







# Shaunavon Saskatchewan A Community in Bloom

2016

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## 1 TOWN OVERVIEW

## 1.1 Community Information

The Town of Shaunavon is a vibrant and picturesque community nestled in the southwest corner of Saskatchewan. Our many and varied businesses provide a wide range of products and services, enabling the community to be a major service center in the great southwest. Shaunavon serves a large agricultural area and is fortunate to have a bustling oil industry.



Established in 1913, Shaunavon's pure and abundant water supply was the key resource that drew over 700 settlers in less than one year's time, earning it the nickname "Boomtown". In fact, Shaunavon became the first community in Canada to grow from a

village to a town in under one year. Today this water supply continues to be essential to our economic growth, supplying the busy oilfield.

Shaunavon's residents enjoy top-notch recreation and cultural facilities and activities all year round. This is a community where neighbors become friends and where friends unite to build a community in which we can all share. We are proud of our past and excited about the potential of our future.

#### 1.2 Community Demographics

Area: 5.100 km<sup>2</sup> (1.969 square miles)

**Population**: 1,756 (2011)

**Central Standard Time** – Saskatchewan remains on Central Standard Time year-round.

**Elevation**: The Town of Shaunavon is 3,000 feet [914.4 m] above sea level.



Latitude: 49.65

49° 39' 0" N

49 degrees, 39 minutes, 0 seconds north

**Longitude:** 108 108° 24' 23" N

108 degrees, 24 minutes, 23 seconds north

Plant Hardiness Zone – Shaunavon is located in Zone 2B.

**Climate** - Please visit <u>www.climate.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca</u> for statistics in regard to the temperature, precipitation, rainfall, snowfall, and degree days.

#### 1.3 Official Community Plan

The Official Community Plan (OCP) is adopted by The Town of Shaunavon, in accordance with Sections 29 and 35 of The Planning and Development Act, 2007, (the Act) to provide a framework of goals, objectives and policies to guide the management and use of land, along with its future development, within the town limits. The Plan is designed to assist decision makers in securing the current and future goals of the community while evaluating the future effects of decisions regarding land use planning.

The document is intended to serve as a guide for community development and a reference to help the Town and community work together to make decisions on planning and land use management. The Town realizes the importance of having a plan for how to best accommodate growth within the Town in a manner that is cost efficient and sustainable for the long term.

The document is subject to periodic review as the Town progresses to ensure that the guiding principles and policies remain aligned with the Town's vision. The Town of Shaunavon Official Community Plan can be viewed at the town of Shaunavon website <a href="https://www.shaunavon.com">www.shaunavon.com</a>.

#### 1.4 Community Profile

A community profile is a core tool to use in business development and investment attraction. The Shaunavon community profile that was completed many years ago is severely out of date. This year, SEDA and Affinity Credit Union are partnering with communities in the province to assist communities in developing a community profile. Staff at the Grand Couteau Heritage and Community Centre will be working with SEDA and Affinity Credit Union to create a 2016 version of the Shaunavon community profile.



#### 1.5 Local Steering Committee

The current CiB committee was formed in 2014 with the idea of involving the entire community in enhancing Shaunavon as a great place to live. The committee includes members of businesses and organizations interested in horticulture, heritage and improving community life.

#### **Executive:**

President – Della Moffat

Secretary – Lisa Reimer

Treasurer – Nancy Phillips

Town Employee Rep. – Ron Phillips, Director of Operations

Chamber of Commerce representative – Joanne Gregoire

Members at Large – Rana Meinert and Wendy Thienes

## 1.6 CiB Objectives

The overall goal of the Shaunavon Communities in Bloom committee is in keeping with the provincial CiB goals. We are a group of volunteers that wish to enhance the beauty of our community through civic pride, community involvement, economic development and tourism opportunities. We strive to work alongside the Town of Shaunavon, the Shaunavon Chamber of Commerce and other committees and groups to enhance our home town – Shaunavon.

#### 1.7 Websites & Social Media



Communities in Bloom – www.communitiesinbloom.ca

Communities in Bloom – **f**: www.facebook.com/communitiesinbloom

Communities in Bloom – : www.twitter.com/cibcef

Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom – www.spra.sk.ca/cib

Communities in Bloom - **Leisure Information Network** <u>www.lin.ca/communities-in-bloom</u>

Town of Shaunavon – <a href="https://www.shaunavon.com">www.shaunavon.com</a>

Shaunavon Communities in Bloom : www.facebook.com/shaunavonCib



Shaunavon Events f: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/shaunavon.events">https://www.facebook.com/shaunavon.events</a>

Wellness and Leisure f: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/shaunavon.recreation">https://www.facebook.com/shaunavon.recreation</a>

Grand Couteau Heritage & Culture Centre – www.shaunavonmuseum.ca

GCH&CC : https://www.facebook.com/Grand-Couteau-Heritage-and-Cultural-Centre

YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXRdY8mZljo

### 1.8 Acknowledgements

The local steering committee would like to thank the Town of Shaunavon, Mayor Dickie, the employees of The Town of Shaunavon, residents of the Town of Shaunavon, Shaunavon Chamber of Commerce, many community volunteers, service clubs, and school students and staff for their all their support. Working together we have had a lot of fun developing our community.

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# 1.9 Map

Province of Saskatchewan Map





#### Town of Shaunavon Map





## 2 TIDINESS

#### 2.1 Public Works



Much of the town tidiness can be attributed to the Public Works Department. They work out of this well-organized shop.

### 2.2 Mowing

The Public Works Department mows the ditches along the highway, airport and in Bench View subdivision.

Parks department mow the town parks on a regular basis throughout the summer months

#### 2.3 Street Maintenance



Public Works Department sweeps the streets and gutters each spring and fall. They also sweep before a paving crew arrives in July of each year to do resurfacing of select streets over the summer.

Lines are repainted on streets, crosswalks and handicap parking spots yearly. This is usually done with the line painting machine. However, occasionally painting of fresh sidewalks is done by hand.







# 2.4 Special Parking





A number of handicapped parking spaces have been designated in front of businesses in the town.

## 2.5 Hydrant Flushing

The Public Works Department flushes the fire hydrants each spring. This ensures the water lines are free of sediment and rust, providing residents with quality water and fire hydrants that flow when needed.



#### 2.6 Litter containers

a) Public litter containers are available at various locations throughout the town. e.g. downtown, at parks and at recreation facilities. The Public Works Department collects garbage from these containers on a rotational basis. The newer containers are maintenance free, thus reducing the need for seasonal painting.















## 2.7 Earth Day



The Shaunavon Community in Blooms committee has chosen Earth Day as a great day to involve the schools in community tidiness. Each year Shaunavon's three schools are mailed a letter asking students to participate in a clean up the town project. Garbage bags were provided and CIB members joined in the clean-up.







#### 2.8 Town of Shaunavon Garbage Transfer Weekend!



Saturday, April 23 & Sunday April 24 Where: Across from the Bear's Den Motel Each spring the Town offers their Garbage Transfer Weekend. This event encourages residents to clean up their home and property without the added expense of hauling items to the landfill. Residents are encouraged to drop of items destined for the landfill site at a specific location. In 2015, 20 bins measuring 18 cubic yards were filled and hauled to the landfill.



### 2.9 CiB Community Clean Up!

Each spring a community clean up evening is held in conjunction with the CiB volunteer appreciation event.







## 2.10 Bylaws Relating to Tidiness

For a full description of all bylaws visit the Town of Shaunavon website.

