



# Location and History Profile

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## Special Areas Board

Municipal Code: 0142

**Location Description**      [View Location Map](#) (url to the pdf location map)

Twp	Rge	Mer	Longitude	Latitude
31	14	W4	111°54'	51°38'

### Urban municipalities within the municipal boundary

Town of Hanna	Town of Oyen	Village of Cereal
Village of Consort	Village of Empress	Village of Veteran
Village of Youngstown		

### Hamlets/urban service areas within the municipal boundary

Altario	Bindloss	Cessford
Chinook	Compeer	Dorothy
Iddesleigh	Jenner	Kirriemuir
Monitor	New Brigden	Richdale
Sedalia	Sibbald	Sunnynook
Wardlow		

### Incorporation History

[Municipal Boundary Document Search](#) (url to search results page of Annexation PDF's)

<b>Status:</b>	Special Area	<b>Effective Date:</b>	January 01, 1969
<b>Authority:</b>	Order in Council 2389/68	<b>Authority Date:</b>	December 31, 1968
<b>Gazette:</b>	Jan. 15, 1969, p. 23		
<b>Comments:</b>	Lands that were withdrawn from Special Areas No. 3, are not now contained within any municipality now becomes Special Areas No. 4.		

<b>Status:</b>	Special Area	<b>Effective Date:</b>	April 07, 1959
<b>Authority:</b>	Special Areas Act 1959 - Chapter 80	<b>Authority Date:</b>	April 07, 1959
<b>Gazette:</b>	Not Gazetted		
<b>Comments:</b>	Formed Special Areas No. 2 and Special Areas No. 3.		

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**Membership in regional services commissions**

- Big Country Waste Management Services Commission
- Henry Kroeger Regional Water Services Commission
- Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Population	4,729	4,729	4,729	5,314	5,314
Total Full-Time Municipal Positions	-	153	152	146	140
Total Area of Municipality (Hectares)	-	2,069,139	2,067,256	2,067,274	2,067,274
Number of Hamlets (Specialized Municipalities & Municipal Districts Only)	-	16	16	16	16
Length of all Open Roads Maintained (Kilometers)	-	5,924	5,924	5,924	5,924
Water Mains Length (Kilometers) *	-	197	13	13	13
Wastewater Mains Length (Kilometers) *	-	1	-	-	-
Storm Drainage Mains Length (Kilometers)	-	-	-	-	-
Number of Residences (Summer Villages Only)	-	-	-	-	-
Number of Dwelling Units	-	2,200	2,239	2,193	2,164

\* Effective in 2008, reporting for water mains and wastewater mains includes: municipality owned systems, service providers, co-ops, regional systems and other types of service delivery.

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	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Net property taxes *	\$20,058,136	\$17,397,253	\$14,176,684
Total provincial grants	8,412,752	4,033,517	4,555,484
Other grants	18,599	63,405	1,967
User fees and sales of goods	4,610,982	5,514,185	3,805,906
Business taxes	0	0	0
Other	11,201,985	11,301,758	12,102,074
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,302,454</b>	<b>\$38,310,118</b>	<b>\$34,642,115</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General government	\$3,952,901	\$3,523,946	\$3,252,838
Protective services	1,261,108	1,093,264	1,261,865
Transportation and utilities	30,915,378	26,409,206	20,570,793
Environment use and protection	1,253,560	1,516,292	856,031
Health and social care	182,715	155,122	152,819
Planning and development	3,930,866	2,035,194	2,004,427
Recreation and culture	2,059,830	1,798,152	1,260,241
Other**	224,200	198,912	139,650
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,780,558</b>	<b>\$36,730,088</b>	<b>\$29,498,664</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures</b>	<b>\$521,896</b>	<b>\$1,580,030</b>	<b>\$5,143,451</b>
<b>Adjustments</b>			
Debt principal repayments	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net result of capital transactions	2,806,568	2,203,699	2,074,954
Transfers to capital fund	(5,307,783)	(5,690,529)	(4,932,568)
Transfers to reserves	(998,781)	(1,714,764)	(2,703,832)
Appropriated from operating fund	0	0	0
Other	5,673,417	3,115,091	4,000,000
<b>Change in operating surplus</b>	<b>\$2,695,317</b>	<b>\$(506,473)</b>	<b>\$3,582,005</b>
Beginning operating surplus	4,413,560	4,920,033	1,338,028
Prior period adjustments	0	0	0
Appropriated to operating fund	0	0	0
Other changes	0	0	0
<b>Accumulated operating surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>\$7,108,877</b>	<b>\$4,413,560</b>	<b>\$4,920,033</b>

\* Does not include education taxes.

