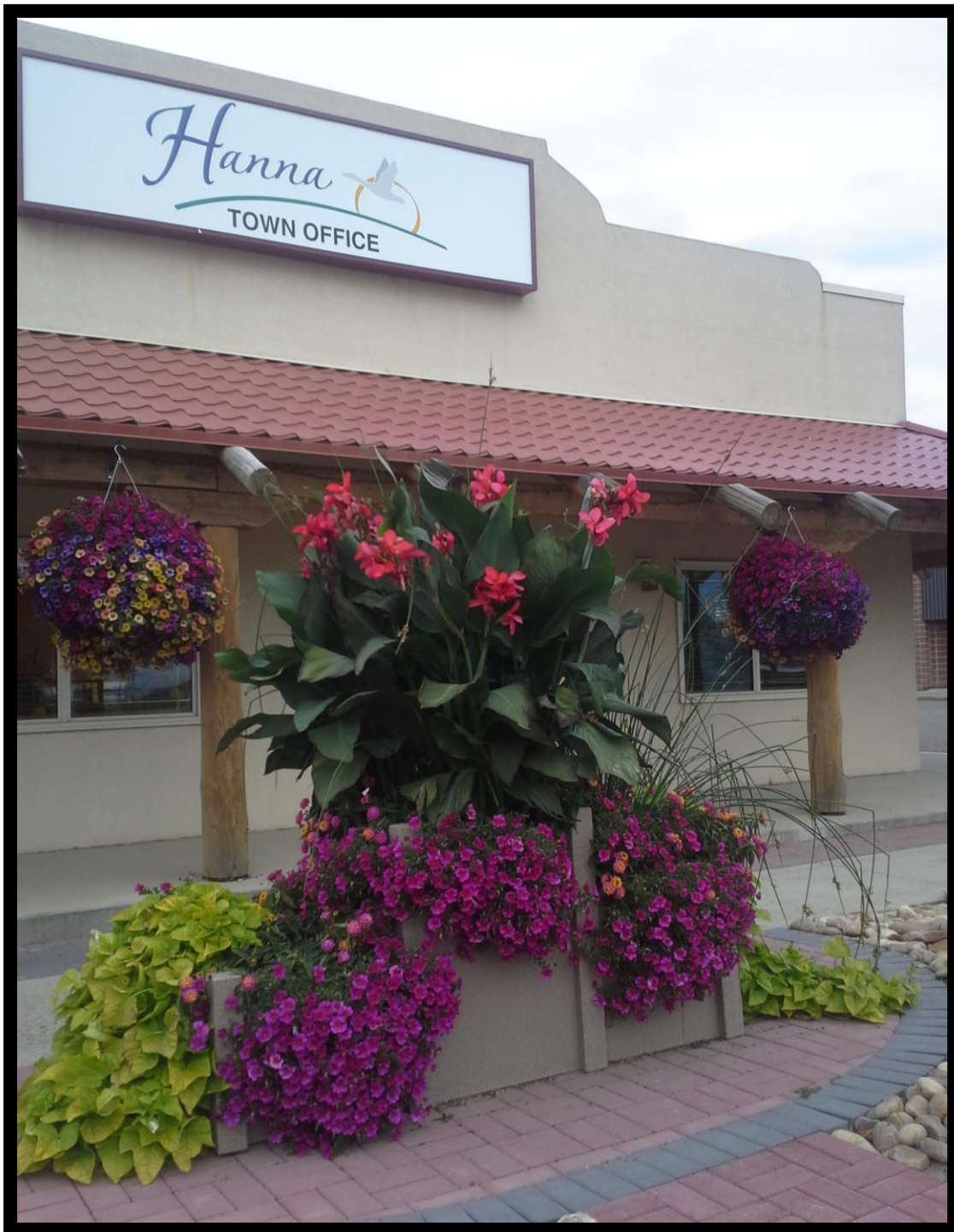


# Community Profile

## TOWN OF HANNA - AB

### 2017



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## ***Welcome to Hanna, Alberta “Worth the Drive”***

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Hanna is definitely “Worth the Drive” – providing a positive quality of life for those who live, work, play and visit the area. With a stable population of just under 3,000 residents, the town serves as an important service center for the area nestled in expansive ranchland country.

The Town of Hanna has supported the Communities in Bloom movement since its early inception with the Hanna Economic Development Committee in 2002 and 2003. It began as a result of a community visioning session and bloomed into the formation of the Hanna in Bloom Committee in 2005.

By fostering and supporting volunteer efforts to increase community pride and awareness through the Communities in Bloom (CIB) program, the Town of Hanna has taken a lead role in this program.



The Council of the Town of Hanna has made resources available to the Hanna in Bloom Committee to support their various projects and activities. The continued support of the barrel planter program has seen an increased number of blooming plants. Since 2005 there has been increased budgeting for urban forest management and landscaping. The Hanna in Bloom minutes are circulated to the Town of Hanna council so that they are aware first hand of the committee plans and goals. Hanna in Bloom information is listed on the Town of Hanna website ([www.hanna.ca](http://www.hanna.ca)), assistance has been

provided with promotional advertising of events, community projects and the annual CIB evaluation of our community.

The Town of Hanna and Hanna in Bloom have worked to incorporate many of the suggestions obtained from our CIB evaluations - making many improvements to the community. Some examples are: Heritage preservation encouragement, mulching program, increased floral displays, encouraging local residents to make improvements through education or enforcement of Municipal bylaws and regulations, the “Blooms to You!” program, free standing outdoor ashtray units, and compost promotion.

By partnering with local citizens, the Town of Hanna has made a commitment to making improvements through CIB not just for one or two days of the year, but all year long. The evaluation visit is not viewed as an “end destination” but rather a starting point to grow our community forward – with people, plants and pride!

Hanna is “Worth the Drive!”

