



The 2022 Firefighters Christmas Toy Drive was once again a great success, thanks to the generosity of the citizens of Hanna & District.

## Seasonal Thank You's

On behalf of the 300+ diners who enjoyed turkey dinner on Christmas Day, we extend a big Thank You to Karin Miller and her volunteers for making this happen.



*Live the Lifestyle*

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## Happy New Year



On behalf of Council, Happy New Year and all the best to everyone. I hope that everyone was able to enjoy some good family time and recharge their batteries for a New Year.

Council approved their 2023 budget at their December 13, 2022 meeting. This approval followed two separate budget meetings and with costs increasing for all goods and services I am pleased to say that this budget was approved with a 0% municipal tax increase. The budget will be reviewed again in the spring prior to setting the tax rate.

I am pleased with the snow removal completed by the town crews. I know everyone wants their street completed first but there is an approved snow removal priority listing which can be found on our website ([hanna.ca](http://hanna.ca) - our community tab- street cleaning). Following the snow and rain over the holidays the streets remain in satisfactory condition and there are no plans to do a second residential street snow removal process unless we receive significant additional snowfall. Street conditions are regularly monitored and in the case of drifting, roughness, etc. the crew will remediate.

Changes have been made to how municipal bylaws will be enforced. In 2022 the Town of Hanna contracted bylaw enforcement from the Special Areas Board. This arrangement worked satisfactorily but with changes to the Special Areas Peace Officer staff complement, and an opportunity to contract a part-time enforcement officer on

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our own, the Town has contracted Ms. Tracy Raypold to provide Municipal Enforcement Services effective January 1, 2023.

Please note that if you have a concern or issue with municipal bylaws not being followed you can call or stop into the Town Office, or send your concern through our "Report a Concern" form found on the Town website (hanna.ca – our community tab- public safety – report a concern).

With the above said, this serves as a friendly reminder that it is the responsibility of 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.

Remember to reach out to me with any concerns, issues or topics regarding the governance and operations of the Town of Hanna.

Respectfully  
Danny Povaschuk, Mayor

## 2023 Budget Approved

Council approved the 2023 operating and capital budgets at their Dec 13 Council meeting. This approval followed budget meetings held on Nov 23 and 30, 2022. As part of the budget process Council also accepted the proposed 2024-27 operating and capital budgets for information.

The budget for 2023 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 2023 tax rates. The 2023 budget is balanced and includes operating expenses of \$ 7,944,906 and capital expenses of \$ 1,266,200. To cover these expenses, revenue from grants, taxes, transfers and user fees is expected to total \$ 9,226,944.

### Congratulations

#### Rhonda Lund

Rhonda retired from the position of Director of Corporate Services with the Town of Hanna on Dec 31, 2022 after working for the Town for 45 years.



Rhonda has been a valuable member of the staff. She has brought her dedication, knowledge, experience and integrity to the role which made her an asset to the Town of Hanna.

We wish her well in her retirement.

## Projected Revenues for 2023

\$ 2,793,640	Tax revenue 0% tax increase	\$ 1,396,300	Water & sewer fees collected
\$ 536,000	Franchise fees	\$ 458,100	Waste fees collected
\$ 137,000	Return on investment	\$ 89,800	FCSS Provincial grant
\$ 15,000	Penalties on property tax	\$ 15,334	New Horizons Grant Senior's initiatives
\$ 16,800	Lease revenue (rental spaces)	\$ 16,700	Cemetery
\$ 300,000	Industrial tax transfer from Special Areas	\$ 13,200	Commercial lease - Business Hub
\$ 152,833	Muni. Sustainability operating grant	\$ 78,900	Swimming Pool
\$ 277,616	Muni. Sustainability capital grant	\$ 75,200	Arena
\$ 153,233	Federal gas tax	\$ 44,200	Curling Rink
\$ 40,000	Federal grant for asset management	\$ 4,400	Ball Diamonds
\$ 187,000	Recreation grant from Special Areas	\$ 2,100	Soccer Fields
\$ 42,400	Summer employment grants	\$ 81,414	Fox Lake Park
\$ 7,300	Town's share of RCMP fines	\$ 14,100	Summer programs
\$ 94,400	Fire calls billed to others	\$ 79,208	Centennial Place
\$ 2,000	Japanese exchange program	\$ 37,672	Community Centre
\$ 18,200	Business licenses	\$ 2,400	Lions Hall
\$ 4,500	Dog licenses	\$ 2,643,266	Draw from reserve
\$ 8,600	Airport rental		deferred revenue and grant funds