- a) Refuse Bylaw Household waste shall be placed in study plastic garbage bags which should be placed in an appropriate waste receptacle. Each household is limited to four bags, or two containers of garbage per household unless prior approval has been granted by the Public Works Superintendent.
- b) Snow Removal Bylaw Property owners and businesses are responsible for keeping sidewalks adjacent to their property free and clear of ice and snow.
- c) Property Bylaw The lane behind residents and businesses property must be mowed and weeds removed and kept clear of garbage. Sidewalks are to be kept weed free.
- **d) Open Air Fires** No person shall ignite or set an open air fire unless the following measures are taken to limit their spread:
  - a) Fires must be contained in a non-combustible receptacle constructed of cement, brick or sheet metal with a minimum 18 gauge thickness (this includes the base)
  - b) Receptacle must be covered with a heavy gauge metal screen with opening not exceeding 13 millimeters: and
  - c) The size of the fire box of any receptacle must not exceed .61 cubic metres.

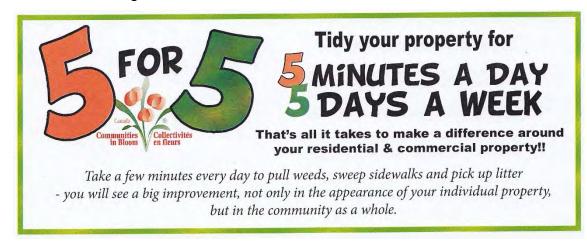
The fuel for open-air fires may consist only of charcoal or cut, seasoned wood.

- e) Fireworks It is unlawful for anyone to use or explode any fireworks within the Town of Shaunavon. Fireworks includes sparklers, or any tablets, caps or other device containing any explosive or flammable substances.
- **f) Truck Route** Trucks over 12 tons are not permitted to drive or park on town streets. There is a designated truck route for heavy vehicles.
- g) Nuisance Bylaw Owners of property shall be responsible for maintaining property. Untidy, unsightly, overgrown, dangerous unoccupied buildings, junked vehicles, will not be tolerated and can be cause for written requirement to remedy the contraventions.
- h) Noise Bylaw Excessive noise is not permitted between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.



#### 2.11 The 5 for 5 Campaign

Residents and businesses are encouraged to take 5 minutes a day, 5 days per week to look around their property and tidy their space. This community pride initiative was begun in 2015.



#### 2.12 Commercial and Business Sector Improvements

Various businesses in and around Shaunavon have made improvements to their store fronts contributing to the look of a vibrant community. Most have kept with the old town store fronts therefore preserving our town heritage.

#### 2.13 Private Residence Improvements

Shaunavon residential areas have seen some positive effects when it comes to curb appeal. Home owners have been investing in their property with new siding, shingles and home additions. For those residents who do major improvements, there is a tax incentive if they do \$20,000 of improvements to their property. Shaunavon people take pride in their yard design and maintenance.

#### 2.14 Vandalism

Graffiti and other forms of vandalism have been very minimal in our town. CiB is investigating the possibility of graffiti erasing kits to be made available to the Town.



#### 3 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

### 3.1 Bylaws Relating to the Environment

For a full description of all bylaws visit the Town of Shaunavon website.

- i) Cat and Dog Bylaw Cats and dogs three months of age and older are required to be licenced and wear their current tags.
- j) Parking Bylaw Vehicles, including trailers, should not be parked on any street for longer than 24 hours. Vehicles parked for longer than 24 hours may be towed and impounded at the owner's expense. Vehicles with a manufacturer's rated capacity in excess of 5,500 kilograms or length in excess of 7.62 meters, should not be parked in the residential zoning districts. Parking on the wrong side of the street at any time is an offense.
- **k) Building Permits –** Any structure over 100 square feet requires a building permit this includes a deck. A permit may be required for renovations. A permit is required for moving or demolishing a structure.
- I) Scentless Chamomile This weed looks similar to a daisy and it spreads very quickly. It has been designated as a noxious weed. Section 14(1) of the Noxious Weed Act states that "Every owner or occupant of land shall destroy noxious weeds on his land and prevent the spread of noxious weeds to other lands. This weed should be pulled or cut and bagged to prevent its spread."

## 3.2 Southwest Waste Management



The Southwest Waste Management Regional Landfill was opened in 2011 as a collaborative project between the Town of Eastend, Town of Shaunavon, RM of White Valley No. 49, RM of Arlington No. 79, RM of Grassy Creek No. 78, and RM of Bone Creek No. 108.



Environmental features of the Regional Landfill are; a clay liner, a leachate pond, twelve foot high double fences, six piezometers, and AWS recycle bins on site. Waste is sorted as it arrives and anything that can be recycled is sent to the appropriate area.

This year staff will be planting 3,500 shelterbelt trees.

For a current list of items that are accepted at the Landfill site refer to the Town of Shaunavon website at <a href="www.Shaunavon.com">www.Shaunavon.com</a> or Southwest Waste Management Facebook page.

**Household garbage** is collected by town maintenance staff on a weekly schedule and delivered to the Regional Landfill. A new initiative for 2016 is converting to 360 litre garbage totes for each residential property. The intention of the tote is that it will replace individual garbage containers and stands. The existing garbage truck will be retro-fitted with a mechanical lifting

process, therefore removing the requirement that staff physically handle the garbage. These garbage totes should result in cleaner back alleys as all garbage will have to be placed inside the tote in order to be picked up. Back alley garbage collection will continue on the same weekly schedule



#### 3.3 Recycle Opportunities

a) Triways Disposal Services 2009 LTD.







Triways is a recycle company based out of Swift Current and is new to the Shaunavon area. They are providing single stream recycling for a monthly fee. A wide variety of recyclables all go into one wheeled bin cart which is collected every two weeks. Blue wheeled bins can be seen around the town as residents enjoy the opportunities to recycle.

**b)** Advanced Waste Solutions (AWS) – A Gull Lake based company, AWS, offers single stream recycling options for business, homes and municipalities providing different sizes of bin rental and collection.

Large containers have been placed at the Regional Landfill on a trial basis and the Regional Landfill is arranging for large single stream bins to be placed at a central location in town on a trial basis. Residents not renting a wheeled bin will be encouraged to deliver their single stream recycling to this central location.





c) SARCAN recycling provides environmental protection, employment creation and economic development as Saskatchewan's recycling solution for beverage containers, paint and electronics.

The SARCAN system for recycling beverage containers is one of the most efficient and effective in North America. The program's success can be attributed to commitment to recycle from the people of Saskatchewan and the dedication of SARCAN employees.









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Electronics

SARCAN was founded in 1988 by SARC, the province-wide association that provides supports and services to organizations that serve people with disabilities throughout the province of Saskatchewan. SARCAN was initially set up to recycle beverage containers, and it has since expanded its programs to include end-of-life electronics and paint recycling.

When customers bring their beverage containers for recycling at SARCAN, they receive the refund of the deposit that was initially paid for at the time of purchase. Electronics and paint are recycled as well; however, they do not have deposits attached to them, so there is no refund given by SARCAN. All beverage containers, electronics and paint are processed and recycled into new products. All materials received by SARCAN are recycled responsibly, within North America; nothing is ever shipped overseas or sent to landfills.

The Shaunavon SARCAN recycling facility is located on Centre Street. It employs two people on a full time basis and some casual employees. In addition to the provincial recycling opportunities, our local SARCAN has book recycling. Many people in the community find interesting reading material here.

#### d) Used Oil, Filter & Container Ecocentre



Used oil, oil filters and antifreeze can be recycled at the Shaunavon Eco Centre located beside the Shaunavon Ability Center. The centre is open from April until November each year.



