

*Evaluation
Form*

2013

Hanna





Community: Town of Hanna

Province: Alberta

Category: 2001 - 6000

The evaluation is based on 8 criteria, divided into the 6 following sections, assessing 4 sectors of the community:

Tidiness	129.25	/	150.00
Environmental Action	114.00	/	150.00
Heritage Conservation	130.00	/	150.00
Urban Forestry	143.00	/	175.00
Landscape	161.00	/	200.00
Floral Displays	143.50	/	175.00
	Total		820.75 / 1000.00

Percentage : 82%

Bloom rating: 5 Blooms

Bloom rating:

Up to 55%: 1 bloom. 56% to 63%: 2 blooms. 64% to 72%: 3 blooms 73% to 81%: 4 blooms. >82%: 5 blooms.

Mention : Green Spaces Incorporating Heritage

Representative (s) of Community

Name: Gwen Snell **Function :** Director of Community Services

Name: Lou Lallier **Function :** President, Hanna in Bloom

Name: John Kaster **Function :** Member of Hanna Town Council

Judges

Name: Doug Hornbeck **Name:** Lorna McIlroy

Evaluation date: 08-08-2013

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

Evaluation is adjusted to the climate and environmental conditions of the community.

Some aspects of the evaluation might not be applicable: scoring will be prorated.

The score will vary from the previous year based on the facts that the evaluation form is subject to modifications each year and that the evaluation is based on the perception of the current judges.

SECTORS OF EVALUATION

Municipal:

- *Municipal properties, parks and green spaces, streets, streetscapes*
- *Properties owned and run by municipality such as Museums, Historical sites*

Business and Institutions:

Properties owned and managed by

- *Business : commercial sector, shopping centres, commercial streets, industrial parks, manufacturing plants*
- *Institutions : schools, universities, churches, hospitals, service and community organization buildings (such as YMCA, Legion), private museums, government and crown corporations buildings (such as Canada Post)*
- *Tourism bureaus, Chamber of Commerce offices*
- *Farms : in rural communities, farms can be considered in this section*

Residential:

- *Citizens and Citizen groups acting within their own properties*
- *Residential property owners, rate payer groups*

Community Involvement:

The principle of community involvement is so fundamental to the program that it is considered in each segment of the evaluation

- *Individuals & Service and citizen groups – all contributing to various aspects of community improvement*
- *Organized clubs such as horticultural societies, garden clubs, community associations*
- *Service clubs such as Rotary, Lions, Optimist*
- *Participation (financial and/or in-kind or employee participation) by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions.*

GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

It was well 'Worth the Drive" to Hanna and you have a lot to be proud of. We spent a very enjoyable day in your town. The day went by very fast and we were energized by what we saw and heard. Special thanks to each and every one of you that we made contact with. Keep up the good work and all the best in your golden future with CiB.

The town of Hanna is located at the junction of two major highways, #9 and #36, and has all the amenities of an urban centre and the comfortable lifestyle of a rural town. Being the main service point for the large trading area known as 'short grass country', Hanna has a full range of cultural and recreational activities and is home to complete medical service. The town has a good website, complete with Hanna in Bloom information. The website is not only informative but also exciting with virtual tours, video clips and more. The Town of Hanna has excellent promotional material which the judges enjoyed very much.

Local and regional partnerships are very important to Hanna. Many projects involve the Town of Hanna, the Chamber of Commerce and Special Areas. Local partnerships involving businesses have benefitted groups such as Hanna in Bloom.

The community of Hanna blooms year-round with events and activities. The 2013 Event Card lists over seventy events. Geo-caching in scenic and unique places throughout Hanna and area has become a popular activity.

The residents are still basking in the glow of a very successful Centennial celebration last year. Sometimes a huge celebration like that can leave a town weary and its volunteers depleted. That is not the case in Hanna! Several new projects have been completed this year. In Hanna, volunteers cast a Great Shadow.

The page which outlined the 2012-13 highlights of the Communities in Bloom program was very informative. For next year, it would be helpful if a Communities in Bloom Community Profile Book was compiled, utilizing your excellent materials, under the headings of Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape and Floral Displays.

