUNTY

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### Bylaw 06/25 Amending Bylaw 01/23

Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Sections 230, 606 and 692, Chapter M-26, the Council of Flagstaff County hereby gives notice that it has given first reading, and of its intention to adopt Bylaw 06/25.

The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend Land Use Bylaw 01/23 to add the definition of "Data Processing Facilities" under Section 1.3 Interpretation and to add Data Processing Facilities under Section 9.3.2 Agricultural (A) District as a Discretionary Use. The following Special Provisions will also be added as Section 8.7A of Land Use Bylaw 01/23:

8.7A.1 Time period for a development permit for the operation of a Data Processing Facility shall be at the discretion of the Development Authority based on the scope of the project. A development permit may be issued for a maximum of 5 years after which time a development permit reapplication will be required.

8.7A.2 Quality of the exterior treatment and design of all the buildings shall be to the satisfaction of the Development Authority and shall be compatible with other buildings in the vicinity.

8.7A.3 Development Authority may require additional landscaping in addition to the regulations described in Section 7.16 of this Bylaw.

8.7A.4 A noise impact assessment may be required by the Development Authority. If deemed necessary, a noise mitigation plan that may include a noise monitoring system may also be required.

8.7A.5 A Data Processing Facility that includes a power plant shall have a minimum setback of 1,000m from a wall of an existing dwelling unit.

8.7A.6 Notwithstanding the above, the setback distance may be reduced with no variance required if a noise impact assessment and noise mitigation plan is deemed sufficient to the satisfaction of the Development Authority.

8.7A.7 Any development shall be designed to mitigate all off-site nuisance factors including excessive noise, odour, traffic, dust, and other impacts to the satisfaction of the Development Authority. A mitigation plan shall be provided at the time of development permit application to demonstrate that these nuisance factors have been mitigated.

8.7A.8 The Development Authority may require the applicant to provide evidence of compliance with any applicable provincial legislation, regulations, or approvals, including but not limited to those administered by Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, the Alberta Utilities Commission, and Alberta Energy. This may include approvals under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, the Water Act, the Hydro and Electric Energy Act, or any other relevant provincial legislation or regulatory body. Documentation shall be submitted prior to the issuance of a development permit or as a condition of approval, as determined by the Development Authority.

**THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Sections 606 and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act* a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw will be held:**

**Date: August 13, 2025**

**Time: 9:00 am**

**Place: Flagstaff County Council Chambers  
12435 Township Road 442, Sedgewick, Alberta**

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to make a verbal or written representation may do so at the hearing. Wherever possible, persons interested in speaking at the Public Hearing should register with and forward a written submission to the County's Chief Administrative Officer before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2025.**

**Alternatively, anyone wishing to attend the public hearing by electronic means may do so by video conference. For additional information regarding the public hearing process, making submissions and for attending the public hearing by electronic means, please visit our website at [www.flagstaff.ab.ca](http://www.flagstaff.ab.ca).**

*Written submissions and those persons who have advised of their wish to speak will be heard first. Other submissions will be heard as time permits.*

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT a copy of the proposed Bylaw may be inspected at the Flagstaff County office, in Sedgewick, Alberta, during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) or on our website at [www.flagstaff.ab.ca](http://www.flagstaff.ab.ca).**

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Chief Administrative Officer

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