



# 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 Consort
Village of Empress	Village of Veteran	Village of Youngstown

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

Altario	Benton	Bindloss
Buffalo	Carolside	Cavendish
Cereal	Cessford	Chinook
Compeer	Dorothy	Esther
Excel	Hemaruka	Iddesleigh
Jenner	Kirriemuir	Lanfine
Loyalist	Monitor	New Brigden
Pollockville	Richdale	Roselynn
Scapa	Scotfield	Sedalia
Sheerness	Sibbald	Stanmore
Sunnynook	Wardlow	Watts

### 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	Lands that were withdrawn from Special Areas No. 3, are not now contained within any municipality now becomes Special Areas No. 4.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>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Population			4,184	4,184	4,184
Total Full-Time Municipal Positions	181	161	187	192	193
Total Area of Municipality (Hectares)	2,113,853.0	2,113,787.0	2,113,787.0	2,055,897.0	2,055,913.2
Number of Hamlets (Specialized Municipalities & Municipal Districts Only)	17	16	16	16	16
Length of all Open Roads Maintained (Kilometers)	6,270.77	6,270.77	6,270.77	6,271.17	6,410.66
Water Mains Length (Kilometers)	406.80	406.00	406.00	406.00	406.00
Wastewater Mains Length (Kilometers)	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Storm Drainage Mains Length (Kilometers)					
Number of Residences (Summer Villages Only)					
Number of Dwelling Units	2,176	2,118	2,118	2,108	2,116

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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Temporary Investments	\$59,920,411	\$49,279,018	\$38,614,891
Taxes & Grants in Place of Taxes Receivable			
Current	432,585	315,949	1,612,313
Arrears	107,059	56,728	53,911
Allowance	0	0	0
Receivable From Other Governments	2,408,484	2,506,610	1,603,077
Loans Receivable	3,298,906	4,036,356	4,390,014
Trade and Other Receivables	1,238,450	1,226,963	1,297,108
Debt Charges Recoverable	0	0	0
Inventories Held for Resale			
Land	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Long Term Investments	32,988,019	32,136,839	30,964,260
Other Current Assets	236,617	420,931	402,330
Other Long Term Assets	534,533	809,347	1,093,555
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b><u>\$101,165,064</u></b>	<b><u>\$90,788,741</u></b>	<b><u>\$80,031,459</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Temporary Loans Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Payable to Other Governments	604,958	398,238	472,556
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	4,827,222	3,074,719	3,738,368
Deposit Liabilities	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue	6,880,314	3,585,945	857,461
Long Term Debt	0	159,608	764,964
Other Current Liabilities	709,373	0	0
Other Long Term Liabilities	3,157,000	3,117,000	3,296,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$16,178,867</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,335,510</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,129,349</u></b>
<b>Net Financial Assets (Net Debt)</b>	<b>\$84,986,197</b>	<b>\$80,453,231</b>	<b>\$70,902,110</b>
<b>Non-Financial Assets</b>			
Tangible Capital Assets	\$241,475,311	\$236,918,189	\$235,829,524
Inventory for Consumption	8,321,778	7,098,404	6,717,213
Prepaid Expenses	215,201	220,783	297,081
<b>Total Non-Financial Assets</b>	<b><u>\$250,012,290</u></b>	<b><u>\$244,237,376</u></b>	<b><u>\$242,843,818</u></b>
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>	<b><u><u>\$334,998,487</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$324,690,607</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$313,745,928</u></u></b>

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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>			
Unrestricted Surplus	38,508,192	32,762,775	22,911,492
Restricted Surplus	55,014,984	55,009,643	55,004,912
Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	241,475,311	236,918,189	235,829,524
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Debt Limit Information</b>			
Debt limit	73,685,877	66,763,743	75,935,633
Actual debt	0	159,608	764,964
Debt servicing limit	12,280,980	11,127,291	12,655,939
Actual servicing	0	162,114	622,887
<b>Education Taxes</b>	11,260,631	12,060,051	11,702,639



## Property Tax Rates Profile

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### Property Tax Rates (expressed in mills)

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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Equalized Assessment</b>			
Residential	\$295,764,267	\$300,352,401	\$291,451,424
Farmland	324,939,750	324,879,390	324,782,940
Non-residential	205,375,047	190,775,474	206,283,763
Non-residential linear	2,380,305,360	2,342,377,630	2,450,537,020
Non-residential railway	0	0	0
Non-res. co-generating M&E	0	0	0
Machinery and equipment	461,023,690	443,988,520	454,960,630
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$3,667,408,114</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,602,373,415</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,728,015,777</u></u>

<b>Equalized municipal tax rates*</b>	0	0	0.0083
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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	\$0	\$0
Number of Asst. Complaints Heard by Assessment Review Board	0	0	0