*Thanking you,
Doug & Lorna*

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<i>TIDINESS</i>		
<p><i>Tidiness includes an overall tidiness effort. Elements for evaluation are green spaces (parks, etc.), medians, boulevards, sidewalks, streets; municipal, commercial, institutional and residential properties; ditches, road shoulders, vacant lots and buildings; weed control, litter clean-up (including cigarette butts and gum), graffiti and vandalism programs.</i></p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
<i>Tidiness, order, cleanliness and first impressions</i>	15	13.5
<i>Community anti-litter awareness programs</i>	5	4.5
<i>Effective bylaws, programs and policies and enforcement; litter control, graffiti prevention and eradication, appropriate and attractive signage</i>	10	8.5
<i>Cleanliness of public green infrastructure: parks, streetscapes (sidewalks, planters, etc.)</i>	15	13.5
<i>Condition of urban signage and furniture such as benches, litter and recycling containers</i>	15	13.5
Business & Institutions		
<i>Tidiness, order and cleanliness and first impressions</i>	15	12.5
<i>Condition of buildings (exterior maintenance), grounds, sidewalks and parking lots</i>	15	12
<i>Condition of urban furniture: benches, litter and recycling containers</i>	5	4
Residential		
<i>Tidiness, order and cleanliness</i>	20	17.5
<i>Condition of buildings, grounds and yards</i>	15	13.25
Community Involvement		
<i>Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street tidiness, clean-up programs, activities and annual maintenance (including promotion, organization, innovations involving youth and seniors, etc.)</i>	10	8.25
<i>Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community clean-up programs</i>	10	8.25
Tidiness Total	150.00	129.25

TIDINESS

Observations:

Our first impression of Hanna was positive and we thoroughly enjoyed our tour. It is impressive that you have your own street cleaner. Many towns must envy you and particularly envy your tidy streets.

Your extensive green areas are generally well maintained and tidy. The Cemetery is exceptionally tidy. Memorial Park is nicely gated and the brick paths are very clean. Recreation areas are well maintained and plentiful. The paving of the parking lot will keep the Centennial area neat and clean. Planters in the gravel parking lot were beautiful and clever. Tops for garbage barrels appeared both utilitarian and attractive. Seven dog stations serve the canine residents (and visiting dogs) very well.

Pitch In Week with a community wide clean-up was held for the eleventh year; the volunteers must be congratulated. Hanna in Bloom supplied the garbage bags.

Recommendations:

Wherever there are seating areas, it is advisable to install waste receptacles. Attached racks for recycling of beverage containers have proved successful in some communities or, you may prefer separate recycle containers.

It is always a challenge when a town includes old, vacant buildings; often owned by absentee landlords. Emphasize and respect their history, try to keep vandalism and graffiti to an absolute minimum and do not let their presence discourage you on your quest for 'Tidiness'.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION		
<i>Environmental action includes efforts and achievement with respect to: policies, by-laws, programs and best practices, 3-R initiatives (reduce/reuse/recycle), waste reduction, composting sites, hazardous waste collections, water conservation, naturalization, and environmental stewardship activities under the guiding principles of sustainable development pertaining to green spaces.</i>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
<i>Sustainable development strategy: policies, programs, guidelines, long-term planning / vision; effective bylaws / policies and their enforcement; and public education programs and activities</i>	20	16
<i>Waste management programs such as 3-R (recycling, re-use, reduce), composting (backyard and municipal) and including activities such as composting sites yard waste collections, shredding of Christmas trees, handling of hazardous waste including e-waste collection</i>	15	12.75
<i>Water conservation and use-reduction programs: efficient appliance incentives or promotion, efficient irrigation and use of non-potable water, water restriction policies</i>	15	11.5
<i>Energy conservation programs such as alternate forms of energy (ex. geothermal, biomass, wind, solar), shielding for night skies issues</i>	10	6.5
<i>Environmental initiatives, innovations and actions such as: Development and expansion of bike lanes and recreational pathways. Green roofs, green walls; re-use of sites; engineered wetlands and bio-walls. Brownfield redevelopment, remediation, land reclamation.</i>	10	6.25
Business & Institutions		
<i>Participation in the environmental effort : such as waste management (recycle, reuse, reduce), water conservation, energy conservation, brownfield management</i>	10	6.25
<i>Corporate environmental innovation / stewardship, initiatives, activities (Ex. Environmental clean-up activities)</i>	10	7.75
Residential		
<i>Participation in the 3-R (recycle, reuse, reduce) initiatives and composting</i>	20	16.5
<i>Adoption of water conservation practices & policies including rainwater collection</i>	15	13
Community Involvement		
<i>Public participation in public forums and policy development on environmental issues</i>	5	3.25
<i>Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street environmental activities and programs (including, promotion, organization and evidence of taking ownership), etc.)</i>	10	7
<i>Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in public environmental activities and programs</i>	10	7.25
Environmental Action Total	150.00	114.00

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Observations:

The Town of Hanna and Big Country Waste Management are partnering to review and improve the overall operation of the Hanna landfill site. Hanna in Bloom donated 3 composters to be won at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation event. Composting is promoted throughout the town.

