

FORTISALBERTA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2017 TREE PLANTING GRANTS

June 8, 2017 – FortisAlberta implemented a tree planting initiative as part of its commitment to the environment. The program offers communities in the Company's service territory the opportunity to win a \$2,500 grant. This year FortisAlberta has awarded four grants.

The grants offer FortisAlberta the opportunity to support our municipal customers with developing and improving environmentally-friendly programs in their communities. FortisAlberta looks for ways to give back to the communities where its customers and employees live and work.

This year's winners are:

Town of Athabasca

Refining Athabasca Riverfront Park by planting Elm trees.

Town of Blackfalds

Add a Pocket Fruit Park that would provide trees, edible fruit trees and shrubs.

Flagstaff County/Hamlet of Strome

Replace up to 47 decaying or defective trees in the Hamlet of Strome that were either removed or will need to be removed within the next two to five years for public health and safety concerns identified in a tree risk assessment.

Town of Granum

Plant trees around the Recreation Center as part of their revitalization.

About FortisAlberta

FortisAlberta is an electric distribution company that owns and operates more than 60 per cent of Alberta's total electricity distribution network. The Corporation delivers safe and reliable electric distribution service to approximately 550,000 customers in 200 communities across central and southern Alberta. For more information about FortisAlberta, visit <u>www.fortisalberta.com</u>.

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