## Population Category: 2000 - 5000

### CIB Participation History:

<u><b>Year:</b></u>	<u><b>Bloom Rating:</b></u>	<u><b>Special Mention:</b></u>	<u><b>Outstanding Achievement (Criteria) or Other Award:</b></u>
<b>2016</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Community Garden</b>	
<b>2015</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>"Blooms to You" Program</b>	<b>"Home Hardware" Dealer Involvement</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Invasive Plants Awareness Promotion</b>	<b>Provincial Winner</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Green Spaces Incorporating Heritage</b>	<b>Shadow Sculpture</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100 Hanna Centennial Barrels</b>	<b>Centennial Celebration</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Fundraising for the Community Services Centre</b>	<b>Community Fund Raising</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>CIB Committee</b>	<b>Teamwork</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Landscaped Areas</b>	
<b>2008</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Memorial Park</b>	
<b>2007</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Hanna Pioneer Village and Museum</b>	
<b>2006</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Hanna's Theme of Geese</b>	
<b>2005</b>	<b>3</b>		

## ***2017 PARTICIPANT INFORMATION***

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**Population:** 2,675

**Website:** [www.hanna.ca](http://www.hanna.ca)

**Mayor:** Chris Warwick

**CIB Committee Chair Contact:** Lou Lallier

**Area in Square Miles:** 3.40 square miles

**Acres of Active Recreation:** approximately 10 to 20 percent of the area

**Acres of Passive Recreation:** approximately 10 percent of the area

**Do You Have a Volunteer Coordinator?** Members work together as a team



# Special Projects/Actions for 2016 - 2017

We don't like to brag.....but we sure like to share our success stories!  
Hanna in Bloom is proud to highlight the following success stories:

"Co-Hosted the second annual "Taste of Culture" evening at the Hanna Community Centre in July, 2016. We celebrated our move to National Communities in Bloom and the many improvements we have achieved as a community. Our community continues to embrace our sister city Wake, Japan by honouring the visiting students at our "Taste of Culture" evening. Complimentary tickets were available for guests to attend the evening which featured musical entertainment, showcased local visual artists and provided a sampling of Japanese and Canadian foods - from sushi to Maple Bacon cupcakes! Great door prizes courtesy of local sponsors

2016 Successful "Blooms to You" program featured one residential and one commercial business weekly from June to August.

"Winter Blooms" continued for our second year and was even more popular. Town of Hanna established seasonal displays at public facilities - starting with a Remembrance Day theme at the town office in November. The once empty barrels have now become an avenue to dress up the entrances to businesses and facilities in the community, providing a welcoming appeal.

Seedy Saturday (May 14, 2016) - partnered with the Hanna Museum to host a great day that featured Sandy Checkel of Checkel Greenhouse as a guest speaker, included the JC Charyk Hanna School seeds sales, a palette garden project, a perennial exchange and children activities.

Floral Display - official Hanna in Bloom floral display is located close to the caboose, at the Visitor information centre. Members have adopted this floral display and maintain this bed annually. 2017 will see a new look with our bed - as we have added barrels to continue with the theme established in the community.

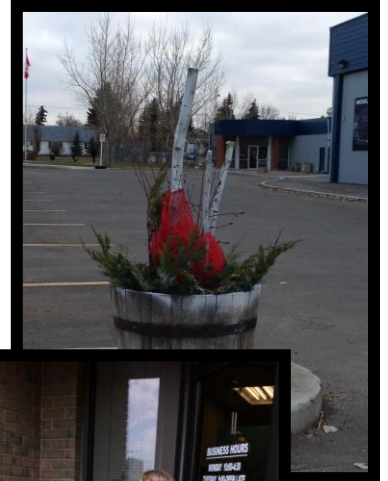
Three members attended our second National Communities in Bloom Conference in Regina, SK in 2016. We continue to learn from others and gain valuable ideas and suggestions on an international stage. We are planning to send three representatives to Ottawa, ON for the 2017 Communities in Bloom Conference!

Weekender Hanging Basket Fund Raising program - Hanna in Bloom sold 36 Weekender hanging baskets in an effort to promote water conservation and floral displays. This is a positive fund raising program and great promotion on proper care for plants in our drier climate.

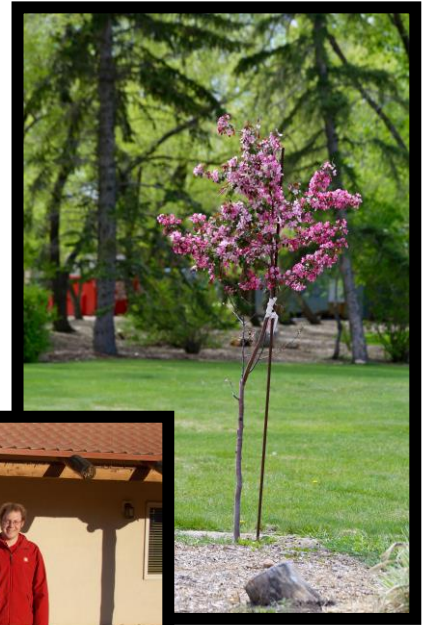
Super A Barbecue Fund Raising events - held on three Fridays during the summer, the local Super A Pharmasave supplies everything needed for a fundraising barbecue in front of their store. Hanna in Bloom brings the volunteers to cook and collect donations. Great community support!

The Town of Hanna contributed to enhancing community appearances by the following:

- Replacement of Christmas decorations for street lights program
- Continued the street light replacement with LED lighting when changing out.
- Established a memorial bench program to encourage donation of quality benches for public green spaces
- Promoted Hanna in Bloom initiatives through electronic and print media, including the website.



- Started a community orchard along Fox Lake Trail Boulevard to replace the poplar trees. Planting three fruit trees to honour Volunteers in the community - past, present and future. Mayor Warwick and members of council were on site at initial planting. Fruit trees and shrubs will be featured in this area, with several native species selected for their colour, ability to bear fruit and resistance to disease and drought conditions.
- Working cooperatively with groups such as the Community garden to assist with tilling and supply wood mulch for pathways
- Assisted with the Pitch In week campaign by picking up bags of garbage collected during the week
- Continue the program to replace planters with self-watering planters to maintain the floral displays through our dry summers.



