
FortisAlberta announces winners of 2016 Tree Planting Grants

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 six 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:

Lac La Biche County

Alexander Hamilton Park will create a protected, outdoor recreational space and enhance the environmental aesthetic of the immediate area surrounding the planned Recreational Shelter Windbreak. The grant money will be used to purchase six large conifer trees.

Town of Claresholm

The Town of Claresholm has had storm damage to mature trees; all parks and green spaces were affected and many trees required removal. The Town will use the grant to purchase trees for the community.

Town of Devon

The grant will be used to replace severely damaged trees as a result of the drought in the summer of 2015 and unseasonable warm temperatures in January.

Summer Village of Grandview at Ma-Me-O Beach

Pigeon Lake watershed stewardship will use the grant to replace trees protecting the riparian area of Pigeon Lake through shoreline naturalization and creek restoration projects.

Town of Irricana

The grant will be used to replenish their tree farm which replaces damaged or dying trees in parks, green spaces, the Cemetery, campground and Boulevards in the Town.

Crestomere School in Lacombe

The community has worked hard over the past few years to fundraise for a new school and community playground. The grant will be used to enhance the school yard by planting trees and installing picnic tables and benches.

About FortisAlberta

As owner and operator of more than 60 per cent of Alberta's total electric distribution network and more than 120,000 kilometres of power lines, FortisAlberta's focus is the safe and reliable delivery of electricity to its 530,000 customers in 200 communities.

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