\*\* Includes expenses for excluded functions (Gas and/or Electricity).

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<b>Debt limit information</b>			
Debt limit	\$60,275,008	\$57,465,177	\$0
Actual debt	8,162,429	0	0
Debt servicing limit	10,045,835	9,577,530	0
Actual servicing	1,029,201	0	0
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>\$43,420,389</b>	<b>\$48,095,025</b>	<b>\$49,495,352</b>
<b>Education taxes</b>	<b>\$14,248,914</b>	<b>\$13,965,429</b>	<b>\$13,606,004</b>

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For more information on the Municipal Grants Programs, please visit our website at <https://mahextranet.gov.ab.ca/mfapo/>

### Grants from Municipal Affairs \*

	<u>2009-2010</u> <u>to date</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>
Unconditional Municipal Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0
Municipal Debenture Interest Rebate	0	0	0
Municipal Sponsorship Grant	0	82,302	89,782
Grants in Place of Taxes	2,389	2,277	2,197
Special Grants	0	0	75,000
Fire Services	0	0	0
Disaster Services	0	0	0
Municipal Sustainability Initiative Capital	2,028,296	2,731,853	2,206,758
Municipal Sustainability Initiative Operating	486,730	407,991	370,884
MSI Strategic Initiatives	0	0	20,436

\* *Grants from the department do not include Library grants. Not all these grants are per capita grants based strictly on population. Grants do not include other provincial government investments or expenditures in the municipality.*

### Property Tax Rates (expressed in mills)

<b>2009</b>	<b><u>Residential/ Farmland</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Residential</u></b>
Municipal Tax Rate	4.2700	5.0900
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	3.2100	3.7400
Education Opted Out Tax Rate	3.2100	3.7400
Allowance For Non-Collection of Requisitioned Taxes	0	0
Seniors Lodge Accommodation Tax Rate	0.7200	0.7200
<b>2008</b>	<b><u>Residential/ Farmland</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Residential</u></b>
Municipal Tax Rate	3.7700	4.5900
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	3.8500	4.2400
Education Opted Out Tax Rate	3.8500	4.2400
Allowance For Non-Collection of Requisitioned Taxes	0	0
Seniors Lodge Accommodation Tax Rate	0.7000	0.7000
<b>2007</b>	<b><u>Residential/ Farmland</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Residential</u></b>
Municipal Tax Rate	4.0000	4.8200
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	4.3500	4.4600
Education Opted Out Tax Rate	4.3500	4.4600
Allowance For Non-Collection of Requisitioned Taxes	0	0
Seniors Lodge Accommodation Tax Rate	0.4700	0.4700

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	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Equalized Assessment</b>			
Residential	\$61,576,988	\$57,109,814	\$47,970,791
Farmland	327,672,700	327,584,020	326,963,040
Non-residential	188,194,525	178,455,440	160,760,580
Non-residential linear	3,177,617,510	2,878,620,290	2,362,476,930
Non-residential railway	2,209,390	2,130,250	2,061,840
Non-res. co-generating M&E	0	0	0
Machinery and equipment	615,499,870	440,525,350	372,970,640
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$4,372,770,983</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,884,425,164</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,273,203,821</u></b>

<b>Equalized municipal tax rates*</b>	0.0046	0.0045	0.0043
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\* The formula is to divide prior year's Municipal Property Taxes by current year's Total Equalized Assessment

**Assessment Statistics**

Total assessment services cost	\$0	\$562,447	\$610,125
Number of Asst. Complaints Heard by Assessment Review Board	0	0	0
Number of Residential Assessment Complaints	0	0	0
Number of Farm Property Assessment Complaints	0	0	0
Number of Non-residential Assessment Complaints	0	0	0
Number of Machinery and Equipment Assessment Complaints	0	0	0
Number of Other Assessment Complaints	0	0	0