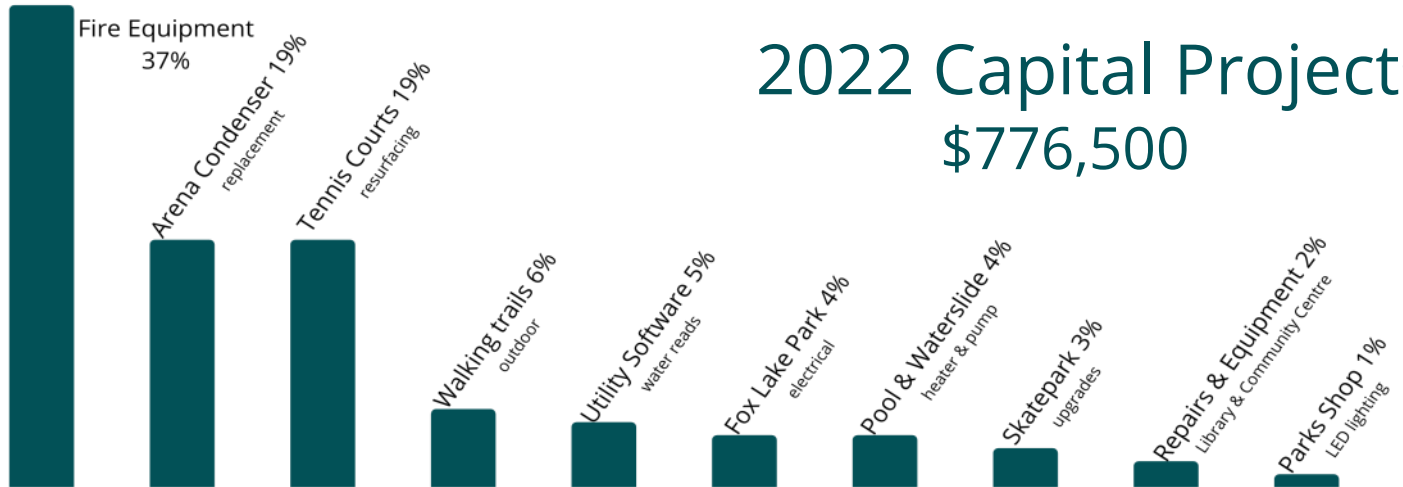




2022 Capital Projects \$776,500



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Budget, Staff Changes & Covid

Happy New Year and all the best to you and your family. I hope that you all survived the holidays as cold as they were, and I am glad as I am writing this that the weather has warmed up significantly.

Council approved the 2022 budget at their Dec 14, 2021 meeting. This approval followed three separate budget meetings and as always with costs increasing and infrastructure aging it was a challenging task. I am pleased that Council has approved the 2022 Budget with a 0% municipal tax increase. This is the first budget for this newly elected Council, and it was a busy but good learning opportunity for the first time Councillors such as myself.

There have been changes with staffing due to two retirements. With these retirements Council has approved a plan to contract the areas of Bylaw Enforcement, Development, and Emergency Management and the shuffling of responsibilities among existing staff to make sure that as residents, you won't notice a decrease in service.

Administration will continue to monitor the COVID-19 guidelines set out by the province to be well prepared as restrictions are adjusted. Stay safe and be well and respect the choices that your fellow residents have made.

Remember to feel free to reach out to me with any concerns or issues you may have.

Respectfully,
Danny Povaschuk, Mayor



Change in Water Rate

Effective Jan 1, 2022 the rate for a cubic meter of water increased from \$2.89/m³ to \$2.94/m³ (actual cost of water charged to the Town by the Henry Kroeger Regional Water Services Commission).

The increase for an average consumer using 33 m³ of water in a two-month period would be

approximately 3 cents per day.

Water Tip:

Did you know that the average person flushes 5 times a day? Did you know that each flush of your toilet averages \$0.02? So, two people would average 3,650 flushes per year. That works out to \$73 per year.

Did you know that a running toilet is the number one culprit and can consume 2.5m³ (or 2500 litres) per day! That's \$2,700 a year!

Save yourself some money this year and get your toilets repaired. Ask about the leak test today!

Budget Approved

Council approved the 2022 operating and capital budgets at their Dec 14 Council meeting. This approval followed budget meetings held on Nov 24, Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2021. As part of the budget process Council also accepted the proposed 2023-26 operating and capital budgets for information.

The budget for 2022 may be adjusted in the spring following receipt of confirmed grant

funding, property assessment figures and requisitions from the various requisition bodies. Any adjustments required will be approved by Council prior to setting the 2022 tax rates. The 2022 budget is a balanced budget which includes operating expenses of \$8,775,784 and capital expenses of \$660,600. To cover these expenses, revenue from grants, taxes, transfers and user fees is expected to total \$9,436,384.