#### e) Paper and cardboard recycling – The Home Town Club, a volunteer



organization, operated a paper / cardboard recycling project for 15 years in Shaunavon. When this recycling project came to an end in May of 2010, Bree and Pete Allen wanted to see the project continue in our town. The Allens are now contracted by the town of Shaunavon to recycle paper and cardboard. Cardboard is collected from businesses by workers and paper and cardboard have a public drop off door



beside SARCAN.
These products are then baled weekly and shipped every 4 to 6 weeks, to the state of Washington, USA by semi-truck and trailer.

#### f) Rummage Sales





The Catholic Church and the United Church both have bi-annual rummage sales. Church ladies groups sort and display for sale items that are donated by members of the general public. Items that are not sold are shipped to various locations. Proceeds are used for church projects.





g) John's Second Hand Store – John has a great selection of used items in his



store. If you can't find what you are looking for ask him and he may have the item you need in storage somewhere.

h) Curious Cargo Consignment – An eclectic little store with a wonderful selection



of gently pre-owned gems and garments. Items are discounted each month they are in the store and are either donated to charity or returned to the owner after several months on display so there are always new finds in this gem of a store.



i) Grocery Bags – Used grocery bags are accepted for recycling at the Co-op



grocery store. When the bins are full, the bags are packaged up and shipped back to Federated Co-op via return delivery truck. From there they are sent to a recycling center.

i) Tin Cans – can be dropped off at a collection site on the end of Centre Street adjacent to SARCAN. They are then collected by Jack's Repair for recycling.



k) Prescription Disposal – The safe disposal of prescription medications and sharps such as used needles is available at Jae's Pharmacy and Rexall Drugs.

Both pharmacies participate in a medications return program for safe and environmentally responsible disposal of medications and sharps. BioMed containers are used for safe in store collection and these containers are transported by specialized Biohazard Waste trucks for safe disposal at their site in Edmonton.







I) Recycle your bottles and cans – Recycle containers are placed at strategic spots throughout the CPWC for collection of cans and bottles and then taken to Sarcan for recycling and refund.



m) Bottle Drive – Twice a year, Shaunavon Minor Hockey conducts a door-to-door bottle drive. Children go door-to-door requesting donations of pop and beer cans, bottles and tetra cartons. Participants learn the importance of placing all garbage in appropriate containers. When the collection is completed, parents help the children sort the donations and they are taken to SARCAN and the Liquor Board Store. All money received is used to fund Minor Hockey activities.







n) Highway Ditch Maintenance – The local 4H club have two annual environmental projects. Each spring they go as a group to Pine Cree Park and provide a day of campsite clean-up. For their second project, they pick a stretch of ditch to clean each year. Members walk the ditch picking up garbage ensuring it is disposed of appropriately. Participants learn how much work it takes to clean the public spaces and the importance of finding appropriate garbage containers for personal refuse.



**o) Small Engine Recycle –** Iron Pony will dismantle small engines and ensure the parts are disposed of appropriately.





p) Jack's Repair Service Ltd. - Welding & machine shop service, scrap metal



BUS. 297-3401 FAX: 297-3339

PROPRIETOR

JOHN BUSSE SHAUNAVON, SASK. SON 2MO collection, white goods collection site, new and used iron sales. They are also a collection point for recycling lithium batteries and car batteries with the proceeds from the batteries being donated to Kids Sport.

**q)** Compost Site - There is a compost area just north east of the Christ the King Catholic Church with access off of Sixth Avenue. Residents are encouraged to take all lawn clippings and garden material to be composted at the compost area. Weeds, branches, rocks, cement and garbage should be taken to the landfill. Maintenance personnel use a tractor to turn the pile to mix the compost. Residents are also encouraged to take compost home to use in their gardens.



r) Backyard Composting – There are a variety of backyard compost options available. Many residents have private compost bins/areas in their back yard. This practise recycles kitchen and garden waste into compost, which is then used to enhance backyard soils.









s) Christmas tree Recycle Program – Each January residents are asked to place their used Christmas tree beside their garbage stand. The Public Works



Department collects these trees and they are disposed of at the old landfill site.

- t) Refrigerator Recycling Program For residents retiring an old power-guzzling fridge or freezer, SaskPower can help out. Sign up for the Refrigerator Recycling Program and SaskPower will pick up and recycle your old units for you. For details visit the SaskPower website at www.SaskPower.com.
- u) Eye glasses Used eye glasses are collected at Nova Optical, the local



optometrist office. The Climax Lions Club International collects the glasses where they are used in the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs). LERC volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Most of the recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact.

v) Scrap Tire Clean-up - In 2014 the Town of Shaunavon and the surrounding RMs participated in the Saskatchewan tire recycling project called "The Black Gold Rush".

"The Black Gold Rush" program offered by the Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation is aimed at cleaning up all scrap tires on private property and farmland. It gives land owners the opportunity to have any scrap tires delivered to a central location for disposal at no cost. It is a one-time free service provided by SSTC. The local 4H club stockpiled the tires and they were picked up and transported to the processing facility in Saskatoon.



## 3.4 Lagoon



Raw sewage is pumped from town into the Lagoon system. First it goes to the primary cell, which is a simple holding pond, where sewage is contained and allowed to settle and natural biological actions take place. The primary cell captures the solids and when liquids build to a certain level the liquids flow into the secondary cells. Twice a year this liquid is

discharged into the wetlands project west of town. The advantage of a lagoon is it is very simple and environmental spills and hazards just don't happen.

#### 3.5 Water Conservation

**a) Wells** – Shaunavon boasts that we have eight water wells and two water reservoirs.

Town water is treated with chlorine.





**b) Planters** - The town has purchased a number of self-watering hanging planters and containers for various sites around town. These planters use considerably less water. Reverse osmosis water from the CPWC is used to water the town self-watering planters.



c) Rain Barrels - Many residents use private rain barrel water for watering their gardens and flowers. The water is free, plants love it, and it diverts water from storm drains. This is a healthy water conservation and soil protection practice.





d) Water restrictions – Adequate water must be maintained in the reservoirs for firefighting and town use. Water levels in the town wells are monitored and water restrictions are imposed for town residents if the pumps are running too long to fill the reservoirs. The last several years have not required water restrictions. However, residents are encouraged to avoid watering of lawns and gardens during the heat of the day.

#### 3.6 Energy Conservation



a) Wind Power – A green power source was erected in the Industrial Park on the west side of town in 2011. Power from this windmill goes into the SaskPower grid and is used to offset the power used to operate the Crescent Point Wickenheiser Centre.



**b)** Electric Car Plug-in at CPWC – In 2015 two kinds of electric car chargers were installed at this 3 plug-in electric car plug-in station. One SCH EV60 and two Tesla chargers. They were installed by SUN Country which is

based in Saskatoon. They are part of a country-wide network of electric plugins.





c) Idle Free Zone – There is an idle free zone in front of Shaunavon Hospital and Care Centre. This prevents exhaust fumes from entering the areas inside the front doors of the building.





**d)** Christmas lights – LED lights are an energy conservation choice. The Christmas lights used on the lampposts on Centre Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue were converted to LED Lights several years ago.





The lights that adorn the fence posts at two entrances to the Town of Shaunavon are also LED lights.

e) Airport Lights – The runway lights at the Shaunavon Airport were converted to LED lights in 2013 and are reported to be using 80 percent less energy than the old lights.