# Judges' Notes Spur Actions Going Forward

*Our committee recognizes the value of having the Communities in Bloom judges view our community through a different lens. Following the 2016 evaluation our group has continued with the process of looking at each and every comment and evaluate as to:*

*"What is doable? (Within our resources?)*

*"What is practical?" (Can we tackle it at this time?)*

*"What is affordable?" (Do we have the financial resources to address?)*

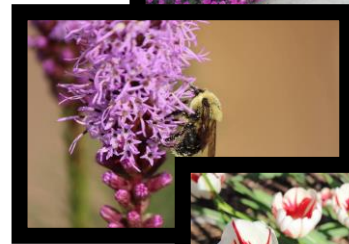
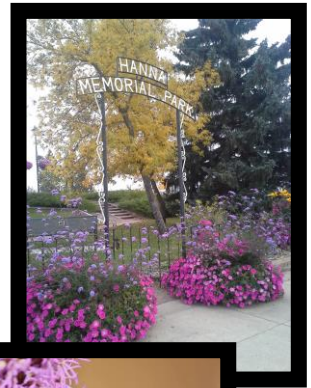
*"Is this within our area of responsibility? If not, can we work with others to achieve the end result?"*

*As a result, we surpassed even our expectations! We have been able to address many of the suggestions and have strategies in place for future.*

*"How does one eat an Elephant? ..... Why one bite at a time!" We have been focusing upon improving our community over time by taking many "bites" towards improvement, pride and beauty.*

*Over the past year together we have accomplished or addressed the following:*

- Encouraged water conservation through educational press releases and our **FREE DRAW for THREE RAIN BARRELS**. This July we are drawing for a free water barrel at Super A Pharmasave, Freson Bros. and Warwick's Home Hardware. We realize the importance of water conservation and want our local gardeners to embrace water conservation too.
- Irrigation timing in the town is done through solar operated timers which allow for early morning watering.
- Hanna Chamber of Commerce has encouraged their members to take pride in their business storefronts. Since installing eight cigarette containers strategically in the community, many business have also began to provide **cigarette containers** this option rather than having the discarded butts littering the sidewalks and entrances.
- JC Charyk Hanna School has collected the historical bricks from the recently demolished Primary school and will be incorporating them into their education gardens at the newly renovated school. Students were very involved in the **reclaiming of the historical bricks** and have been busy cleaning them for use in their garden area.
- **Memorial Park now has a new sign** to match the front entrance! Local welder Richard Crowle of Hanna Welding Rods was able to provide us with an almost perfect match to the Second Avenue entrance for our First Avenue entrance to Memorial Park.
- **Memorial Park fountain signs were recently redone** with a newer laser technique provided locally by Venture Fabrications. The fountain stands on the location of the former water tower and highlights the history of the area through the depictions completed by local artists.
- **Canada 150 Tulips** were blooming in Hanna courtesy of Hanna in Bloom and the Town of Hanna. A total of 1200 bulbs were planted in the fall of 2016 and provided a patriotic bloom this spring in our community. Signs were developed and installed in both Memorial Park and Hector King Hunter Park to highlight these unique tulip bulbs for not only this year, but for future years as well.
- **Bees Matter** – Bees really do matter in Hanna, Alberta. Buzzing Gardens provided complimentary seeds which were distributed throughout the community. This year, our committee took the awareness campaign a bit further. We installed an informational sign close to our "Buzzing Garden" at Hector King Hunter Park. Education that promotes the importance of our pollinators is key to understanding and support.
- **Hanna facilities are easier identified and recognized with new signs** being installed at the Hanna Arena, Hanna Swimming Pool, Bill Matheson Curling Rink and Centennial Place.



- **Highway signs** for the Town of Hanna were given a new look as local artist Donna Brink undertook the repainting of the signs over the winter months and into this spring. Donna also provided a fresh look to our “**goose monuments**” located at the entrances to Hanna and at the Hanna airport.
- **Graffiti** is addressed immediately on public facilities but what can be done with private residents? Hanna in Bloom members developed a list of areas with graffiti and are working with Town of Hanna bylaw officer to encourage private owners to clean up or cover up graffiti in order to discourage future vandals.
- **Tree planting** continues in our community. Trees are a precious commodity and the community orchard area developed along Fox Lake Trail Boulevard will include a variety of fruit and deciduous trees in order to avoid a mono culture and promote healthy tree growth.
- **Promotion of local recycling initiatives** are being applauded. **Enguard PC** has a program where they accept ink cartridges, cell phones and various computer related items. **Hanna Arena** concession has participated in the used cooking oil recovery program for many years. **Big Country Waste Management** has located bins for newspaper and cardboard collection within the community. At the waste site they provide a collection area for glass, plastics and electronics. The local “**Bottle Shop**” provides a location to exchange bottles for cash. They have also worked with the town and schools to provide recycling containers at no cost to encourage recycling.
- **Expanded and revised our profile book** to include information on the:
  - Town of Hanna Sidewalk Program
  - Hanna Cemetery headstone care program
  - Environmental Stewardship
  - Dutch Elm Disease awareness and participation since 2004
  - Blooms to You and Winter Blooms
- **Blooms to You! and Winter Blooms** continue to be Hanna In Bloom’s most successful programs to date. Local businesses and residents have embraced the program. This summer the Blooms to You! Program will recognize eight local residences and eight businesses for their efforts in making their premises look inviting, appealing and “beautiful”. Each residential winner will be encouraged to enter the Home Hardware backyard contest being promoted through Communities in Bloom. Winter Blooms allows our community to continue the barrel program with a festive or seasonal flavour. Once empty and desolate barrels are now beautiful festive displays! We have received many compliments on the seasonal festive barrels. Winter Blooms are awarded during the month of December.
- **Weeds** are an issue in many communities and spraying can be costly and time consuming, not to mention the environmental considerations. In 2017 the Town of Hanna **contracted the services of a professional environmental services company** whose focus is on providing the best results with the least environmental impact. Alternative products were utilized that reduced or eliminated the need for harsher sprays. We are optimistic that this may provide a good solution for our community to stay current and in line with the environmental movement rather than providing in house training for our larger spray requirements.
- We continue to hire the services of **a professional arborist** to assist with maintenance and care of our urban forest canopy. Residents are advised when the arborist will be in the community so that they can make arrangements to access the services as well. Education on care and maintenance is on-going.