Adrian Mohl

(Director of Protective Services)

and

Gwen Snell

(Director of Community Services)

Both retired on Dec 31 after working for the Town for 17 years.

These two important staff members brought their commitment, knowledge, experience and integrity which made them assets to their departments and to the Town.

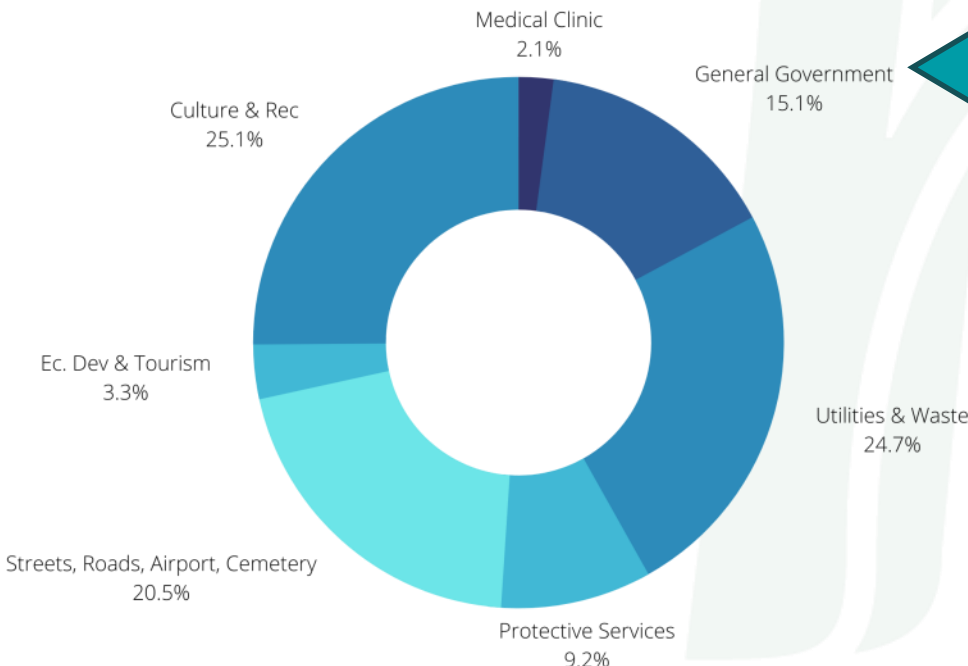
We wish them well on their retirement.

Projected Revenues Based on 0% Tax Increase

\$ 2,768,098	Tax revenue	\$ 75,800	Arena
\$ 441,200	Franchise fees	\$ 39,700	Curling Rink
\$ 71,400	Return on investment	\$ 5,100	Ball Diamonds
\$ 25,500	Penalties on property tax	\$ 2,100	Soccer Fields
\$ 48,000	Lease revenue (rental spaces)	\$ 58,479	Fox Lake Park
\$ 300,000	Industrial tax transfer from Special Areas (increase of \$100,000 from 2021)	\$ 2,000	Summer programs
\$ 152,833	Muni. Sustainability operating grant	\$ 69,650	Centennial Place
\$ 277,216	Muni. Sustainability capital grant	\$ 22,570	Community Centre
\$ 153,233	Federal gas tax	\$ 1,200	Lions Hall
\$ 40,000	Federal grant for asset management	\$ 403,000	Total Draw from reserve
\$ 187,000	Recreation grant from Special Areas	\$ 10,000	Tax incentive
\$ 37,000	Summer employment grant	\$ 7,500	Demolition incentive
\$ 10,200	Police fines	\$ 20,000	Council Chambers upgrade
\$ 102,900	Fire calls billed to others	\$ 10,000	Asset mgmt. matching funds
\$ 17,900	Business licenses	\$ 100,000	Fire rescue truck
\$ 4,900	Dog licenses	\$ 10,000	Water reading software
\$ 1,347,500	Water & sewer fees collected	\$ 37,500	Video sewer main
\$ 420,060	Waste fees collected	\$ 60,000	Condenser replacement
\$ 89,800	FCSS Provincial grant	\$ 15,000	FLP electrical upgrades
\$ 16,400	Cemetery	\$ 50,000	Walking trails
\$ 71,600	Swimming Pool	\$ 75,000	Tennis court resurface
		\$ 8,000	King Hunter Park irrigation repairs