## Expense Summary 2023

\$ 22,675	Salary and benefits change	\$ 334,400	Big Country Waste Commission
\$ 20,100	Travel & training for perm/seasonal staff	\$ 7,050	Family resource working program
\$ 96,400	Council honorariums & per diems	\$ 12,000	Family & marriage support
\$ 27,700	Council travel & subsistence	\$ 5,000	Lynks program guide
\$ 5,600	Council technology and training	\$ 4,675	Healthy Families initiative
\$ 121,168	Contribution to Hanna Medical Clinic	\$ 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	\$ 12,000	Music in the Park
\$ 9,200	Museum power & gas	\$ 15,000	New Horizons - Senior initiative
\$ 113,170	Library operation	\$ 5,000	Cemetery columbarium base
\$ 132,700	Natural Gas for Town facilities	\$ 15,590	Office roof repair
\$ 276,070	Power for Town facilities	\$ 2,500	Nickelback mural Get Rollin'
\$ 81,277	Water and sewer for facilities & parks	\$ 45,000	Harvest Sky Economic Development Corp.
\$ 80,500	Petroleum	\$ 3,400	Palliser Economic Partnership
\$ 131,400	Insurance	\$ 5,200	Misc marketing and promotion
\$ 150,917	Professional & contracted services	\$ 19,040	Visitor Information Centre
\$ 39,000	Palliser Regional Municipal Services	\$ 3,000	Community Services Board grants
\$ 10,000	Demolition incentive	\$ 6,500	Facility booking software
\$ 6,000	Storefront improvement incentive	\$ 10,000	Project management (rec projects)
\$ 10,000	Tax incentive	\$ 241,276	Swimming Pool operation
\$ 20,800	Development Officer contract	\$ 335,956	Arena operation
\$ 5,000	Japanese Exchange Program	\$ 4,300	LED lights in parks shop
\$ 96,000	Policing (increased by \$24,000)	\$ 98,380	Curling rink operation (subsidy \$14,500)
\$ 101,300	Fire Fighter remuneration	\$ 30,570	Ball diamonds operation
\$ 31,200	Fire Chief and emerg. mgmt. contract	\$ 103,280	Fox Lake Park operation
\$ 46,000	Bylaw & animal control	\$ 38,960	Summer program
\$ 7,400	SPCA operating grant	\$ 11,070	Spray Park
\$ 31,914	Grader lease	\$ 30,760	King Hunter Park
\$ 10,000	Replace boiler controls public works shop	\$ 10,500	Soccer fields
\$ 100,000	Sidewalk replacement program	\$ 176,566	Centennial Place
\$ 30,000	Pavement patching	\$ 17,000	Fitness Equipment
\$ 121,100	Streetlight power	\$ 72,710	Community Centre
\$ 2,500	Software for airport fuel system	\$ 13,540	Lions Hall operation
\$ 861,400	Water charges by commission	\$ 6,000	Lions Hall flooring
\$ 35,000	Water line repairs and maintenance	\$ 650,839	<b>Total transfer to reserve made up of:</b>
\$ 37,000	Sanitary lines video inspection	\$ 430,839	Streets & roads 2023 grant allocation
\$ 20,000	Manhole repairs	\$ 100,000	Water and sewer reserve
\$ 25,000	Lift station maintenance	\$ 90,000	Recreation reserve
\$ 75,400	Residential waste collection	\$ 30,000	Helmer Dam reserve

More details can be found in the budget document found at [hanna.ca/budget](http://hanna.ca/budget)

