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I AM APPROACHABLE

First of all, I would like to thank Former Mayor Chris Warwick and the previous Council for the job they did getting us to where we are today. The mine and power plant cutting personnel has been tough on the Town and surrounding area. In addition, Chris and the past Council had this thing called Covid to deal with and wow, what an interesting thing it is. I ask people to respect both sides of the fence, whether you are vaccinated or not, please respect the decisions made both ways. I am confused and concerned about the division this has caused in our community and I ask everyone to please be reasonable.

Council will soon begin the 2022-2024 three-year budget process. This will be the first budget for this council and will be a very good learning opportunity for our new elected officials. Council is anticipating some challenges in this budget due to provincial funding cutbacks. The province in 2021 mandated that all municipalities pay for policing costs (previously all municipalities under 5,000 population and all rural municipalities were exempt). This impacted the Town of Hanna by \$48,000 in 2021 and will increase to \$72,000 in 2022 progressing upwards to \$150,000 in 2024. As always, Council will do their best to maintain current tax levels. The added difficulty will be predicting how the pandemic may continue to affect our operation in 2022.

Enough about doom and gloom. I am a new Mayor, and we have three new Councillors representing the Town. I am very approachable although I do have one rule, if you have a problem or concern, I will ask that you have a solution to the issue.

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I AM APPROACHABLE (CON'T)

As most people already are aware the Town is in the process of tearing down five derelict buildings. The Seymore Hotel, Central Meats, the building north of the York Cafe, a small house in Golf Course Crescent as well as a small house behind The Brick. The building north of the York is down already. By the time you read this the two small houses should be complete with the Central Meat building scheduled for mid November and the Seymore in December.

Borea Construction has arrived. They are the company doing the windmill construction and will be a boost to our community. There are 3 separate projects that will take a couple years to complete.

GFL is up and running and seems to have rectified most of their odor issues. The Town will be continuing to have dialogue with GFL representatives regarding any concerns residents may be experiencing because of their operation. The good news is that they have hired several local employees with the planned addition of several more as production ramps up.

I want to welcome Michele Toews to the staff in the role of Community Services Coordinator and thank Angela McGillion for her time and dedication fulfilling the role previously.

Danny Povaschuk
Mayor, Town of Hanna

LEARN WHERE TO TURN

November is Family Violence Prevention Month in Alberta. #WhereToTurn encourages us all to learn what resources are available to support those affected by family violence.

Locally, we can turn to the following:

- Info Line 24/7 310-1818
- 9 1 1
- Alberta Abuse Line 1-855-4HELPAB
- Mental Health Help 1-877-303-2642
- Health Link 8 1 1
- alberta.ca/SafetyChat
- alberta.ca/SaferSpaces
- alberta.ca/EndFamilyViolence

Red roses can be seen around Town. This is done in memory of women, children and men who have died as victims of domestic violence.



NEW BUSINESS LICENSES IN 2021

The following have taken a business license which permits them to conduct business within the Town of Hanna and be listed in the business directory on the Town website.

- Hundén Contracting - electrical
- TaCaBree - Clothing & home décor
- Maddhadders - Clothing & jewelry
- Trudy's Designs by Pam - Window coverings
- Jill Clayholt Photography - Photographer
- Skyriver Shala - Yoga studio
- OutStanding Beef - Local beef
- Outlook Window Cleaning
- Candy's Craveables - Baking
- Hanna Hypnosis - Pain and health management
- Wellthy Means - Online shopping
- Jon Kurbis Electric - electrical
- Posh Panda Boutique - Clothing & handmade items
- Aerus Electrolux - Vacuums & air purifiers
- Pharmasave Harvest Sky - Drug store

Note: These are up to the end of Oct. The Licensing Officer has indicated that there are more applications being processed. Additional contact information can be found at hanna.ca/business-directory

SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITIES

The Town of Hanna has a Policy which deals with the removal of snow on 43 km of avenues, streets, back lanes, and perimeter roads in Hanna. The policy is flexible, but serves as a guideline for snow removal or sanding of streets.



As a general rule, after a heavy snow fall, the snow is cleared from the streets in the following order:

- Perimeter roads
- Roads where snow can be cleared quickly using the plow truck (S Municipal Rd, JC Charyk track)

- Main Street and side streets in the downtown
- Main collector streets to JC Charyk School
- Airport runway & tarmac
- Residential streets, avenues & crescents
- Cemetery roads if required for a funeral

Snow removal is affected by a number of factors:

- Continual snowfall
- Vehicles parked on the streets
- Ease of access
- Other work that takes priority (water break)
- Equipment needed

In all cases, please be patient and avoid driving on streets where men & equipment are working. When snow removal is occurring in your area please ensure you move all vehicles off the street.

CALLING ALL ANGELS

Keep a look out for the neighbour that can't remove their snow, including those who are mobility restricted. If you are able, consider making it your goal to see their sidewalks and driveways are cleared. Besides putting a smile on their face and providing a sense of relief, you will be seeing to their personal safety and the safety of others.