# Tidiness

## Municipal

The Town of Hanna has reviewed and updated their bylaws in order to achieve a reduction in untidy yards, trash and debris in the neighbourhood, obstructed sidewalks, and unsightly properties. These bylaws are accompanied by a complaint process with the ability to work with an order to remedy when and if violations do occur.

Graffiti is removed immediately or at the earliest possible date. Staff are instructed to take photos and then proceed with clean up.

Parks and green space areas have had additional garbage cans and dog waste bags added.

Memorial Bench Program was adopted by Town council to encourage the donation of quality benches for public spaces.

Recycling is being encouraged in all municipal facilities. Volunteer

sporting groups are encouraged to collect for their organization as a fund raising venture. Many sporting groups hold annual bottle drives.



The Hanna Cemetery is located north of Hanna on Pioneer Trail.

As a prairie cemetery, we depend on Mother Nature to assist us in keeping the grass green, but the flowers are tended by the Town staff. The flower pots have a water reservoir which helps with our dry climate and the challenges of watering plants.

In 2016 six angel statues were placed throughout the cemetery, on bases large enough to hold a flower pot. The pots were filled and placed by the angels in the spring, so this will be the first year we will see the completed project.

The Town provides a concrete foundation for the placement of monuments, markers, planters or memorabilia. As the ground under the foundation is never disturbed for an interment, people may have a monument placed without concern



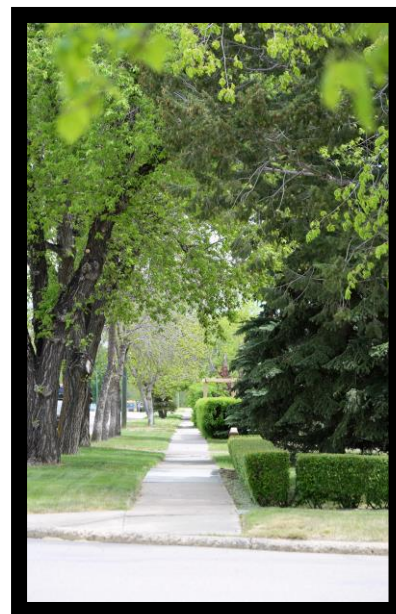
about ground settlement.

The Town also has a policy to remove concrete grave covers and cribbing at no charge, upon request of family members. The areas are then covered with top soil and grass seed. The intent of this policy is to have more areas that can be mowed and reduce the need for labour intensive trimming.

The cemetery has two 30 niche columbariums landscaped for ease of access and quiet contemplation.

Town Council adopted the Demolition Incentive Policy in 2009 to encourage redevelopment of properties through the provision of a rebate intended to partially offset costs associated with the removal of a principal building on a property. The program applies to all residential and non-residential properties and is subject to an agreement between the Town and property owners. The policy provides a rebate of costs based on proof of payment to a maximum of \$2,500.00 for residential assessed properties and \$4,000.00 for non-residential assessed properties. There is no requirement to rebuild on the property.

Storefront Improvement Incentive Program – Developed by the Town of Hanna and managed by the Business and Communications Department aims to assist property



owners and business tenants to enhance storefronts within the corporate limits of the Town of Hanna. This program focuses on encouraging the economic vitality of local businesses in all seasons and creating a positive and attractive image of the Town of Hanna that reflects the culture of the community.

### **Business & Institutions**

Hanna Legion got a paint job last summer courtesy of Atco Power who supplied the labour, with the Town of Hanna providing the paint. Great support for our local veterans.

Project Hanna undertook a massive clean-up of buildings, encouraging owners to paint and repair their buildings. Over the past two years, several buildings have undertaken to upgrade their roof structures and siding, along with general maintenance and painting.

### **Residential**

There is a lot of pride within the community and it is reflected in the tidy yards and residential areas. There is a mixed style of landscaping, with some who utilized the harder approach moving back to a combination of rock, mulch and grasses.

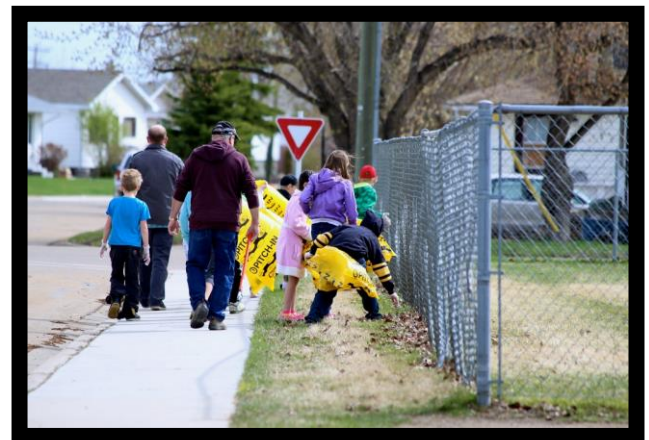
Local greenhouses have found that the community is very supportive as gardening and flowers are embraced here.

### **Community Involvement**

Hanna has been a willing participant in the annual “Pitch IN” campaign since 2002! In the past, members of the Town Council and the School Division have joined students to “Pitch IN” to clean up our streets. What a great message from our community leaders to our youth!

Enguard PC supported the 2016 Pitch In campaign with the purchase of bags to support the volunteers in their clean-up efforts of the community. Enguard PC also supported the Community Garden with the purchase of a composter for the garden in 2016.

Hanna Minor Ball and Soccer turn out on mass for one evening to clean up the sports fields. Volunteers are treated to hot dogs and cold drinks.



# Environmental Action

## Municipal/Infrastructure

Hanna's greatest recycling events would have to be the Ladies Auxiliary Rummage Sales – held in the spring and fall. These events draw bargain hunters from a wide geographical area. Profits reach over \$20,000 for each event, with the proceeds being directed to the enhancement of the local hospital. The rummage sales use both the curling and skating arena to display everything from clothing to furniture, toys, books, etc.

Waste Management is a large component of communities in Alberta.

Changes to the operation of the Big Country Waste Management have been undertaken in an effort to provide for stronger management of our waste and recycling at the Hanna Landfill site.

