

## **Community Open Houses Set for Regional Governance Initiative**

*Region residents encouraged to join the conversation*

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Four community open houses have been confirmed for the Public Engagement Phase of the Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership (FIP) Regional Governance Initiative.

“Citizen engagement is vital as we work together to chart a path forward for the region,” said Bob Coutts, Deputy Mayor of Forestburg and FIP Chair. “I encourage as many people as possible to attend the open houses and have their voices heard.”

The intent is to have these open houses spread across the region to ensure opinions are gathered from as many communities as possible. The open houses will take place on:

**November 1<sup>st</sup> –Strome Seniors Centre. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Alliance Community Hall, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**November 19<sup>th</sup> – Heisler Seniors Centre, 10 a.m. to 1p.m.**

**November 19<sup>th</sup> – Hardisty Community Hall, 2 to 5 pm**

A public information package on the Regional Governance Initiative will be available on the project website ([www.flagstaffunited.ca](http://www.flagstaffunited.ca)) ahead of the meetings. If people are unable to attend, feedback can be given through the website as well.

The Flagstaff Regional Governance Initiative is exploring new ideas and ways for collaboration between FIP communities. Using input from citizens and community leaders, its goal is to develop a new vision for the region to help it become more successful over the long-term. It is expected to be completed in December 2017.

The Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership is a committee made up of representatives from all municipalities within the Flagstaff Region: Towns of Daysland, Hardisty, Killam and Sedgewick, the Villages of Alliance, Forestburg, Heisler and Loughheed and Flagstaff County. More information on the FIP Regional Governance Project can be found at [www.flagstaffunited.ca](http://www.flagstaffunited.ca)

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