Water conservation is practiced with new advanced water meters being installed. The water plant is efficient and supplies water to outlying areas. Untreated water is used for plants and for the golf course.

The network of recreational pathways is incredible and it gives the residents a chance to enjoy the country environment.

Gigantic spring and fall rummage sales encourage re-use of items and raise a large sum for hospital projects.

Recommendations:

We might suggest a small "Free Take" area at the recycling facility. Re-use of items will reduce the amount of goods going to the landfill.

If it has not already been considered, perhaps the town has an opening for selling water for industry water trucks.

With the work camp still in place, perhaps this presents an opportunity for the company to leave a legacy for the Town of Hanna in the form of a wetlands sanctuary or other such project.

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION		
<p><i>Heritage Conservation includes efforts to preserve heritage within their community. Priority in evaluation is given to natural heritage, as well as the integration of landscape and streetscapes as it pertains to the built heritage of a community. Also consists of preservation of cultural heritage which includes monuments, memorials, artefacts, museums and history, archives, traditions, customs, festivals and celebrations. The evaluation includes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>natural heritage management plans: sites, parks, cemeteries, heritage gardens and trees, native plants;</i> - <i>the relationship of the landscape to the built heritage;</i> - <i>overall preservation of traditions and customs through year-round festivals and celebrations, events and parades.</i> <p><i>As well, the participation of groups such as Historical societies, Conservation groups are considered.</i></p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
<i>Heritage policies, by-laws and their enforcement and effective programs</i>	15	12.5
<i>Natural and cultural heritage management plan and preservation initiatives: including cultural landscapes, use of native plants, heritage gardens, heritage trees, cemeteries, museums, heritage sites</i>	15	13.75
<i>Management and promotion of heritage (through communications, information and support programs, economic development / tourism) including natural and cultural heritage initiatives throughout the year, and preservation of traditions, and customs</i>	15	13.25
<i>Interpretative and signage programs, walking tours, festivals/celebrations (year round)</i>	15	13.25
<i>Activities and programs (year-round) for education and use of natural heritage sites for and by the public</i>	15	13.25
<i>New programs and initiatives to promote local heritage</i>	10	8.25
Business & Institutions		
<i>Conservation, restoration and reuse of heritage buildings and grounds</i>	15	14
<i>Promotion of local heritage, including heritage gardens, native plants, and heritage trees</i>	15	12
Residential		
<i>Conservation / restoration and reuse of sites / buildings</i>	10	8.25
<i>Conservation of cultural and heritage elements pertaining to their own private lands and structures.</i>	5	3.75
Community Involvement		
<i>Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual in cultural and natural heritage programs including heritage community events/activities, including year round cultural festivals & celebrations and preservation of traditions and customs</i>	10	9
<i>Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions (including Historical Societies) in community initiated, natural and cultural heritage activities and programs including cultural festivals & celebrations throughout the year and preservation of traditions and customs.</i>	10	8.75
Heritage Conservation Total	150.00	130.00

HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Observations:

Hanna's natural heritage places it in the middle of Alberta's largest water fowl migration route. Nineteen different duck species have visited the area. The huge Canada Goose Sculptures (at both east and west entrances) sculpted by Tryge Seland almost 40 years ago have been well maintained and recently retouched.

Town parks acknowledge local history. The decorative fountain in Memorial Park and the new shadow sculpture, which can be enjoyed during the day for its clever usage of heritage pieces of railroad spikes, cultivator shovels, and more. At night, the reflection becomes a portrait reflecting our pioneer past and our future.

The Hanna and District Historical Society has played an important role. The Museum has been operational since 1968 and features a Pioneer Village (possibly the best in Alberta) consisting of a full block of 20 historic buildings filled with antiques and turn of the century artifacts. The Archives branch has information available for genealogy research and local history. The new Heritage Garden at the Museum features heritage plants which were often found around the pioneer ranch homes of the area. A self-guided walking tour allows you to follow the footsteps of the early railroaders, homesteaders, real estate speculators and new businesses of the area.