Water conservation will continue to be explored to provide the best use of this resource. Our community is fortunate to have Henry Kroeger Water Commission supplying a reliable and safe water supply. Town irrigation is placed upon a timing system and a review is underway to look at improvements in order to save further water use on the green space areas.



As part of the annual maintenance within the community, since 2013 Council has included funds in the budget to repair or replace sidewalks in the amount of \$30,000 – \$60,000. The sidewalks are reviewed and replaced under a “Worst-first” priority basis. Members of the public can request that their sidewalks be replaced, but each sidewalk is reviewed and may not fit the parameters for repair. Another annual program for maintenance is pavement patching. Council includes funds of \$30,000 - \$40,000 to repair pavement that has been disturbed due to water or sewer line maintenance.



Each spring, roads are maintained through the application of crack sealant to keep water from infiltrating the road bed and cold mix to fill potholes.

The street sweeper is dispatched to clean every street and avenue within the municipality after the snow melts in order to keep debris from the storm water system. When needed, the sweeper will do a second pass on the streets and avenues as well as cleaning parking lots and crosswalks in preparation for line painting.

Crosswalks and parking lines on the streets, as well as parking lines in public parking lots are painted each year. In 2017, the Town moved the annual line painting to the spring, rather than the fall. In 2015, the Town painted the storm water catch basins as well.

The Town also has a policy to provide a consistent approach to boulevard maintenance. The policy requires property owners to develop and maintain boulevards adjacent to the property. Keeping in mind that the boulevards may be used for placement of snow removed from streets, property owners are encouraged to maintain the grass and trees on the boulevard. The Town will remove existing grass and dirt from boulevards to allow for improvements proposed by the property owner. The Town will provide grass seed for restoration and uniformity. Other materials may be used; however, approval must be granted by Town Administration. Administration must also approve the placement of trees planted on the boulevard by the property owner.





Mulching has been incorporated for all parks and green spaces within the Town of Hanna. In addition many residents are now utilizing mulch programs to promote water conservation and control weeds.

Walking trails are groomed on a regular basis. The pathway system saw an additional two benches and garbage receptacles installed in 2016.

Noxious weeds and weed control are a concern that are handled through education and a controlled spray program.

Town of Hanna has been working towards the gradual changing of streetlights to the LED options. Municipal facilities are also being changed over for exterior and interior lighting

where and whenever practical and possible to do so.

## Business & Institutions

Waste management is provided for local business with the service available for pickup of cardboard waste.

Several institutions and businesses utilize the service of a mobile shredding service for large volumes. General site/ property management includes the ability to recycle and maintain their properties.

## Residential

Residents in Hanna know the true meaning of recycle, reuse and reduce with their support of not one, but two rummage sales which contribute upwards of \$20,000 each towards the operation of the local hospital.

In addition, the community supports a year round operation of the thrift store located in the local United Church.

Residents are encouraged to conserve water through the use of rain barrels, and low use options.

## Community Involvement

Public participation is encouraged with public forums for any development or environmental issues. Neighbourhood or community awareness regarding noxious weeds is an important issue for ensuring the Health of our community.

An outbreak of Black knot has promoted an increased interest for information on control and maintenance of trees.

It is a long road to ensuring environmental health in a community.

Partnering with other groups or organizations is one way to help Hanna in Bloom get the message out in our community! Hanna Museum partnered for the Seedy Saturday while local businesses assist with fund raising events. Together we do great things!



# Heritage Conservation

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## Municipal

Memorial Park features a unique fountain designed and constructed locally. The Shadow sculpture commissioned for Hanna's 2012 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial Celebrations provides a unique and interesting feature to the community.

Hanna and District Historical Society has been operating the museum since 1968 and contains a full block of over 20 historic buildings filled with antiques and turn of the century artifacts. The museum also features an archives section and the heritage gardens are a welcomed addition.

Modernization for the society is underway this season with plans to upgrade for computer use, additional promotion of the museum and the group has updated and renewed their

by-laws as a society. There is a renewed interest and energy around the overall maintenance and promotion of the museum. Hanna's Visitor Information Centre utilized our former railway station to allow for dual purpose – the housing of the mechanical requirements for the lift station in the lower level and a unique Visitor Information Centre on the ground floor. Volunteers with the Model Train Group are working to provide a working scale model train display on site.

## Business & Institutions

Hanna has few historical buildings; much of our heritage is relatively recent in terms of long term history. Some businesses have been able to maintain the structural integrity and *curb appeal* of their buildings. This is evident with our main business area, located on Second Avenue.

## Residential

Hanna is fortunate to have several "heritage homes" which are well cared for and maintained.

## Community Involvement

Hanna's 1912 Roundhouse committee is moving forward with their vision to restore the CN Roundhouse and have garnered considerable attention from local and provincial audiences. Several successful fundraising events have been held on location. The area has been cleaned up and is being maintained to prevent further deterioration. This year the site achieved Provincial Historical designation.



# Urban Forestry

## Municipal

Looking at photographs of Hanna in the early 1900's there is one noticeable difference between then and today – trees. Early plantings consisted of trees which were readily available, could withstand the dryer climate and would grow fast. As a result the boulevards are lined with older poplar trees. As a wider variety of trees became available there was a variety planted within the parks, local residences, street boulevards, etc.

In 2013 the community replanted over 50 trees in the parks and green space areas. The replanting program was the direct result of the severe weather which was experienced in September 2012 where a number of trees were lost to the community in both public and private properties.

The Town of Hanna trains the parks staff in tree pruning and maintenance. In addition, the town hires qualified arborists to assist in the maintenance of our urban forest. Notice is provided when the arborists is in the community and many local residents access the service while it is available.

Hanna is an active participant in the Dutch Elm Disease monitoring program. We place and monitor traps each season.

In 2016 the loss of over 29 poplar trees along the Fox Lake Trail Boulevard spurred a new and innovative project. On June 9th, Mayor Warwick and Council planted three fruit trees in this area to honour volunteers past, present and future. They were also planting the first of what will be many varied trees and shrubs to be established into this area as a "Community Orchard". Hardy apple and fruit trees have been selected with the intent that the fruit would be available for community use. Saskatoon, cranberry bushes, gooseberry bushes, and similar shrubs will be planted to help provide a colourful and varied boulevard planting that is visually pleasing and functional.