#### 3.7 Naturalized Wetlands

Walking along the Trans Canada Trail, there are two areas where ground around natural wet areas has been left undisturbed to encourage birds to nest. In the spring it is fun to hear the sound of frogs singing while walking in this area.





## 4 HERITAGE CONSERVATION

The Town of Shaunavon is committed to preserving the heritage resources of the town through restoration, public awareness and tourism.

#### 4.1 Policies relating to Heritage Conservation

For a full description of objectives and policies relating to Heritage, visit the Town of Shaunavon website, Official Community Plan for the Town of Shaunavon, (Section 13.2 and 13.3).

- a) Heritage Resources The Town strives to preserve heritage resources.
- b) **Public Awareness** The Town promotes public awareness of the town history.
- c) **Heritage Property** The Town designates historical buildings under "The Heritage Property Act"
- d) **Suitable Restoration** The Town supports the restoration, use, and reuse of heritage buildings.
- e) **Tourism** The Town promotes tourism through its heritage resources.

#### 4.2 Cemeteries

We have two cemeteries adjacent to our community and several additional cemeteries in surrounding Rural Municipalities.

a) St. Mary's Cemetery is property of Christ the King Catholic Church. It was established in 1914. A columbarium was added in 2013. For additional information or to erect adornments, people are asked to contact the parish office at 306- 297-3744.









**b) Hillcrest Cemetery** was established in 1915 and is maintained by the Town of Shaunavon. Two areas have been designated as burial of cremated remains only. Hillcrest Cemetery Bylaws are available on the



Town website under the heading Local Government – Bylaws.

A recent project has been to convert the listing of grave plots to a computer document. Individual photos of the headstones have been linked to this document bringing

the graveyard plot information up to computer age standards. This will be a great asset for individuals pursuing genealogy searches.

Additional information about the cemetery is available at the Town Office, 306-297-2605.









## 4.3 Grand Coteau Heritage and Cultural Centre



The Grand Coteau Heritage and Cultural Centre (GCHCC) is a year-round museum housing local heritage exhibits, an impressive natural history diorama featuring area wildlife, and a spacious art gallery that showcases local, regional, provincial and national art exhibitions. The centre also has a large archival collection and accepts research requests.

Programs for schools, children, seniors and families are offered throughout the year. Programing includes artist talks, workshops related to art and history, summer programs for children, summer art camp, monthly senior's coffee group and film nights. They also are a community hub of activity for events such as I Love Shaunavon Day, Museums Day, Canada Day, summer 'Boomtown Days' celebrations, Halloween and Christmas events. In addition, the Centre provides Tourist Information, and houses the Shaunavon Public Library and a community meeting room that is available for rent.

The Centre partners with other cultural groups in the community such as Shaunavon Arts Council, Shaunavon & District Music festival and Creative Kids.





For complete information about programs, exhibits, events and more visit <a href="https://www.shaunavonmuseum">www.shaunavonmuseum</a>

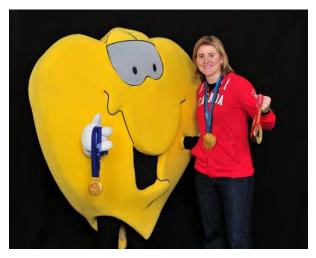
## 4.4 Community Events

a) I Love Shaunavon Day – it's not just a slogan, it's an emotion that drives all Shaunavonites. It represents the heart our citizens show in everything they do to make Shaunavon the best it can be.

The "I Love Shaunavon" annual campaign was initiated by the Shaunavon Chamber of Commerce in 2004 to change people's attitudes and improve the town's image both here at home and around the country. By wearing



the "I Love Shaunavon" logo, residents and former residents can show their community spirit and their pride in Shaunavon.







**b)** Farmers Market - In 2014 the Farmers Markets were revived. They are now held weekly at the GCHCC from July to late September.







c) Senior's Coffee Chat – At 10 am, on the first Friday of each month, local seniors gather at the GCHCC for coffee and discussion. A new topic is

chosen each month and a roundtable format allows everyone an opportunity to contribute their memories and thoughts pertaining to the topic. Notes are taken and kept on file for documentation. Most topics have a heritage theme and provide a great way to record local history.



d) School Tours – School tours are offered at the GCHCC on a monthly basis to the three local schools based on programming related to the art exhibits. Grades 1 to 7 in particular, attend almost monthly to learn about the art exhibitions, which are changed monthly. Heritage and natural history programming is also available on request and can be tailored to the curriculum for relevancy for the students.



- Schools in neighbouring communities such as Eastend, Frontier, Val Marie and Consul also make field trips to the Centre in the spring of the year for similar tours and programming.
- e) Nature Babies This 2016 initiative, offers stories, songs, and crafts in the Natural History room of the GCHCC. Activities are specifically designed for Moms and tots.
- f) Culture Camps Previously known as 'Art Camp', these 2016 summer camps will still include plenty of art projects, but will also focus on learning more about this place we call home with field trips and more!
- **g)** Canada Day A variety of Canada Day celebrations take place in the pocket park in front of the GCHCC.







h) Boomtown Days - Each community has their town celebration days and Shaunavon is no exception. We call our three day summer celebration, Boomtown Days, named from the early days of rapid growth of our town. You are sure to see someone you haven't seen in years if you attend Boomtown Days as many people use this weekend to return to their home town for gathering of family and friends.





i) Sunday in the Park - The first Sunday in the Park was held in 1991 as part of Boomtown Days. The day starts out with an interdenominational church service. A food booth, entertainment for the children and an exciting



lineup of performers on the entertainment stage keeps a large crowd entertained all afternoon.

j) Culture Days – A pan-Canadian celebration called Culture Days is held each year the last week of September. Since 2010, the GCHCC has spearheaded various activities for Culture Days. In 2015, the GCHCC had a booth and art station at the community Fall Market, which was held at the Crescent Point Wickenheiser Centre, and plans to make it an annual event. This is an excellent venue for reaching hundreds of people with information about the Centre, while providing free art activities for young and old. Additional activities included Zentangle and Adult colouring.





k) Movie in the Park – This free, fun, family summer evening is an anti-bullying themed initiative that is sponsored by the RCMP, the Town of Shaunavon and the Canadian Red Cross. This outdoor annual event normally attracts about 100 people.



I) Monster Mash - October 31st



- m) Christmas Tea In 2014, the GCHCC began hosting an old-fashioned Christmas tea. Residents look forward to the event each year.
- n) Photos with Santa Young children love to see Santa and have their photo taken with him. Throughout the Christmas season photos with Santa are offered at the GCHCC.

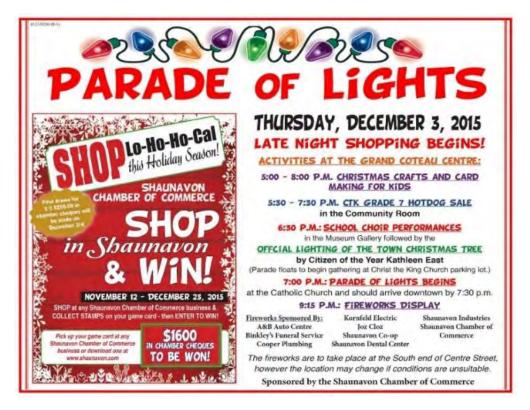


o) Ginger Bread House Contest. – Each year Access Real Estate partners with the GCHCC to host the Gingerbread House Contest. A workshop on Gingerbread House decorating was held prior to the contest and children and adults had lots of fun with this Christmas activity.





p) Parade of Lights - The annual parade of lights is the kick-off to the Chamber of commerce Christmas late night shopping.

















q) Twinkle Tour – Many homes and businesses are decorated for the Christmas season. Each year the Senior Citizens organize a twinkle tour of homes and everyone makes sure to have their lights turned on this evening. We are noticing that many residents have converted to the lower energy using LED lights.









