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Winter Has Arrived

Winter is settling in. Thankfully it held off long enough for several projects to be completed this fall. These projects include:

- Sidewalk replacements for 2022 were completed.
- The resurfacing of the tennis and pickleball courts adjacent to the golf course.
- The construction of an asphalt path along Palliser Trail between the lodge and 2 Ave West. This trail continues across the street in the pocket park in front of the Canada Grey.
- The replacement of the concrete sidewalks in Hector King-Hunter Park with wider asphalt pathways.
- Replacement of the condenser for the ice plant that services the arena and curling rink. Thank you's are extended to the parents of the minor hockey players and figure skaters for their understanding and for travelling to Delia to use their arena for the month of October.

I am very disappointed with some of the residents of our community and their treatment of town staff and contractors. I am sure all of you have heard the Golden Rule, *"treat others the same way that you want to be treated"*. There have been a few occasions in the past few months where town staff and contractors have taken significant verbal abuse from residents when they are simply doing their job. If you have an issue with a decision that has been made, bring that up with Kim Neill the CAO, myself or for that matter any



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member of Council. These individuals are simply doing their job and taking your frustration out on them is not acceptable. Most of this behavior comes about based on enforcement of bylaws relating to unsightly property, animal issues, trailers or vehicles on the street. It is your responsibility to follow the bylaws and it is the responsibility of staff and contractors to enforce the bylaws when they are not being followed.

With the above said we are moving into winter and as a friendly reminder it is the responsibility of the property owners to ensure their sidewalks are clear of ice and snow within 24 hours after a snowfall has ended. The majority of residents do this very well but for those of you who don't, consider this a warning.

Council will soon begin the 2023-2025 budget process. This will be the second budget for this council and will be a significant challenge as council will be dealing again with increased policing costs following the provincial decision mandating all municipalities to pay for policing costs (previously all

municipalities under 5,000 population and all rural municipalities were exempt). This has had an impact on the Town of Hanna by \$48,000 in 2021 and \$72,000 in 2022. We will see that increase in 2023 to \$96,000 and to \$150,000 in 2024. In addition, the inflationary costs that we all feel at home affect the operation of the municipality (utilities, insurance and fuel, etc.). An example of this is the bridge located on Pioneer Trail, crossing the CN Reservoir. In 2022, the estimate to replace the bridge came in at \$1.4 million

and a recent estimate has indicated the cost to do the same work is now \$1.8 million. As always, Council will do their best to maintain current tax levels or keep any increases to a minimum. Please reach out to me or other members of council if there is anything you feel needs to be addressed in the next three years so it can be brought forward for discussion.

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warning.”

Respectfully,
Danny Povaschuk, Mayor

New Business Licenses in 2022

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 hanna.ca/directories

- Pharmasave Harvest Sky
- Vosloo Virtual
- Crocus Hill Plumbing
- Cool Hand Olivia Photography
- Hanna Medical Foot Care
- Simply Imagine (skin care and cosmetics)
- Painted Pretty (gel nails and enhancements)
- Connie's Stained Glass & Pottery
- Safety Stop Harvest Sky (safety training)
- The Prairie Wallflower Local Market
- Alberta Safety Services & Employment Testing (drug & alcohol tests and OHS)
- PART Hair Company
- GFL Environmental
- Humble Bees (custom signs)
- S-ence Salon (nails, waxing)
- Bar Nun Saloon and Smokehouse Ltd. (coming soon)
- The Vaporium (coming soon)
- S.T.S. (renewable energy, import/export)

The businesses listed are from Oct 2021 to Oct 2022. Additional contact information can be found at hanna.ca/directories.

Toys, Dance, Hockey, Swim, Music and more

If you are looking for a place to make a difference this Christmas that will also help financially disadvantaged youth, look no further than KidSport or the Community Youth Fund. Both funds are managed locally and operate through the generous donations of individuals, businesses

and organizations. Parents and guardians can apply to access 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 gift it to your family of choice.

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.



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
- 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.

Check the snow removal map at hanna.ca/streets to determine if your street will be cleared next.

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. hanna.ca/help

Tax Penalty

Property owners have until Dec 31, 2022 to make sure outstanding taxes are paid. Effective Jan 4, 2023 a 5% penalty will be levied on any balance owing. If you have purchased a property recently, contact the town office to ensure there are no taxes owing.

While you are at it, maybe this is the year to sign up for monthly payments. This can be done for both taxes and utilities. Installments are drawn monthly.

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.

“ Snow is required to be placed on your property or hauled away. It is illegal, according to bylaw 947-2009, to place snow on town streets or town property. Snow piled on the streets and crosswalks can become a hazard to vehicles, equipment and pedestrians. ”

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

Beware of thin ice.

With the temperature changing rapidly bodies of water may freeze but the ice is very thin. Stay off the ice to be safe.

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.

Please RSVP with your name and phone number.

RSVP's can be phoned:

- Town Office (403) 854-4433
- Pharmasave Harvest Sky (403) 854-2655
- Lynks formerly HLC (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 West
- Lynks 401 Centre Street

IMPORTANT: If you are feeling unwell, please phone for delivery or curbside pickup. Do not enter the building.

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

Visit hanna.ca/report-a-concern and submit the form. You can attach a photo and if it's a legitimate concern, a staff person will investigate.

#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.



Coming Events

Nov 13	Public Skate 5:30 pm <i>Every Sun starting Nov 13</i>
Nov 15	Parent & Tot 10:30 am <i>Every Tues starting Nov 15</i>
	Noon Hockey <i>Every Tues starting Nov 15</i>
	Kickboxing Class Begins 4:15 pm
	Kickboxing Class Begins 5:30 pm
Nov 16	Test of the Alberta Emergency Alert 1:55 pm
Nov 17	Parent & Tot 10:30 am <i>Every Thurs starting Nov 17</i>
	Noon Hockey <i>Every Thurs starting Nov 17</i>
Nov 17	Kickboxing Class Begins 5:30 pm
Nov 18	Public Skate 6:30 pm <i>Every Fri starting Nov 18</i>
Nov 18, 19	Elf the Musical
Nov 19	Christmas Farmers' Market
	Family Fun Night at Hand Hills
Nov 20	Christmas Farmers' Market
	Turkey Dinner in Craigmyle
Nov 23	Town Council Budget Meeting 6:00 pm
Nov 24, 25 & 26	Elf the Musical
Nov 30	Town Council Budget Meeting 6:00 pm
Dec 2	Light Up the Night Parade and Santa
Dec 7	Town Council Budget Meeting 6:00 pm
Dec 13	Regular Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Dec 18	Skate with Santa
	Family Movie and visit with Santa
Dec 25	Community Christmas Dinner
Dec 30	Tax Payment Deadline

Centennial Place

Mon	Tues	Wed
Tot & Me 2-6 yrs	Senior Walk & Talk	Youth Drop In
Youth Drop In	Pickleball all ages	Pickleball 16+
Pickleball 16+	Adult Choir	
	Youth Drop In	
	Floor Hockey 16+	
Thurs	Fri	
Pickleball all ages	Tot & Me 2-6 yrs	
Youth Drop In	Youth Alliance 7-13 yrs	

Fred & Freda Geuder Educational Bursary recipients for 2022 are

Sarah Palmer
Ally Smyth
Christina Rowden

Are you receiving the Town of Hanna email newsletter?

Ask a staff member to sign you up today!