The Doll Palace houses a collection of over 4000 dolls made by over 75 doll companies over the past century, as well as Chicken Thursday and homemade pie well worth a hug. In July, the Yesteryear Old Time Music Jamboree preserves traditional tunes and entertains a large crowd.

The old CN Station serves as Hanna's Visitor Information Centre and construction is underway for an amazing train display. The CNR Roundhouse, privately owned, shows great potential.

Recommendations:

It is suggested that the project to record the stories that accompany museum artifacts be actively pursued. It is also suggested that a mentorship program be instituted to help pass on the wealth of experience and information that presently resides in your museum.

Not many Alberta towns can boast century old homes. You might consider placing plaques on these buildings or documenting the homes that are 100 years old and making a brochure with brief histories of each.

The Roundhouse is certainly a challenge but could be well worth the wait. Hanna has such a strong "Railroad" heritage, even being named after Mr. D.B. Hanna, vice-president of the Canadian Northern Railway Company. The restoration could be expanded to include a train museum and it would certainly bring tourists to the town.

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URBAN FORESTRY		
<i>Urban Forestry includes the efforts with regards to written policies, by-laws, standards for tree management (selection, planting, and maintenance), long and short-term management plans, tree replacement policies, tree inventory, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), heritage, memorial and commemorative trees.</i>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
<i>Overall impact, benefit and first impression of the urban forest</i>	10	9
<i>Policies, regulations and tree by-laws, tree protection and planting on public and private lands</i>	10	9
<i>Urban forestry planning and design, including integration with overall landscape plan</i>	10	9
<i>Measures to preserve, protect, manage and expand overall tree inventory, including woodlots</i>	10	9
<i>Plan of action: procurement, species diversity (including native trees), selection of hardy species, recommended tree list</i>	10	8.25
<i>Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Plant HealthCare (PHC): plan of action for invasive pest detection and control, information on current infestations and diseases</i>	10	8.5
<i>Public information program on good planting techniques and maintenance programs</i>	10	7.25
<i>Qualified personnel and/or crew training</i>	10	9
Business & Institutions		
<i>Design, species diversity and planting of trees in landscapes</i>	15	12
<i>Maintenance programs and best practices: watering, pruning, IPM</i>	10	7
<i>Inclusion of diversified (including native), hardy species for planting on properties</i>	10	6.75
Residential		
<i>Design, species diversity and planting of trees in landscapes</i>	15	12.75
<i>Inclusion of diversified (including native), hardy species for planting on residential properties</i>	10	7
<i>Maintenance best practices</i>	10	7.5
Community Involvement		
<i>Public participation in tree planting and conservation programs such a Green Streets Canada, Arbour Day, Maple Leaf Day, and other tree planting and maintenance programs and activities on public lands (including promotion, organization etc.).</i>	15	12.75
<i>Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation or promotion by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community tree planting and conservation programs on public lands.</i>	10	8.25
Urban Forestry Total	175.00	143.00

URBAN FORESTRY

Observations:

Trees in the right places at churches, schools, homes and some businesses unify and add to a great green display. Hanna has many beautiful and varied trees, shrubs and undergrowth in its urban forest.

The severe wind storm of September 10, 2012 with 130 km. winds necessitated the replacement this year of over 40 trees. A successful application with the Tree Canada program in conjunction with Home Hardware has certainly helped. Congratulations on this achievement.

A local grocery store allocates funds towards tree planting in Hanna. The 4-H club has participated in a Tree Plant.

Tree maintenance is important in Hanna. Parks staff are trained in Integrated Pest Management and basic pruning. Mulch has been successfully used on new tree plantings.

Last year's storm was a very sad occurrence but it has really taught everyone in the town to value and respect their urban forest. Trees that had to be removed have been mourned and the real value of those trees has been realized as replacements have been planted. Staff and residents now see the value of regular inspection and pruning so that trees are less vulnerable to high winds

Recommendations:

Allow your Tree Inventory to become a useful tool for the maintenance of your urban forest. Take time to add the new plantings each year and include information on species, age, and maintenance of all trees.

Last year's storm taught everyone about the value of trees and their replacement costs. Perhaps a birth forest could be initiated in a suitable location where a tree is planted for each new baby born with a marker added with name and date. Hopefully grade ones are still receiving seedling trees to plant as well. It might be a good idea to have a suitable location ready for youngsters who are unable to plant their tree at home.