Hanna Cares welcomes volunteers so when someone calls for assistance, it can be coordinated. Individuals can volunteer for Hanna Cares at hanna.ca/help or call the Town Office. This service will be provided depending upon the availability of volunteers and their time. There is no charge for this service, nor expectation of payment.

Know that the warm feeling you will have as a result will not be just from your physical exertion, but the good deed you have done for others.

SIDEWALKS MATTER

As winter settles in, please ensure your sidewalks are clear of snow & ice. Bylaw 947-2007 states that sidewalks are to be clear of snow & ice within 24 hours of a snowfall ending.

If using snow blowers, shovels or other equipment, ensure it is designed for use on sidewalks. Using off-road vehicles wider than the sidewalk is strongly discouraged as equipment of this size can cause damage to property as well as water shut off valves.

Always place excess snow on your own property or haul it away. Snow piled on the streets and crosswalks becomes a hazard for pedestrians, vehicles and equipment.

Please be aware that electric power cords placed across a sidewalk at ground level to plug in a vehicle is strictly prohibited and dangerous to pedestrian traffic. Cords can be placed above that sidewalk at a minimum height of 2.5 meters.

REPORT A CONCERN

Have you come across a trip hazard on a public sidewalk? A damaging pothole? Maybe ice and snow on walk ways? Report a hazard. You can even provide a photo.

Visit hanna.ca/report-a-concern and complete the online form. You can attach a photo and a staff person will investigate.

Hanna Cares

❄️ **Need Help?** ❄️

Do you need a Snow Angel? ❄️

Register Now

❄️ **Can You Help?** ❄️

Can you volunteer to be a Snow Angel? ❄️




hanna.ca/help

(403) 854-4433




TOYS, DANCE, HOCKEY, SWIM

If you are looking for a place to make a donation this Christmas that will also help financially disadvantaged youth, look no further than KidSport Hanna or the Hanna Community Youth Fund. Both funds operate through the generous financial donations of individuals, businesses and organizations. Parents and guardians can apply to access these funds when they are facing difficult times. Funding is provided directly to the organization to cover registration fees.

While you are in the donating mood, don't forget that the annual toy drive will be collecting. Watch for collection boxes put out and collected by the Firefighters.

Another donation idea is to purchase a Family Pass for the pool and donate it to your family of choice.



THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS DINNER

Community Christmas Dinner volunteers, under the leadership of Karin Miller, are ensuring that **no one** goes without turkey and the trimmings this year. Invitations to RSVP and book your Christmas Dinner will be arriving in mailboxes soon!

RSVP's can be phoned:

- Town Office (403) 854-4433
- Pharmasave Harvest Sky (403) 854-2655
- Hanna Learning Centre (403) 854-2099 or
- Karin Miller (403) 854-1846

RSVP's can be dropped off at:

- Town Office 302 2 Ave west
- Pharmasave Harvest Sky 1A 609 2 Ave W
- Hanna Learning Centre 401 Centre Street

You must RSVP with your name and phone number.

Volunteers will be phoning prior to Christmas Day to schedule your delivery or curbside pickup appointment time.

COMING EVENTS

Sundays

Free Public Skating 5:30 pm. 1/3 capacity

Mondays

Pickleball 6:45 pm REP*

Tuesdays

Pickleball 1:30 pm REP

Chair Yoga 2:00 pm 1/3 capacity

Parkinson's' Support Group 3:00 pm 1/3 capacity

Parent & Tot Skating 10:30 am REP

Noon Hockey REP

Volleyball 6:45 pm REP

Wednesdays

Pickleball 6:45 pm REP

Chair Yoga 2:00 pm 1/3 capacity

Thursdays

Pickleball 1:30 pm REP

Chair Yoga 2:00 pm 1/3 capacity

Parent & Tot Skating 10:30 am REP

Noon Hockey REP

Fridays

Free Public Skating 6:30 pm 1/3 capacity

Nov 5

Night Hoops 7:00 pm REP*

Nov 9

Town Council Meeting 6:00 pm hanna.ca/tv

Nov 11

Remembrance Day

Outdoor Ceremony 10:45 am

Nov 23

Fitness Centre Assoc, Meeting 7:30 pm

Nov 26

Farmers' Market 4:00 pm

Nov 27

Farmers' Market 10:00 am

Dec 7

Dr. Jody Carrington 7:00 pm

Watch for ticket and location details

Dec 11

Merry Little Christmas Party

Dec 12

Skate with Santa

Dec 25

Community Christmas Dinner (RSVP)

Don't forget: The walking track is open and free

Mon - Fri 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Sat 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Sun 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

* Restriction Exemption Program

Community events continue to be scheduled, postponed and cancelled.

Stay informed.
Visit hanna.ca/events

Fred & Freda Geuder Educational
Bursary recipients for 2021 are

Janay Hein
Kyran McGillion
Hayley Nelson