## 2023 Budgeted Capital Projects

\$ 17,600	Fire fighter bunker gear	\$ 25,000	Columbarium at cemetery
\$ 79,000	Fire fighter portable radios and pagers	\$ 15,000	Heater for jr. Olympic pool
\$ 591,000	Rescue Truck final payment ordered 2021	\$ 8,000	Floor scrubber for arena
\$ 1,175,701	Downtown infrastructure project*	\$ 10,000	Curling Rink west wall repair
\$ 1,885,000	Pioneer Trail bridge replacement*	\$ 28,400	Fox Lake Park electrical upgrade
\$ 208,900	Grader purchase	\$ 28,000	Zero turn mower
\$ 470,000	Airport runway light replacement	\$ 75,000	Skateboard park upgrades
\$ 70,000	Fuel distribution system at airport	\$ 10,000	Water diversion (Library north side)
\$ 27,500	Booster & software for water meter reads		

\* means that these projects are grant dependent

## 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](http://hanna.ca/winter-activities) for Croki curl rules and cross country maps.

## Change in Water Rate

Effective Jan 1, 2023 the rate for a cubic meter of water increased from \$2.94/m<sup>3</sup> to \$3.00/m<sup>3</sup> (actual cost of water charged to the Town by the Henry Kroeger Regional Water Services Commission).



The increase for an average consumer using 33 m<sup>3</sup> of water in a two-month period would be approximately \$0.03 per day.

## Coming Events

- Mon: Tot & Me (2-6 yrs) at Cent. Pl.
- Tues: Walk & Talk, Pickleball Open, Adult Choir, Youth Drop in and Floor Hockey at Cent. Pl.  
Parent & Tot and Noon Hockey at the Arena.
- Wed: Drop in/Private bookings, Pickleball at Cent. Pl.
- Thurs: Pickleball, Drop in/Private bookings, Youth drop in at Cent. Pl.  
Parent & Tot and Noon Hockey at the Arena.
- Fri: Tot & Me, Family Open Gym, Youth Alliance at Cent. Pl.  
Public Skating 6:30 at the Arena
- Sun: Public Skating 5:30 at the Arena

## Bylaw Enforcement Update

The Town of Hanna has contracted Ms. Tracy Raypold to provide Municipal Enforcement Services on a part-time basis, starting Jan 1, '23. Tracy comes to Hanna from Central Alberta with 10 years of Community Peace Officer experience. She prefers to focus on education and talking with people for remediation.

Already a graduate of Lethbridge College, Tracy holds a Diploma in Criminal Justice. In March, she will be attending the Community Peace Officer Induction Program in Lac la Biche. She will also continue her studies to complete her degree through the U of C focusing on Social Sciences.



Tracy is customer service driven and welcomes all questions related to her role. She is happy to be working with the team at the town and is excited to serve the community.

The process for submitting a bylaw complaint has not changed. You can call or stop into the Town Office or send your concern through the online form found at [hanna.ca/report-a-concern](http://hanna.ca/report-a-concern). Tracy's role is part-time so please do not expect an immediate response.

The 2022 Community Services Board Grant was shared among four Hanna organizations. Legion, Seals Swim Club, Lacrosse and Dance Assoc. each received funds toward equipment or programs.

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

- Jan 20 Lyle, Lyle Crocodile Movie 7:00 pm
  - Jan 25 Council Information Meeting 8:30 am
  - Jan 26-28 Alberta Fire Fighters Curling Bonspiel
  - Jan 26-28 Youngstown Farmers' Bonspiel
  - Jan 28 Spondin Winter Gala 403-578-2009
  - Feb 1 Youth Club AGM 5:00 pm
  - Feb 10 Mixed Bonspiel 403-854-0334
  - Feb 11 Hand Hills Steak & Lobster Fundraiser
  - Feb 14 Council Regular Meeting 6:00 pm
  - Mar 3-4 Kevin Martin Curling Academy:  
Register by calling Tanner at 403-854-0324
  - Mar 4-11 Mobile Mammography Clinic 1-800-667-0604
- Remember to check [hanna.ca/events](http://hanna.ca/events) for more details*