

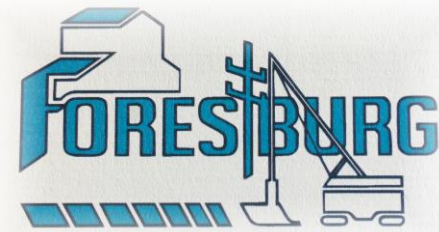
Public Works Update

2022 provided many challenges for Public Works in regard to replacing and repairing water main lines. Three curb stops had been replaced, repairs made to other ones, auguring lines that were plugged due to tree roots, and repairing service line breaks throughout the Village.

Public works replaced the distribution pump at the west subdivision lift station. These lift stations are designed to transport water, effluent, and sewage to a higher location when gravity flow systems alone will not move the volumes.

Effective, November 1, 2022, the Village took over the management of the Gas System as the contract with the current operator expired on October 31, 2022. With the extreme weather and snow, it took Village staff some extra time to complete gas meter reads in November and December resulting in longer time between monthly gas reads. The Village has purchased an ITRON System for reading gas meters and Public Works will be able to return to electronic meter reading in 2023.

Public Works staff increased by one member in 2022. The Village hired Connor Burden as a Water/Wastewater Operator in February. Connor Completed the Water and Wastewater Technician course at NAIT in Edmonton and after completing his practicum with the Village, we are delighted that he was able to join our staff full time.



Village of Forestburg

2022 Community Update



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Welcome to Forestburg.

OUR VISION:

Forestburg is continually striving to be a well-managed, vibrant, and prosperous community that is full of opportunities.

OUR MISSION:

To continue to be active, welcoming, and a safe Village focused on family and community.

March 2022, Forestburg held a by-election. Mr. Robert Frizzell was elected as a Councillor on the 22 day of March 2022.

During the Organizational Meeting held on October 20, 2022, Forestburg Council consisted of:

Mayor Blaise A. Young
Deputy Mayor: Dwayne Giroux
Councillor: Robert Frizzell
Councillor: Elaine Fossen
Councillor: Devon McNabb

Thank you to Forestburg residents for your willingness to continue to volunteer and show support wherever needed.

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SWIMMING POOL UPDATE:

The Village was extremely happy to have our pool open in 2022. Staffing issues impacted its opening, but eventually enough staff was hired to provide a great summer of swimming in the "BURG". Despite a slightly shortened season, we are all glad to have this incredible amenity back in service for many years to come.

Forestburg and District Community Enhancement Fund.

In 2022, through your donations to the fund, various groups within the Village received cheques totaling approximately \$40,000. The Village also provided funds to the Daysland Hospital Foundation to cover half of the cost of two new exam tables for the Forestburg Medical Clinic.

There are many ways to donate to the Enhancement Fund: Cheque, by mail or in person, cash at the Village office. You can also donate to the fund via e-transfer using the email:

fund@forestburg.ca.

Please indicate what group you would like your funds distributed to, and a mailing address for a tax receipt.



Light up the night in Forestburg

On November 25, 2022, The Village lit up the sky for the second annual “Light up the Night in the BURG”. This year the Community



Development and Promotions Society planned the events, along with the Forestburg Volunteer Fire Department and the Friends of the Battle River Railway. The Fire Department provided hot dogs and hot chocolate for all to enjoy, the Development Committee lit up the biggest tree in Devonian Park and the Friends of BRR provided crafts for kids and train rides. A good time was had by all.

Canada Day

This year, thanks to the Forestburg Community Development and Promotions Society and the Forestburg Fire Department, Forestburg celebrated the First Annual Canada Day Celebrations. Over 200 people showed up for breakfast at Cedar's, and the first event was the “around the town” fun run. The Fire Department “wowed” us with a vehicle extraction demonstration and local artisans attended the Farmer's Market and everyone enjoyed a free hot dog and water for supper. A wonderful display of fireworks, at the Area 53 Raceway, capped off the night.

Movie in the Park

Courtesy of the Parents for Fun in Flagstaff, the 13th Annual Movie in the Park was held in Forestburg. The weather was perfect for a festival of activities including Bouncy houses, bubble blowing station and of course the forever favorite money pit. The day ended with an outdoor movie.



Photo courtesy of Celina Fournell

Forestburg Fire Department

2022 was a year of transition as the Forestburg Fire Department amalgamated with the Flagstaff Regional Emergency Society (FRESS). This movement to FRESS creates a Regional Fire service throughout the County and provides broader training opportunities for the Firefighters.

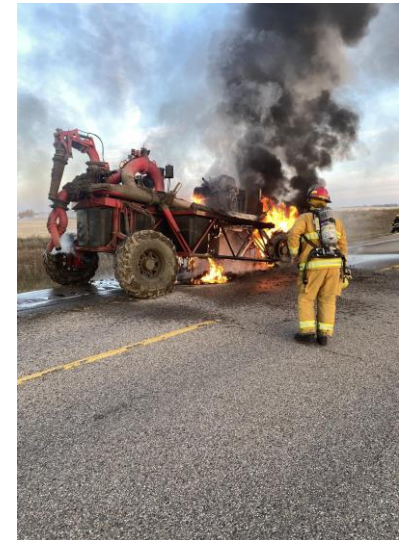
The Forestburg Fire Department will continue its time-honored tradition of providing highly trained, responsive, and dedicated fire and emergency services to Forestburg and surrounding area.



100 Women from Flagstaff honored the Friends of the Fire Department with a substantial donation that provided the Friends with enough funds to purchase high-pressure air bags that will be used in rescues in the area.

Two new Firefighters and two Junior Firefighters joined the Department in 2022. The Department continues to practice and train on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the Fire Hall (4813 - 50 Street). The Department business meetings are held at the Fire Hall on 2nd Wednesday of each month.

If you would like to be a member of the Fire Department, contact the Village office (780-582-3668) for more information.



Jack & Lily Kirschman Bursary Program

The Jack and Lily Kirschman Bursary Provides financial support to students that have graduated from Forestburg School. The annual bursary award is \$1,000 per student per year of study in Forestburg School with a maximum of \$12,000 per student in support of post-secondary studies.

The Kirschman Bursary will benefit all youth enrolled in Forestburg School from Grades 1 to 12 by supporting their post-secondary goals and studies. The first bursary's have been awarded to two (2) students of the Forestburg School Graduating Class of 2022.

The organization is very appreciative of all donations to the Bursary to date through the Forestburg and District Community Enhancement Fund. Donations continue to be sought and required to ensure the longevity of the Program.

Donations of cash or by cheque can be made at the Village office, by e-transfer using the email: fund@forestburg.ca In the comments section please indicate a mailing address for your tax receipt.

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Capital Projects 2022

47 Street Improvement Project



The 47th Street Improvement project commenced in the summer of 2022. The Village undertook much needed underground infrastructure repairs along 47th street from the corner of 50 Avenue and extending south towards Big Knife Villa including the intersection of 47 Street and 49 Avenue. Sidewalk and curb & gutter improvements have been made with watermain improvements including looping of local water lines and extending a water line for a new fire hydrant at the north end of the street.

The base of the road and grading improvements are providing better water drainage in the area. The road was completed with new pavement.

Congratulations to Mayor Blaise Young, Chief Administrative Office Dwight Dibben, and Assistant Administrator Sharon Duncan for receiving the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal. These medals recognize their contributions to Alberta, Flagstaff County and Forestburg.