# 4.5 Heritage Buildings



Many buildings constructed in the early years of development still remain and contribute to the character of the Town and remind residents and visitors of Shaunavon's roots. Some buildings have been restored and modified to be re-used for other purposes while still retaining many of their original materials.

There are buildings within the Town that have received municipal heritage designation under the Heritage Property Act including the Grand Hotel, Historic Shaunavon Hotel, Shaunavon Court House and Centre Street United Church.



The Shaunavon Hotel is being renovated with attention to restoration as much as possible. It is the oldest, largest, wooden freestanding building in the province.

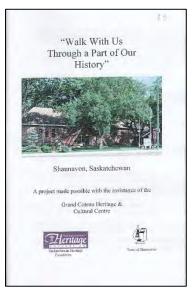
Ranch House Meats has taken heritage into consideration when designing their modern building thereby keeping with the old town look of our main street.

## 4.6 Heritage Walking Tour

A walking tour of Shaunavon can be enjoyed by viewing the lamp post signage that was put in place for the Centennial celebrations. Heritage Walking Tour commentary that is on the signage is also available on the Town of Shaunavon website and in a booklet "Walking With Us Through a Part of Our History" for sale at the GCHCC.







Guided tours by Centre staff are offered periodically during spring and summer months and by request.



## 4.7 Murals



a) A ceramic tiled mural can be seen on the front of the Affinity Credit Union. This wonderful and unique tiled mural pays tribute to our prairie roots and has been in place since the 1960s, when the Credit Union was first built.

b) This multicultural mural is a tribute to youth in our community. The GCHCC was a partner in this project with the Newcomer Welcome Centre in Swift Current and local members of Children's International Summer villages. The artist, a newcomer to our community and summer employee of the Centre, has created a mural that shows how east meets west. The leaves on the trees are handprints of the multiple youth who were involved in painting the mural on the building by the museum.





c) This mural depicts the **B & A Garage and Rostad's Lunch** which occupied the corner lot where Nova Optical and Harvest Eatery currently reside from

the perspective of the steps of the Catholic Church which used to sit on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and Centre Street. Lots of bright colours capture this snapshot of Shaunavon History. This mural replaced a previous mural that was created by local

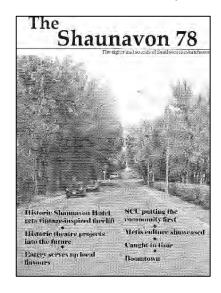


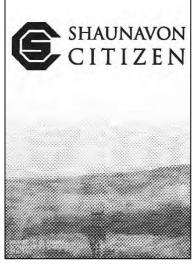
art students in the late 1980s, which was flaking and fading badly. The project was partially funded by the Hometown Club and Senior's Group and was led by the GCHCC.

#### 4.8 Publications

Several publications are available at the Grand Couteau Heritage & Culture Centre

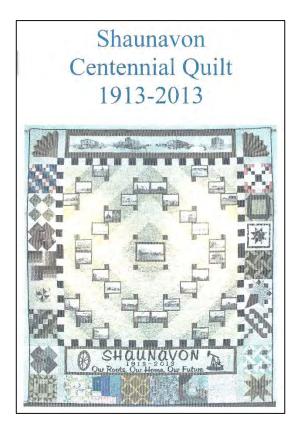
a) Two publications covering a variety of subjects and individuals in the community were written as a class project by University of Regina journalism students in 2014. They were titled, "Shaunavon Citizen" and "The Shaunavon 78" and are available at the museum and on-line at theshaunavon78.wordpress.com and shaunavoncitizen.wordpress.com



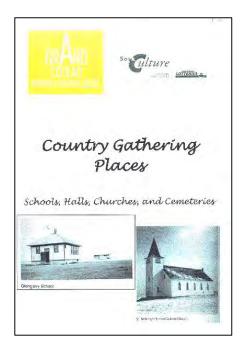




b) "Shaunavon Centennial Quilt" is proudly hung in the gallery of the GCCHC. The quilt was created by community volunteers in 2013 for the centennial celebrations. The booklet is a description of the blocks and photographs used in the quilt.

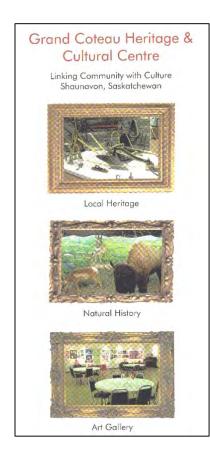


c) The booklet "Country Gathering Places" is a collection of local history of schools, halls, churches and cemeteries.



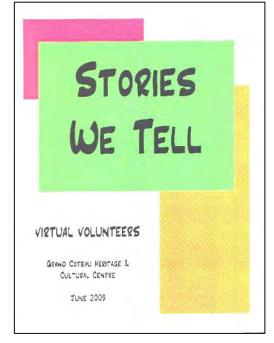


**d)** "Grand Coteau Heritage and Cultural Centre" Brochure – This brochure promotes the activites of the Centre.





e) "Stories We Tell" is a book that was created when a group of seniors (our 'virtual' volunteers) were offered computer training and writing workshops in exhange for at least one story about "days gone by". A big thank you goes to these citzens for helping to preserve and share the past with future generations.





- f) "Welcome to Shaunavon" Tourism brochure.

  A variety of tourist information is available from the GCHCC as this is the official tourist information site for the Town of Shauvnaon.
- g) Library The Shaunavon Branch of the Chinook Regional Library is located in the GCHCC, adjacent to the gallery space. The library is another hub of our community and offers free internet access, regular children's programming and Kid's Corner area. Interlibrary loans are available for titles not currently held on location.



## 4.9 Community Spirit

Local Hero Cheered - Local hockey fans gathered at the Crescent Point Wickenheiser Centre to help cheer on

Braydon Coburn as the Tampa Bay Lightning battled the Chicago Blackhawks in the 2015 Stanley Cup final. Local fans watched the game on the big screen at the Crescent Point Wickenheiser Centre. The group photo taken under the Braydon Coburn Street sign was aired on TV during the game.



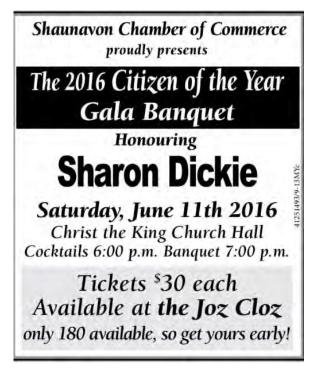


## 4.10 Volunteer Recognition

#### a) Citizen of the year

The Citizen of the Year Banquet is one of the Shaunavon Chamber of Commerce's most important events of the year. Its an opportunity for the community to gather and celebrate volunteerism while thanking citizens who have made a real difference. This initiative began in 1998 and we are still finding citizens worthy of this recognition.







#### b) CiB Volunteer Recognition Evening

Each spring the Communities in Bloom committee offer an evening BBQ as an appreciation for volunteers who have helped with community events. The local Co-op store sponsors the BBQ and good food is enjoyed by all who attend. Following the BBQ, the clean-up event begins. Nancy and Della are seen here discussing strategy for covering sections of town during Thursday's clean-up.