It is understandable after your wind storm, but 2 dead trees were observed at the Seniors' Lodge and one dead tree on the museum grounds. In some locations these could be retained for wildlife to enjoy but probably not in these locations.

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LANDSCAPE		
<p><i>This section of the evaluation supports all efforts to create an environment showcasing the overall surroundings. The overall plan and design must be suitable for the intended use and location on a year-round basis. Elements for evaluation include: native and introduced materials; balance of plants, materials and constructed elements; appropriate integration of hard surfaces and art elements, use of turf and groundcovers. Landscape design should harmonize the interests of all sectors of the community. Standards of execution and maintenance should demonstrate best practices, including quality of naturalization, use of groundcovers and wildflowers, turf management and maintenance.</i></p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
<i>Landscape Plan: integrated and implemented throughout the municipality</i>	10	8.75
<i>Turf management programs, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Plant Health Care (PHC), alternative solutions to diseases and infestations when appropriate, increased naturalization, adapted maintenance programs and water management</i>	10	8.25
<i>First impressions of the community including gateway / entrance treatments</i>	10	7
<i>Landscape maintenance policies, standards, best practices and programs</i>	10	7.75
<i>Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, suitable plant varieties</i>	10	8.25
<i>Urban and civic design standards for streetscape and public places: flags, banners, public art, fountains, site furnishings, seasonal design and décor, walkways and paving materials</i>	10	9
<i>Landscape maintained to appropriate standards and specifications</i>	10	8.5
<i>Demonstrated year-round opportunities and programs for education and use of parks and green spaces (parks and recreation programs, city festivals and events)</i>	10	8.5
<i>Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training</i>	5	4.25
Business & Institutions		
<i>Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, alternate groundcovers</i>	15	10
<i>Contribution to urban and civic design and public green spaces above requirements: such as public art, streetscape, site furniture, fountains & innovation in concept & design</i>	15	10
<i>Adequate ongoing life cycle management (ongoing maintenance, ground & asset management, rehabilitation & replacement) of all landscape elements</i>	10	6.5
Residential		
<i>Streetscape appeal of landscapes (year-round, seasonal, themed)</i>	20	16
<i>Maintenance of properties: lawn care, tree and shrub maintenance</i>	15	13.25
<i>Selection of plant material (native, local, innovative, including edible gardening)</i>	15	13.25
Community Involvement		
<i>Public participation in community programs such as: "yard of the week", volunteer park maintenance, holiday illumination & decoration (including promotion, organization etc.).</i>	15	13.5
<i>Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community landscape programs and activities</i>	10	8.25
Landscape Total	200.00	161.00

LANDSCAPE

Observations:

The landscape of Hanna is impressive and has a unified theme with the signature use of red shale, common bench styles, uniform waste receptacles and pole fencing. The Hector King Hunter Pioneer Park has a water feature. Volunteers planted and a local business donated plants. The shadow sculpture which is a Centennial Legacy Project, has been installed and the surrounding landscape is being done in a xeriscape style. Local artists have created murals ranging from past history to the present history of Nickleback.

Alberta's largest Canada Geese are alive and well and living in Hanna, one at the east entrance and another at 2nd Ave W and Palliser Trail. The geese have also made their presence known in the Alberta Icon Passport booklet.

The Community Garden is well designed, well subscribed and well maintained.

The Hanna and District Fall Fair makes a valuable contribution to the town's landscape with their very creative Garden competitions, including: Yard (front) lawn, flowers, shrubs, trees, curb appeal; Yard (back) designed for relaxing, gardening, and includes neatness of back alley; and Xeriscaping, front and/or back yard; Fruit (#different kinds) and so much more. Youth exhibitors are encouraged with 19 different classes.

Residential landscaping varies in design as well as level of maintenance.

Recommendations:

Your Canada Goose sculptures are beautiful. Don't be afraid to ride that Canada Goose for all it's worth. The outline used on your clever logo can be adapted to use in many ways, including the suggested plant hangers.

The new shadow sculpture park area is being landscaped with a xeriscape theme. Perhaps this form of landscape could be used more extensively in order to decrease the amount of volunteer hours.

Some park signage appeared to need touching up for readability. Perhaps this would be a good time to check all your town signage for legibility.