## Business & Institutions

In the spring of 2014 Atco Electric met with representatives from the Town to discuss their plans to provide preventative trimming and tree removal. This action was a direct result of the severe weather of 2012 and the high costs to Atco Electric due to trees and power lines. Residents with trees located under or near power lines were approached to have the trees trimmed or removed. They were given the option of accepting a voucher or gift certificate to replace their tree in an appropriate location in their yards. This was combined with education regarding proper species and planting tips. Atco Electric also provided the town with a donation towards replacement of trees on public properties.

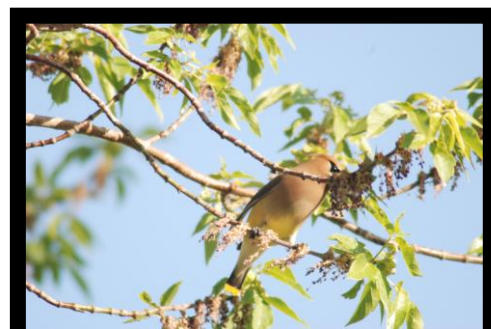
Local greenhouses offer discount rates for trees and shrubs early in the season to encourage successful plantings.

## Residential

Residents utilize the services of a trained arborist when they are available in the community. There is an overall awareness in regards to the types of trees and uses for placement.

## Community Involvement

Members of the community participate in trees planting or donations. Following the Atco program, many residents turned their gift certificates over to the town for placement of trees on public space.



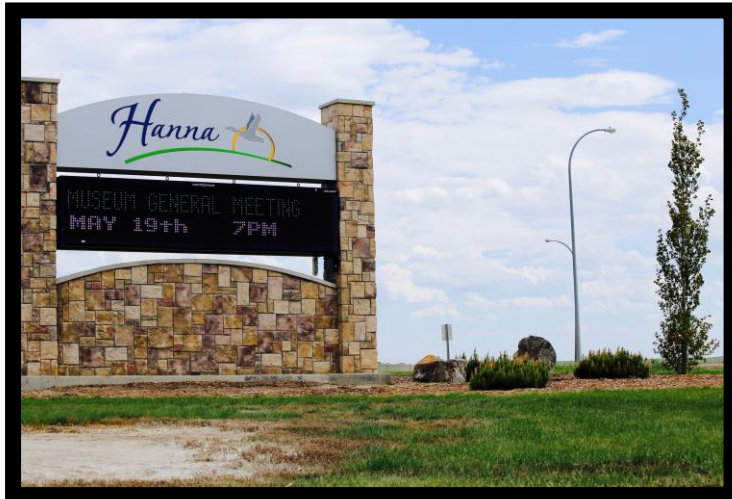
# Landscape

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## Municipal

Public landscaping has a variety of xeriscape and the more traditional landscaping. This is reflected by areas such as the entrance into the community from Highway 9 where the electronic sign has simple yet attractive landscaping. Centennial Place features the Shadow Sculpture with the xeriscape feature while the Visitor Information Centre has the more traditional approach with floral beds, greenspace and tree plantings.

Memorial Park features the historical Water Tower fountain and provides a story surrounding the fountain. It is a tribute to those who worked so hard to pioneer and establish the community. Our three Geese sculptures are receiving gradual improvement through placement of flowers and additional planting of trees in these locations.



## Business & Institutions

Local businesses have taken a solid approach to planning and maintaining landscapes. Proper planning includes allowances for watering in order to maintain a healthy environment for foliage.

## Residential

Hanna in Bloom promoted the Blooms to You Awards to one residential and one business weekly. These awards recognize those who work to keep our community looking maintained and attractive.

Hanna and District Ag Fair continues to offer their Yard and Garden Competition which encourages people to look at the overall appeal of their yards.

## Community Involvement

Hanna Lions Club have constructed a gazebo in the Hector King Hunter Park. This feature includes power and energy efficient lighting. It is expected that this will be a popular location for wedding photos and similar gatherings. It was a welcome addition to the park and is enjoyed by many.



# Floral Displays

## Municipal

Hanna in Bloom has continued with the floral display at the caboose located in the Visitor Information Centre area by enhancing the display. In addition, there is the heritage bed at the Museum, with plans to locate an heirloom or heritage garden for future years.

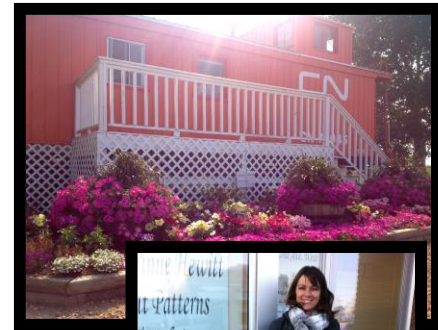


Barrel planters have been well used since the town began their loan program several years ago. The “100 planters” from Centennial were popular and many have opted to continue with the floral displays in barrels. The Town maintains an inventory to meet the demands.

Pollinator beds are important. In the spring of 2016 the Town of Hanna established a pollinator bed at Hector King Hunter Park. The town also assisted with the promotion and distribution of the “Bees Matter” seeds and information.

## Business & Institutions

Businesses have taken the barrel program and expanded into hanging baskets and variations on the barrel theme. The result is a varied and attractive variety of floral displays.



## Residential

Record sales for gardening and floral purchases are being seen across Canada and Hanna is no exception! There is a wider variety of flowers available and residents are planting a more diverse and hardy selection within their yards.

## Community Involvement

Hanna Lions Floral boxes located in the downtown area continue to be a nice addition to the area and the variety of plantings are colourful and hardy.

Several years ago, Hector King Hunter Park volunteers found that maintaining the floral displays became overwhelming. As a result, the Town of Hanna worked with volunteers to place much needed mulch in the beds and develop the floral displays to provide maximum colour and appeal. The results this summer have been well received and we have seen an increase in the use of mulch with floral beds.