#### c) CiB Volunteer Recognition

Communities in Bloom mail hand written thank you cards to acknowledge contributions that have been made to the Communities in Bloom committee. In addition, after each Communities in Bloom event, a thank you recognizing those who volunteered is posted on the CiB Facebook page.

## 4.11 Community Mascot

In 2007 the "I Love Shaunavon" campaign inspired the creation of Shaunavon's mascot; Heartly, the Heart of Shaunavon. Heartly appears at all community events and is enjoyed by adults and children alike.





### 4.12 Welcome Committee



Newcomers to Shaunavon will be invited to visit the GCHCC centre to introduce them to what the Centre, as well as the town, has to offer. Along with providing information about the community, the Welcome committee also will provide a package of gifts for newcomers that have been collected from a wide range of Chamber of commerce members.

## 4.13 Shaunavon Standard

The Shaunavon Standard, which was established in 1913, is our local newspaper. Community events, news and advertisements are captured and published each week. The Standard is considered a historical record of town happenings. Both digitized and hard copies of the Shaunavon Standard are archived, and available for viewing, at the Grand Couteau Heritage and Culture Centre.



## 5 URBAN FORESTRY

A community's trees or its "urban forest" constitute a valuable, but vulnerable component of the infrastructure. Not only do trees and shrubs provide shade, shelter, beauty, wildlife habitat and civic landmarks, they are also a statement of community pride and civic image. Trees are the "lungs of the earth" and help improve our air quality. Shaunavon has an exceptional tree canopy.



# 5.1 Bylaws Relating to Trees

For a full description of all bylaws, visit the Town of Shaunavon website.

- a) **Urban Forest (Tree) Policy** is available on the Town of Shaunavon Website under Permits/Policies/Licences/ Applications.
- **b)** Recommended Species for Planting Information on recommended tress for planting is located in the Appendix of the Urban Forest (Tree) Policy.
- c) Elm Tree Pruning Ban Each spring town residents are reminded that the Saskatchewan Dutch Elm Disease Association (SDEDA) implements a pruning ban in Saskatchewan from April 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>. Also Elmwood cannot be stored, it must be disposed of immediately at the Regional landfill.

## 5.2 Commemorative Trees

The Shaunavon Centennial committee planted two commemorative trees to honour two local citizens who celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in the centennial year. Signage will be put in place at a ceremony to be held in 2016.

## 5.3 Tree Maintenance

a) Boulevard Tree Pruning is undertaken by the Town of Shaunavon in order to keep the urban forest in the best possible condition as established by good arboriculture standards. All costs associated with pruning on town property are covered by the Town of Shaunavon. Pruning on private properties is the responsibility of the homeowner.



- b) Tree Nursery The Town of Shaunavon maintains a small tree nursery to provide replacement stock for parks and green space planting. Residents are asked to fill out a Tree Planting Request Form and mail it to the Director of Operations if they would like a new or replacement boulevard tree.
- c) Pest Management is done by the Town of Shaunavon on an as-needed basis.

### 5.4 New Trees

The Town of Shaunavon, along with members of Shaunavon Communities in Bloom committee and local employees of Stark and Marsh, teamed up for a special tree planting project.

The group planted over 350 trees in a new shelterbelt area just north of the Shaunavon Hospital and Care Centre. Trees planted included Siberian Crab Apple, Blue Spruce, rose bushes and Manitoba Maple.



The group also planted a number of trees at the Shaunavon sports grounds. Staff from Stark and Marsh helped with the effort as part of their 'Go Green initiative', part of the company's commitment to be a good corporate citizen for the environment.

Drip irrigation is in place for these trees to ensure they are properly watered for optimal growth.

Replacement trees were added in the spring of 2016 as a few of the small trees did not survive the winter.







# 6 LANDSCAPE, TURF & GROUNDCOVERS

The Shaunavon Standard reports in a 1926 paper that "residents are urged to plant trees, shrubs and flowers". Little wonder our town is so beautiful, we have many years of plant and tree development.

All grassed parks have underground sprinkler systems for watering. This ensures water can be delivered to the grass as needed and overwatering is limited, keeping our parks beautiful for all to enjoy.

## 6.1 Parks

#### a) Memorial Park

The first town park, now called Memorial Park, was marked out in the original 1913 survey of the town. In 1919, the first trees were planted. Over the years there have been reports of a variety of trees planted and replanted in this beautiful 4 acre park in the centre of town.

In 1924, a war memorial was proposed for the south end of the park, with construction beginning in 1926. The cenotaph was designed by Francis Henry Portnall to honour those citizens who served in the war. Each side of the war memorial is dedicated to one of the major World War I battles. (Verdun, Ypres, the Somme and Cambrai) In 1948, a plaque was added in memory of World War II veterans and in 2002, the Korean War Plaque was added. In 2013 grant money was received and restoration work was done to the War Memorial. Further grants will be applied for to complete restoration of the Tyndall stone base.



In 1983 a reforestation project was undertaken for this park. Many old trees were removed and new trees planted.





In 1999 a major playground renovation project was undertaken with installation of Creative Play Scape playground equipment.

**b) Shawnee Campground** – The Shawnee campground was developed in 1971 as a homecoming project and is open from May long weekend to

September. There are 8 electrified sites with water. Showers, washrooms and a sewer dumping station are on site. Unfortunately, the campground does not take reservations.



#### c) Sunnynook Neighbourhood Park

In 1986, the Shaunavon Standard reported that the Sunny Nook Neighbourhood Park will be developed and have a play area known as Creative Play Scape as well as a picnic site.





#### d) Jubilee Park

When the Jubilee rink was demolished this area was redeveloped. Currently, we have the Crescent Point Wickenheiser Rink which was opened in 2011, the community designed skate park which was opened in 2012, the Brayden Coburn outdoor arena which was opened in 2015, and a children's playground built in the fall of 2012 in this area. These areas join the previous recreation facilities of upgraded swimming pool, shale and grassed infield ball diamonds, and refurbished tennis courts. In 2013, a contest was held to name this park. The area had been occupied by the Jubilee rink so it was only fitting that the park would be named the Jubilee Park. The park was officially opened in July of 2015.

The Town of Shaunavon was recognized with a Saskatchewan Municipal Award for Jubilee Park at the 2016 Saskatchewan Association of Urban Municipality's annual convention. To view the excellent video describing why they won the award go to: YouTube -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXRdY8mZIjo











#### e) Avondale Park

Grading, levelling and the planting of trees began in this area in 1976 and continued into 1977. It was officially named Avondale Park in 1980. New playground equipment was installed by a group of volunteers in 2011. Funding for this equipment was a joint project of a community initiative grant and the Shaunavon Wellness and Leisure committee. Many trees are interspersed with large areas of grass. Underground sprinklers ensure the grass is green all summer. Plans are underway for a walking trail to wind through the park.



#### f) Pocket Park

In front of the Grand Couteau Heritage and Culture Center, there is a lovely green space with tables, benches and lots of shade and grass. Residents can be seen here enjoying community events, having a rest in the shade or sharing a lunch break.

#### g) Dog Park

A group of avid dog lovers are currently working on an off-leash dog park. The location and details are in development.

## 6.2 Urban Design

#### a) Industrial Subdivision -

Shaunavon's Industrial Park located west of number 37 highway was developed and opened in 1981. Businesses are growing and expanding with the growth of the town.





**b) Bench View Subdivision** – A new area for homes was designed and named in 2011 with 13 serviced lots available for purchase beginning in 2013.