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<i>FLORAL DISPLAYS</i>		
<i>"Floral Displays" evaluates efforts to design, plan, execute, and maintain floral displays of high quality standards. Evaluation includes the design and arrangements of flowers and plants (annuals, perennials, bulbs, ornamental grasses) in the context of originality, distribution, location, diversity and balance, colour, and harmony. This pertains to flowerbeds, carpet bedding, containers, baskets and window boxes.</i>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
<i>Integration into overall landscape plan and distribution through community. Concept and design including sustainable design</i>	15	13.5
<i>Diversity of displays: flowerbeds, raised beds, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, carpet bedding, mosaics</i>	15	13.25
<i>Diversity of plants: annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, woody plants, natural flora</i>	10	8
<i>Quality, maintenance to appropriate specifications and standards, best practices: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.</i>	20	16
<i>Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training</i>	10	8
Business & Institutions		
<i>Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on grounds</i>	15	11.5
<i>Quality of planting and maintenance: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.</i>	10	6.5
<i>Contribution to, and integration with, overall community floral program</i>	10	6
Residential		
<i>Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on residential properties</i>	15	13.25
<i>Quality of planting and maintenance</i>	15	12.75
Community Involvement		
<i>Public participation in community projects, volunteer initiatives, outreach programs in floral displays (including promotion, organization, etc.).</i>	10	9
<i>Volunteer recognition (by municipality and/or by volunteer groups) of volunteer efforts in floral displays</i>	15	12.25
<i>Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in community floral displays activities</i>	15	13.5
Floral Displays Total	175.00	143.50

FLORAL DISPLAYS

Observations:

The Centennial Barrels continue to bloom throughout the community. This was a great idea that will provide a colourful legacy for years. The town's floral displays were very creative, original and eye-catching. The judges particularly admired the use of *Verbena officinalis* to provide an airy mist of colourful height in containers.

The Heritage Garden at the Hanna Museum features heritage plants that were often found around the pioneer ranch homes of the area. Hanna in Bloom established the bed at the Visitor Information Centre in front of the Railway caboose this past spring.

Fund-raising from local food stores allocates some funds towards Hanna in Bloom projects.

Schools and other institutions have attractive floral displays. For businesses with floral displays, the UFA spelled out in portulaca was quite effective.

Again the Hanna and District Fall Fair supports floral displays with their classes for Flower Planter, pot or container, Flowering hanging baskets etc..

Recommendations:

Continue to educate the community on the 2010 Weed Control Act of Alberta. In particular, Himalayan balsam, *Impatiens glandulifera* Royle, loosestrife, purple *Lythrum salicaria* L., ragwort, tansy, *Jacobea vulgaris* Gaertn and starthistle, yellow *Centaurea solstitialis* L.; which are all **prohibited noxious** weeds so they must be **eradicated**. **Noxious** weeds that must be **controlled** are baby's breath, common *Gypsophila paniculata* L.; bellflower creeping, *Campanula rapunculoides* L.; chamomile, scentless, *Tripleurospermum inodorum* (L.) Sch. Bip.; daisy, oxeye leucanthemum vulgare Lam; dame's rocket *Hesperis matronalis* L; tansy, common, *Tanacetum vulgare* L..

Consider the adoption of an official town flower. The Hanna in Bloom committee could make a choice or alternatively, a contest could help choose the flower. The adoption and widespread use of a town flower could add continuity to the floral displays of Hanna.

Realizing the deer problem, we would not recommend planting tulips, but daffodils and grape hyacinths are always safe choices and spring flowering bulbs provide a lot of colour and enjoyment.

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Mention – Rating – Description

Municipality: Town of Hanna

Mention: Green Spaces Incorporating Heritage

Bloom rating: 5 Blooms

Description of Mention

It is well “Worth the Drive” for residents of Hanna and for the thousands who live in Hanna’s large service area. It is also well “Worth the Drive” for tourists and visitors. The Town of Hanna treasures its many green spaces and enhances their value by incorporating historical references and artwork. The fountain in Memorial Park celebrates local history. The new shadow sculpture is fascinating by day and spectacular at night when its reflection on the wall behind becomes a portrait of the pioneer spirit.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT

“Within the context of climate change and environmental concerns, communities involved in the Communities in Bloom program can be proud of their efforts, which provide real and meaningful environmental solutions and benefit all of society.”

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY

The commitment of local, provincial and national volunteers

The support of elected officials and of staff in municipalities

The dedication of our judges, staff and organizations

The contributions of our sponsors and partners