Projected Expenses

\$ (93,050)	Salary reductions	\$ 20,000	Manhole repairs
\$ 19,300	Staff travel & training	\$ 12,500	Lift station maintenance
\$ 4,078	\$0.25/hr increase to seasonal salaries	\$ 75,400	Waste collection
\$ 91,453	Council honorariums & per diems	\$ 334,400	Big Country Waste Commission
\$ 17,900	Council travel & subsistence	\$ 19,050	Family & marriage support
\$ 19,600	Council technology and training	\$ 5,000	Hanna Learning program guide
\$ 149,635	Contribution to Hanna Medical Clinic	\$ 4,675	Healthy Families initiative
\$ 1,100	Masonic Temple grant in lieu of tax	\$ 15,000	Canada Day including fireworks
\$ 1,300	Roundhouse Society grant in lieu of tax	\$ 7,000	Volunteer & Seniors appreciation
\$ 7,000	Museum operating grant	\$ 45,000	Harvest Sky Economic Development Corp.
\$ 107,740	Library operating grant	\$ 3,400	Palliser Economic Partnership
\$ 20,000	Council Chambers tech upgrade	\$ 5,200	Misc marketing and promotion
\$ 50,000	Asset management project	\$ 19,180	Visitor Information Centre
\$ 77,700	Professional services	\$ 20,000	Project management (rec projects)
\$ 32,614	Palliser Regional Municipal Services	\$ 228,910	Swimming Pool operation
\$ 10,000	Demolition incentive	\$ 319,570	Arena operation
\$ 6,000	Storefront improvement incentive	\$ 3,500	LED lights in parks shop
\$ 10,000	Tax incentive	\$ 88,140	Curling rink operation
\$ 10,400	Development Officer contract	\$ 97,760	Fox Lake Park operation
\$ 72,000	Policing (increased by \$24,000)	\$ 32,460	Summer programs
\$ 83,000	Fire Fighter remuneration	\$ 12,230	Spray Park
\$ 10,400	Director of Emergency Mgmt contract	\$ 8,000	King Hunter Park irrigation repairs
\$ 46,800	Bylaw & animal control contract	\$ 187,580	Centennial Place
\$ 41,664	Grader lease	\$ 60,440	Community Centre
\$ 100,000	Sidewalk replacement program	\$ 14,390	Lions Hall
\$ 30,000	Pavement patching	\$ 152,100	Total transfer to reserve
\$ 112,700	Streetlights	\$ 50,000	Water line repairs
\$ 12,000	Airport terminal west wall repair	\$ 50,000	Sanitary sewer repairs
\$ 808,700	Water charges by commission	\$ 6,000	Fitness Center in Centennial Place
\$ 25,000	Water line repairs and maintenance	\$ 16,100	Regional Waste reserve
\$ 37,000	Sanitary lines video inspection	\$ 30,000	Fox Lake Park



Graph represents expenses per department as a % of the total budget

Congratulations

The 2021 Community Services Board Grant was shared among three organizations this year. Kiddies Korner Playschool, Seals Swim Club and the Library each received funds toward equipment or programs.

The Board thanks these organizations for enhancing the quality of recreation and cultural opportunities in the community.

Fun and Free

There are many fun and free things to do outdoors in the winter months in Hanna. Here are a couple of ideas.

Croki curl: The rink is ready. This combines the winter sport of curling with the board game crokinole. Visit our website for rules or there is signage at the rink.



Cross Country Skiing: Gentle for the body's joints, cross country skiing is one of the oldest winter sports.

Outdoor Workout: Visit the outdoor fitness equipment at J C Charyk School to strengthen your different muscle groups.

Stroll in the Park: Leave the day behind. Stroll the walkways in Hector King Hunter Park and take in the twinkling trees along the way

Skating: Strap on your blades and enjoy the outdoor rink in an activity as Canadian as Maple Syrup!

Fox Lake: Just a short distance west is a beautiful natural setting. Residents can enjoy firepits to roast hotdogs. Bring your own wood.

Visit hanna.ca/winter-activities for Croki curl rules and cross country maps.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT PLAN

January happens to be the best month to take advantage of monthly pre-authorized tax payments.

No fees! No penalties!

Avoid unnecessary penalties

Seasonal Thank You's

Christmas Dinner

On behalf of the 500+ diners who enjoyed turkey dinner on Christmas Day, we want to extend a big Thank You to Karin Miller and her extraordinary volunteers for everything they did to make this happen in 2021.

The Town of Hanna is proud to be a contributing sponsor for this annual event. Karin and her crew provided Christmas cheer for residents of Hanna & area.



Toy Drive

The 2021 Christmas Toy Drive was once again a great success, thanks to the generosity of the citizens of Hanna & District.

The coordinated endeavor between Hanna Fire Fighters Association and Hanna Food Bank make Christmas brighter for families in our community.