## Community Pride



Hanna Community Garden has become so successful that it has expanded the number of plots available for use by local gardening enthusiasts. Started in 2012, the program has grown and expanded over time. It is successfully operated by local volunteers, one of whom was recognized, in part for their efforts in the community garden. Barbara Burgemeister was awarded the Alberta Stars of Alberta Award in December 2016. Barbara is a volunteer involved with the Community Garden who is also a volunteer with the local Food Bank. It's a great connection and shows the importance of gardening within the community and for future generations.



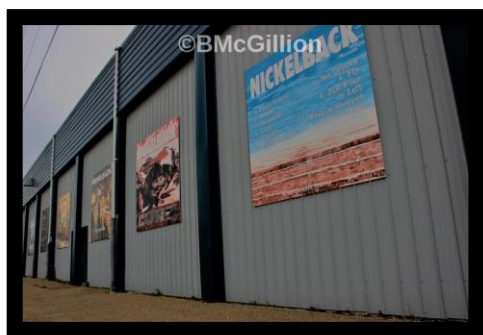
Radio Hanna is a volunteer, locally operated station that has been operating with support of the school and community. You can see them at local sporting events and musical concerts providing excellent coverage for our residents. It provides a great learning and training opportunity for all ages in the area of electronic media, public speaking and community involvement.

JC Charyk Hanna School Modernization is complete, including a new playground and outdoor fitness equipment. While the grand opening is being planned for later in the fall, students and teachers have settled into the renovated school with some new amenities such as a theatre/lecture hall.



Nickelback still refers to their roots in Hanna. A recent interview had them stating that Hanna has an unusually high population of musically talented people. The community is proud of the success that their local boys have gained internationally and this is shown through the album covers which adorn the various community facilities – including the local arena.

Culture is indeed alive and active in Hanna. Stage Hanna offers both comedy and musical productions for their loyal theatre audience. Cast and crew are gearing up for "Annie" this November and it is sure to have sellout crowds who will enjoy the live orchestra and talented singers.



Hanna Municipal Library held their grand opening July 1, 2017 with expanded collection and program areas for the community. Our community values literacy as it is one of the higher readers per capita in the Marigold Library system. Several well-known authors hail from Hanna - including John C. Charyk, and Pauline Gedge.

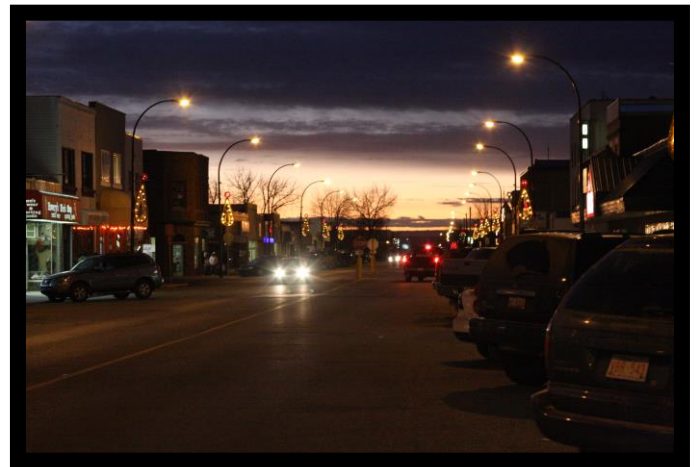


Sports provides another whole level of pride for the community. Coach Rick Haines has lead multiple girl basketball teams on to provincial success over his 30 year career in school sports. Lanny MacDonald, and Jim Nill are known to hockey fans internationally. Curling, long distance running, swimming, and figure skating all have Hanna residents holding provincial or national records in competition.

For a number of years, the Town has placed banners on the street light poles in the downtown core. Summer banners had flowers and butterflies and the winter banners had snowmen, snowflakes and mittens. As the banners became worn, Council decided to replace some of them with banners that advertised the 5 bloom rating achieved at the Provincial Communities in Bloom in 2015.

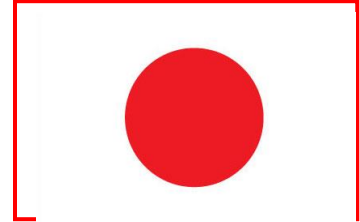
In 2015 Council became part of a grassroots initiative to theme Hanna as a Rail town. The railway theme (All Aboard) is the central core to a number of projects. In 2017, when it was time to replace banners, Council chose a railway theme, depicting train tracks reaching the horizon, a train caboose and a Rail road crossing sign. These colorful banners have received positive comments from a number of citizens and visitors.

During the Christmas season, the banners are replaced with illuminated decorations. A program over the past three years has replaced 45 vintage ornaments with wreaths, snowflakes, stars and ribbons, all using LED lights.





## 2ND ANNUAL TASTE OF

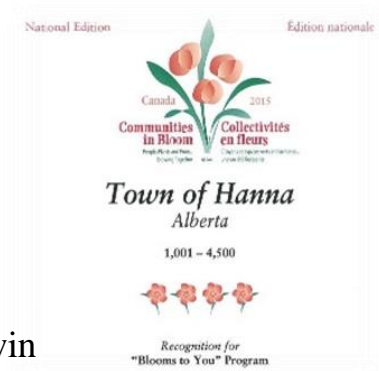


## CULTURE

**Thursday, July 28, 7:30 pm  
Hanna Community Centre**

**Hanna  
In  
Bloom**

Featuring a sampling of Japanese &  
Canadian foods, entertainment from  
local musicians, local artist exhibits  
and great company!



Those in attendance will be entered to win  
GREAT door prizes provided by:



Country Charms  
Flowers & Gifts  
403-854-3411



Andrew Waldie  
Massage Therapist

**COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS (\$10.00 Value)**

AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Town of Hanna  
Enguard PC  
ATB



# Tour Outline/ Itinerary

## TOWN OF HANNA CIB Judges Tour/ Agenda (July 24, 25 & 26, 2017)

### Monday July 24, 2017

- Judges will be picked up from the Greyhound Bus Station in Brooks.
- Stop for a light lunch before heading to Hanna. (Brooks? Judges choice)
- Approx. 3:00 p.m. – Pass by Sheerness Generating Station/Prairie Oasis/ Stampede Ranch
- 3:30 p.m. Meet and Greet reception at Council Chambers
- Judges check into Hotel
- 6:00 p.m. Supper at Hanna Pizza and Steak House
- Community Presentation /Workshop with Judges
- Judges retire for the evening to “That Country Place”

### Tuesday July 25, 2017

- 8:30 a.m. start at Town of Hanna Council Chambers with Judges
- Depart from Town of Hanna for tour of the town
- Lunch stop at Willow Creek at approx. 12:00 p.m.
- Continue community tour
- Pit stop at Visitor Information Centre (ice cream!)
- Continue tour, including private yard tours
- Supper at Hanna Golf Course (approx. 5:30 p.m.)