### c) Flags

- The Canadian and the Saskatchewan flags fly proudly at the Town Office and the Grand Couteau Cultural and Heritage Centre.
- ii. The **Communities in Bloom flag** has been flying above our flower bed on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue since the summer of 2015.







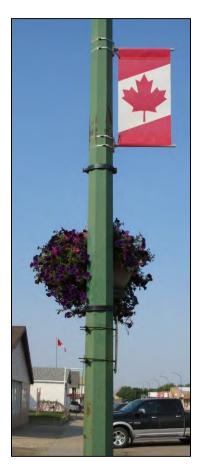


- d) Banners– New banners were erected, on Centre Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in 2013, as an initiative of the local Centennial Committee. They provide a cohesive Canadian theme to our intersecting main streets.
- e) Trans Canada Trail The Shaunavon section of the Trans Canada Trail was proposed in 1997 and developed in 1999. In 2000, the Trail was paved and officially opened. It runs from the north end of



9<sup>th</sup> Street West along the west side of town, across the north side of town limits and along the east side of town to the green water tower. Several park benches along the way provide stopping

points. Interpretive signage is interspersed along the trail. Walkers of all ages, bicycle enthusiasts and dog walkers can be seen throughout the day enjoying a walk.





















f) Benches - The Hometown Club placed park style benches at various locations throughout the town. Although the Hometown club has since disbanded, the benches serve as a reminder of volunteer activities in the past. Additional low maintenance finished benches have been installed in various parks by the Town in 2015.









# 6.3 Park Maintenance Volunteers

a) Rock Solid Refuge is a 12-15 month residential program for male teens 13-18 years of age struggling with life controlling issues (drugs, addictions, etc.) The facility offers a structured environment that fosters personal growth and prepares students for success in their relationships and careers. Rock Solid's goal is to help youth recover, learn and grow mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually, thus enabling them to confront challenges with confidence. It focuses on four key areas: discipline, life skills, education and faith.

In 2015, Rock Solid Refuge teamed up with local Communities in Bloom committee to provide care and maintenance of the park and flower beds at Memorial Park over the summer months.



**b) CiB volunteers** plant and maintain several community flowerbeds. Weeding parties are arranged over Facebook. Many hands make work go quickly and our community looks beautiful, too.

In addition, CiB volunteers are always willing and ready to help with new community projects.

# 6.4 Shaunavon Day Care Natural Backyard Project

The Shaunavon Day Care Cooperative, formed in 1995, built and moved into their new and current building in 2003 and renamed the valuable community service the Shaunavon Children's Learning Centre.

In 2011, the Ministry of Education introduced an initiative to have natural backyards in learning centres and a funding initiative was received to start the Shaunavon project.

A retired SIAST instructor was interested in this project and provided the design development for the natural garden playground at the Shaunavon Learning Centre. This type of playground is designed with the intent to bring children back to nature using: fallen logs, tree stumps for seating, vertical logs for forts, slides embedded in the sides of hills, and other materials. The sites offer a wide range of open-ended play options that allow children to be creative and use their imagination, while also providing a safe environment.

This is a large and expensive ongoing project. Different sections are developed each year depending on funding available.

Each year the Centre strives to involve different community groups in their natural garden playground. In 2014, the grade 7 students helped with planting along the fence and the Shaunavon High School, shop class built an outdoor gazebo in 2015. Other community groups have assisted with construction of other portions of the playground.



## **Natural Garden Playground**







# 6.5 Xeriscape

Xeriscaping is landscaping and gardening that reduces or eliminates the need for supplemental



water from irrigation. It provides lovely colour and beauty in all seasons. The town has one



such area at the 10th Avenue entrance to town.

Some residents and businesses are incorporating this low maintenance type of landscape design.



# 6.6 CiB Regional Workshop

In 2015 our local CiB committee hosted a regional Communities in Bloom workshop. 15 participants attended and learned about the Communities in Bloom program.



## 6.7 Constructed elements

a) Skate Board Park - A focus group session was held in the community so

youth could participate in the design of a future skate board park. Following the community design process, the park was erected in 2012 on the exposed concrete floor of the old arena. Skateboard workshops have been held and bicycles and riders of all ages can be seen enjoying the skate park throughout the day.





- b) Braydon Coburn Dr. In 2015, the street leading up to Crescent Point Wickenheiser Centre was named Braydon Coburn Dr. to commemorate the contribution that NHL hockey player Braydon Coburn has had to our town.
- c) Outdoor Rink The Braydon Coburn
  Outdoor rink was erected by volunteers in
  February of 2015. It is a popular site for

outdoor hockey enthusiasts and you can find children at the rink at any time of day or night and even in summer.



#### d) Crescent Point Wickenheiser

BRAYDON COBURN DR

Centre - After almost 15 years of hard work, the CPWC was officially opened in July of 2011. The centre includes an NHL sized skating rink, four sheet curling rink, meeting and multipurpose rooms, lounge and concession. The Centre has been named in honor of Hayley Wickenheiser, who is said to be one

of the greatest female hockey players of all time.

The CPWC is available in the off-season for programs and rentals. Most weeks throughout the summer are booked well in advance for a variety of activities.





e) Perk up our Parks – Perk up our Parks is a group of individuals in the community that are raising funds to make improvements to our town parks. They formed their group in 2013 and their first project is to build an amphitheatre in Memorial Park. The amphitheatre is expected to be completed in 2016. Once that project is completed, they will turn their attention to the Splash Park.





Sign Corridor – A sign f) corridor runs along the west side of town between town lots and Highway # 37. Permits to erect signs must be received from the Town Office. Revenue from these signs is collected by the Town of Shaunavon. All new signs that are erected are required to be 8' x 12' and mounted on treated posts. Additional signs north of Shaunavon are on private property which the Town rents from the land owner. These signs are under the same guidelines.





g) Sidewalk improvement project - Residents who wish their sidewalk repaired are requested to make application to the Town. When approved, the Town will pay for fifty percent of the cost of the construction of new sidewalks. The sidewalk repair application form is available on the Town website under Permits/Policies/Licences/Applications. Many sidewalks in the Town require repair. This initiative provides incentive for the sidewalks to be repaired in an orderly and fair manner.





## 6.8 Seasonal Staff



Seasonal staff are hired to work from May to August in the following departments: Parks Department, Public Works Department, Swimming Pool and Summer Recreation and the Grand Coteau Heritage and Cultural Centre.





## 6.9 Brown Space Development

To date, we do not have any brown space development sites. However, the old "Texaco gas station" lot on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and 2<sup>nd</sup> St. W., and the lot beside the Shaunavon Standard have been identified as potential sites for brown space development.

# 6.10 Surrounding Rural Municipalities

The Town of Shaunavon cooperates well with surrounding rural municipalities in the areas of health care facilities, firefighting, recreational facilities, and other community ventures.

Located in these rural municipalities are recreational facilities such as:

a) Rock Creek Golf course – This lovely 9-hole grassed green, golf course is irrigated and located 2.5 kms west of Shaunavon. A licensed club house and pro shop round out the golfer's experience.



b) Pine Cree Park -A small natural

environment park located in the Cypress Hills between Shaunavon and Eastend. It has 27 non-serviced tree sites that include a picnic table, tube campfire pit, garbage can and tent/trailer pad. Many camping sites are private and situated along the headwaters of Swift Current Creek. Several large sites enable group camping with camp kitchens. The unique natural setting features old time quiet starry nights, watchable wildlife, wildflowers galore, fishing, hiking, and camping the way it used to be!







