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### Sidewalk Safety Starts With You

Winter is settling in and with that I would like to provide a friendly reminder to all property owners that it is their responsibility to ensure their sidewalks are clear of ice and snow within 24 hours after a snowfall has ended. When removing snow off your sidewalks or driveways it is not acceptable to place that snow on the street as you are required to keep it on your property or remove it to an alternate site. The majority of residents do this very well but for those of you who don't, consider this a warning.



The deer population within Town limits has been increasing and while it may seem like the humane thing to provide food for the deer it is not the right thing to do. Unfortunately, these deer are causing significant damage to residential yards as well as municipal outdoor spaces. In addition, there have been several deer/vehicle accidents on town streets where the deer have been badly injured or fatal. If you are having issues with deer damaging your trees there are a few things you can do to prevent it.

Council will soon begin the 2024-2026 Budget process. This will be the third 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

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## Winter Has Arrived con't.

the Town of Hanna by \$48,000 in 2021, \$72,000 in 2022, \$96,000 in 2023 and rising to \$148,000 in 2024. In addition, the inflationary costs that we all feel at home affect the operation of the municipality (utilities, insurance, fuel, cost of materials, etc.).

It is anticipated that if successful with our grant application to Prairies Can through their Canada Coal Transition Initiative – Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$4.1 million together with matching funds from the Town of Hanna in the amount of \$1.6 million that the Downtown Redevelopment Project will be a go in the spring of 2024. This project will replace all of the downtown underground infrastructure in a 2 ½ block area including the 100 and 200 blocks on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West and ½ of the 100 Block on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East. This includes the replacement of water, sewer and storm mains and service lines, together with the above ground improvements of new pavement, sidewalks (with bump outs at the intersections with benches, tables, bike racks, planters, etc.), and new pedestrian friendly lighting.

Other major infrastructure projects anticipated in the next few years include the replacement of the bridge on Pioneer Trail over the CN Reservoir and the repaving of Pioneer Trail from South Municipal Road to the CN Reservoir and Palliser Trail from the west entrance to Fox Lake Trail. These projects will be challenging to complete financially and will be completed with the plan to not put the Town in a difficult financial position.

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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.

Respectfully,

Danny Povaschuk, Mayor



## New Business Licenses in 2023

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](http://hanna.ca/directories)

- Wraptex Inc.
- Hanna Gas Bar (Co-op)
- Jiminy Thrift & More
- Miss Heather’s Music
- Yeshua-Do Academy of Martial Arts
- BE Mechanical
- J&J Property Management
- Farmhouse Plant Studio
- The Daisy Inn
- Mi-dan’s Lawn Service
- 5B Permanent Beauty
- Asian S Mart
- Holistic Helper

*The businesses listed are from Oct 2022 to Oct 2023. Additional contact information can be found at [hanna.ca/directories](http://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

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://hanna.ca/help)

## Tax Penalty

Property owners have until Jan 2, 2024 to make sure outstanding taxes are paid. Effective Jan 3, 2024 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.

## 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](http://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](http://alberta.ca/SafetyChat)
- [alberta.ca/SaferSpaces](http://alberta.ca/SaferSpaces)
- [alberta.ca/EndFamilyViolence](http://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 family violence.



## Coming Events

Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Nov 13	Shinny Hockey 2:00-3:30 pm
Nov 14	Parent & Tot 10:30 am (Every Tues/Thurs) Noon Hockey (Every Tues/Thurs) Shinny Hockey 1:00-2:00 pm Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Nov 15	Shinny Hockey 10:00-11:30 am Public Skate 2:00-3:30 pm
Nov 16	Shinny Hockey 1:00-2:00 pm
Nov 17	Shinny Hockey 2:00-4:30 pm Public Skating 6:30 (Every Friday) Christmas Farmers Market Seymour Cup
Nov 18	Christmas Farmers' Market PACE Solar Farm Public Information Session
Nov 19	Turkey Dinner in Craigmyle Public Skating 5:30 pm (Every Sunday)
Nov 24	Sunshine Club's Christmas Tea 1:30 pm Youth Rec Night 7:00 pm
Nov 25	Scapa Country Christmas 10:00 am Ranchers Ball 5:30 pm
Nov 29	Council Information Meeting 8:30 am
Dec 1	Light Up the Night Parade and Santa
Dec 3	Craigmyle Pancake Breakfast
Dec 6	Deadline to apply for Christmas food hamper
Dec 12	Regular Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Dec 17	Skate with Santa Family Movie Matinee
Dec 25	Community Christmas Dinner
Jan 3	Tax Payment Deadline

Note the extra shinny and public skate times this month to keep your kids active during their week of no school!



Fred & Freda Geuder Educational Bursary recipients for 2023 are:

Kennedy MacKinnon  
Veronica Pedersen  
Madison Pitman



Are you receiving the Town of Hanna email newsletter?

Ask a staff member to sign you up today!