### Wednesday July 26, 2017

- Judges option for any missed items wishing to highlight or see before heading to Camrose to connect with the next CIB Community
- Say a fond farewell to our friends

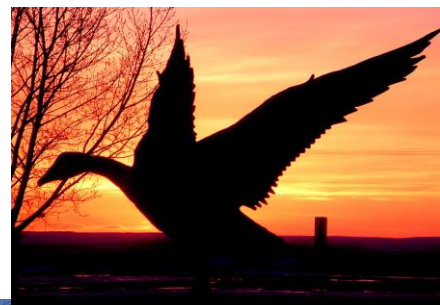
### Tour Guides for Tuesday Town Tour:

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**TOWN OF HANNA**  
**2017 - Community Judges Tour/Agenda (July 25)**

- 8:30 a.m. start at Town of Hanna Council Chambers
- Depart from Town of Hanna office to Memorial Park
- Memorial Park to Museum
- Museum to Cemetery
- Cemetery to Community Garden
- Community Garden to Big Country Waste Management Depot
- Big Country Waste Depot to Fox Lake Park
- Fox Lake Park to Lunch at Willow Creek
- Winkler Park to Triplex
- Triplex to past school turf areas/JCC School
- School turf area/playground/JCC School to Hector King Hunter Park
- H.K.H Park / Community Centre to Pool / Rec Centre / Arena
- Arena to Henry Kroeger Water Plant
- Water Plant to Visitor Information Centre
- Visitor Information Centre to private garden 1 in the community
- Private Garden 1 to private garden 2
- Private Garden 2 to Judges' Question Period
- Judges' question period
- Supper at the Golf Course



Highlights will include enhanced trail and parks features, Blooms to You, new revised operating system at the Big Country Waste Management, removal of derelict buildings, Communities in Bloom projects (Museum, Bees Matter, Caboose floral bed), new playgrounds with town and school, new facility signage, etc.

**Pit Stop** – Hanna Visitor Information Centre (VIC) in afternoon

**Lunch** – Willow Creek at 12:00 p.m.

**Dinner** – Hanna Golf Course – Steak Supper at 5:30 p.m.



**Private Garden Tours:**

Wilda Housch

512 5<sup>th</sup> Ave West

Phone: 403-854-8576

Lou & Dennis Lallier

215 4<sup>th</sup> Ave East

Phone: 403-854-3504

**Tour Guides/Hosts:**

*Jason Smith* – Council member with the Town of Hanna, Member of Hanna in Bloom, Active Member of the Hanna Chamber of Commerce, Member of the Community Services Board.

*Gwen Snell* – Director of Community Services, Town of Hanna

***Additional Hosts will join us at various sites during the Tour***

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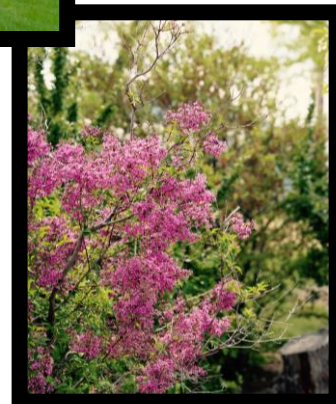
### Town of Hanna Council

Mayor Chris Warwick

Councillor Gerald Campion  
Councillor Jerry Kruse  
Councillor Richard Preston  
Councillor Jason Smith  
Councillor Larry Stickle  
Councillor Cathy Watts

CAO Kim Neill

Director of Business & Communication:	Laurie Armstrong
Director of Corporate Services:	Rhonda Lund
Director of Protective Services:	Adrian Mohl
Director of Public Works:	Brent Olesen
Director of Community Services:	Gwen Snell



## Terms of Reference

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**Mission:** “To enhance and beautify the Town of Hanna by encouraging all members of the community to grow through people, plants and pride.”

**Goal:** To improve the appearance of the Town of Hanna by encouraging all citizens to take an active role in promoting community pride, beautification and general tidiness of the town.

**Purpose:** Hanna in Bloom will operate as a not-for-profit organization that will work cooperatively with local organizations, business and municipal government to improve the Town of Hanna through people, plants and pride.

**Membership:** Hanna in Bloom will be open to all citizens of the Town of Hanna.

### Executive/Board Membership:

Hanna in Bloom executive shall consist of the following positions:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Town Resource – Director of Community Services

Town of Hanna Council Representative

Chamber of Commerce Representative

Interested members of the general public (4)

As well as representation from local service clubs/organizations  
such as:

Hanna Lions Club Representative and Hanna Elks Lodge

### Duties:

**President** – conduct meetings, represent Hanna in Bloom at local and provincial functions, and report working group projects to board meetings

**Vice President** – to assist the President

**Secretary** – to record minutes at meetings, correspondence relating to Hanna in Bloom

**Treasurer** – to maintain proper financial records, payment of duly authorized expenditures, etc. Report to board on a regular basis.

**Town Resource** – to assist Hanna in Bloom with support through the Town of Hanna by ensuring that the minutes are maintained upon the Town of Hanna website, meeting notification through regular advertising, communication to Town of Hanna departments and communication with Town of Hanna council.

**Town of Hanna Council Representative** – to provide a direct link between Hanna in Bloom and Town of Hanna council members.

**Meetings:** Hanna in Bloom shall meet an average of four times annually.

January – Annual planning

March – Spring plans

July/August – Fall plans

October/November – Evaluation of year

**Fundraising:** Hanna in Bloom may undertake various fundraising efforts in order to promote the Communities in Bloom program within the Town of Hanna or to complete identified projects.

**ADOPTED: June 14, 2017**