#### c) Community Trout Pond -

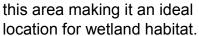
Northwest of the community you will find a small trout pond owned and managed by the Shaunavon Wildlife Federation. The aerated pond is stocked yearly with trout and provides a place for year round fishing. A cook shack is available for picnics.





In 2015, the group constructed a suspended boardwalk around a portion of the perimeter of the pond protecting the bank of the pond and making it more enjoyable to fishing experience year round.

**d)** Shaunavon Wetlands Project - This project is sponsored by Ducks Unlimited Canada and is aimed at preserving the wildlife habitat of this low lying area. Several times a year the Shaunavon lagoon is discharged into





e) The Goose Nesting Project adjacent to the Shaunavon lagoon is sponsored by Shaunavon Wildlife Federation. Eleven nesting habitats have been erected. Each spring fresh straw is placed in the nests and the geese enjoy a safe place to hatch their offspring.







# 7 FLORAL DESIGNS

## 7.1 Flower Beds



Four community flower beds were professionally redesigned in 2015, by Jacqueline White of Shaunavon Florist and Garden Centre. The flowerbeds include a mix of native grasses, perennials, shrubs, and annuals. Mulch was used to conserve water and reduce the amount of weeding required. The results have been low maintenance and are stunning.









### 7.2 Containers

The Shaunavon Chamber of Commerce use a large number of purple containers, which have been donated by Ranch House Meat Company Inc. and Mark Anderson, for flower pots. Flowers for these containers were graciously donated by "Shaunavon Florist and Garden Centre" and planted by Chamber of Commerce members. When completed, they are placed in front of chamber member businesses throughout the town.









## 7.3 Baskets

Twenty two beautiful hanging baskets adorn the lamp posts on Centre Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Shaunavon Florist and Garden Centre grow the planters in their greenhouses under contract, and when the weather is free from frost, the Public Works Department secures the baskets on the lamp posts where we enjoy them all summer long.

# 7.4 Flower Boxes

The sidewalks and flower beds at the Shaunavon Town Office were redesigned with a fresh look in 2015. Now, two park benches and four beautiful flower boxes adorn the sidewalk leading to the Town offices.











Additional flower boxes are strategically placed throughout the community for all to enjoy. One such placement is on the busy corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Centre Street. Another is a large round box container at the four way stop on Centre Street.

In the summer of 2015, the Stark and Marsh accounting firm built a flower box at the Welcome to Shaunavon sign as part of their "Go Green" initiative, which is part of the company's commitment to be a good corporate citizen for the environment.



## 7.5 Private Businesses Flowers

Each private business is unique in displaying their own creativity in their summer flower displays. Some

businesses are attempting winter flower displays but our harsh winter winds make this an extra challenge.















### 7.6 Raised Flower Beds

a) Garden Site at the Shaunavon Hospital and Care Centre – This beautiful garden is located just outside the dining area of long term care. It is 3,300 square feet of garden space that was redeveloped in 2015 and can be accessed by residents, staff and visitors. Raised flower beds can be easily accessed and enjoyed from the pathways that are wheelchair accessible. Underground sprinklers have been installed for watering. Patio furniture has been purchased for casual seating under the sun shelter. This area will definitely be an ideal place for patients, residents. visitors and family members to gather for outdoor activities. This redevelopment project was spearheaded by the Shaunavon Wildlife Federation with assistance of the following partners: Shaunavon Hospital Auxiliary, Cypress Health Region, Shaunavon Hospital and Care Centre, Shaunavon Royal Bank, Shaunavon Coop, Shaunavon Florist and Garden Centre, South West Terminal, Josh Frederick, Leaf and Powder Enterprises, White Rock Trucking, Westland Concrete, assistance from Illerbrun family.









b) Raised garden beds at the Shaunavon Housing Authority – The Villa - Residents of The Villa can sign up for use of one of the four raised garden plots for a season. They are very popular and sometimes there is even a waiting list for use.





# 7.7 Butterfly Project

Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students from Shaunavon Public School study Painted Lady butterflies. The butterflies arrive from Beaumont, Alberta

by mail in the larva stage. Within days of arrival each caterpillar forms a chrysalis and hangs inside a mesh flight cage. Through literature, videos, pictures, crafts and songs the children learn about the butterfly life cycle.

Approximately 7 to 10 days after forming the chrysalis, butterflies emerge. Each student gets to observe and interact with the adult butterflies in the flight cage by allowing them to land on a finger which has been dipped in sugar



water. The class is full of smiles as they release the butterflies and watch them take flight in the flower gardens of Mike and Dianne Greenlay.

## 7.8 Garden Club - Shaunavon Public School

The Shaunavon Public School Garden Club began with a grant to develop an outdoor classroom on the school grounds. The grant was received from the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) which is under the umbrella of the Energy in Action group. Benches, trees, trickle hoses for water and perennial flower beds were developed with the goal of bringing environment back to the children.



Two teachers lead the current Garden Club. Students from the primary grades (K to 7), meet with teachers twice a week over the lunch hour in the spring and fall months. Students learn about annual and perennial plants, root structures, reproduction of plants, weeds etc. Then they put their learning to practice working in the flowerbeds. The outdoor classroom is a lovely addition to the

school grounds.

A new initiative of the Garden Club was to obtain 220 sand cherry trees from Shand Greenhouse for distribution to each school student and staff in the spring of 2016. We will soon be enjoying these trees as they grow in and around the community.



## 7.9 Residential Gardens

Numerous private gardens enhance the community. The residents of Shaunavon are fortunate to be able to purchase their beautiful plants and garden supplies, and obtain professional advice locally at the Shaunavon Florist and Garden Centre. The greenhouse has had several owners over the years, but 2016 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the greenhouse providing beautification to the residents of Shaunavon and area.

















# 8 FUTURE COMMUNITY GOALS

- Curbs and pea gravel around playground equipment in Avondale Park
- Bandstand in Memorial Park
- Garden tour
- Brownfield restorations Pocket park for empty lot by the Shaunavon Standard, old Texaco lot
- Graffiti prevention and eradication program/bylaw
- Graffiti erasing kits
- Community garden plots
- Plaques recognizing involvement in CIB
- Welcome sign at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance
- Sign for Avondale Park
- Sign for Memorial Park
- Garbage cans (more) at public spaces
- Updating 'Shaunavon Community Profile' through SEDA and Affinity Credit Union partners
- Dog park
- Splash park
- Walking trail in Avondale Park
- Climbing wall Jubilee Park (pool area)
- Maintain the new trees recently planted and insert replacement trees as needed



# **APPENDIX**

### 1. CiB Promotion

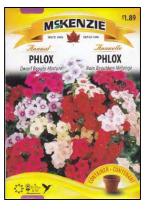
Newspaper articles

Float for Boomtown Parade



Business cards and seeds in Welcome Committee packages.







Regional CiB Workshop – held in Shaunavon March 21, 2015



Facebook page - provides communication for meeting dates and work bee days as well as a venue to thank volunteers who participate in events.

#### 2. Business Services

Visit the Town of Shaunavon Website to see information on the following:

- Business directory
- Chamber of Commerce
- Economic development
- Small business loans

### 3. Residential Services

Visit the Town of Shaunavon Website to see information on the following:

- Health
- EMO Sonja Lidfors, Coordinator
- Education
- Places of worship
- Clubs and organizations
- Transportation
- Not for profit organizations

#### 4 Recreational Facilities

Visit the Town of Shaunavon Website to see information on the following:

- Wellness and leisure
- Recreational events and schedules
- Parks and facilities

Visit Shaunavon Recreation on Facebook to find all the updates on recreational activities.

