



2025 Community Profile



Town of Eston

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Welcome! Eston Communities in Bloom is pleased to introduce you to us and to our community.



General Information <http://www.eston.ca/>

Community: **Town of Eston** Population: **978**

Total area of Community: **Approximately 320 acres**

Percentage of Community budget dedicated to parks: **2%**

Percentage of Community land consisting of municipal parks/green spaces: **13%**

The Town of Eston is in the heart of West Central Saskatchewan at the junction of Highways 44 and 30, within the boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Snipe Lake. Located approximately 15 miles north of the South Saskatchewan River and 20 miles south of Highway 7, Eston is an oil-rich, prime agricultural land area, with first-rate opportunities for both hunting and fishing. Along the river south of town is The Eston Riverside Regional Park, where you will find a nine-hole golf course with grass greens, camping areas and private cabins, a swimming pool and a recreation hall. The Lancer Ferry, which crosses the South Saskatchewan River, is located a short distance to the west.

The small-town business district offers services that include a drug store, a grocery store with liquor vendor, two motels, a B & B, restaurants, gift shop, service station/card lock, bank and credit union, a dumping station, tire shop, farm implement dealership and other businesses serving the local agricultural and oil and gas industry. Employment opportunities are available in the oil and gas industry, agriculture, health care, education and the trades, as well as various other small businesses.

The town has a local Health Centre with a regular rotation of Locums provided by the Health District. The health centre offers lab services and long-term care services. Other local health services available include massage therapy, chiropractic services and physiotherapy.

Eston has its own local RCMP detachment, with one member residing in the community.

The Wheatland Regional Library on Main Street has a large selection of books, magazines and other materials and provides free internet service. It regularly offers children and youth programming such as story time and craft times. Eston is linked to a province-wide network for the borrowing of books and other library materials. The local genealogical society has a small library within the main library. Copies of the local newspaper are available on microfilm from 1917 to the present. In recent years the library has offered space for a "Little Pantry". While it is not intended as an actual Food Bank, this locally filled pantry helps provide people with emergency staples and food items.

The Eston Sports Grounds holds several athletic areas. The AGT Community Centre is a large multi-use recreation and convention centre that provides year-round recreational opportunities including

hockey, bowling, curling, skating, pickleball and the Larry Thome Fitness Centre. The Eston Lions/Brummond and Associates Swimming Pool runs June through August with swimming lessons, public swimming, lane swims and water aerobics. Reaburn Field, with bleachers and scoreboard, hosts senior ball. There are several minor ball fields which have undergone upgrades or been newly built in 2024 and 2025 and a batting cage is available for use. Soccer is offered every fall, with the playing field set up in the grass area between ball fields. Bull-riding fencing is set up to the west of the community centre and the local Rodeo committee hosts a “Bull Bash” every June as a kick-off to summer.

Eston offers camping space at a campground adjacent to the community complex.

Two community parks, Jamieson Park and Henry Hamilton Park provide green space. Jamieson Park includes a walking path around the water feature and a Disc Golf setup. Henry Hamilton Park has a playground area and pathways crossing throughout the park.

In the Arts area, Eston has a private dance school as well as private instructional offerings for piano, instrumental and voice lessons. A local artist has begun offering various art classes for all age groups. As well as the arts and sports, there is an active 4H Club for youth and various other after-school offerings throughout the year.

The local Wheatland Centre provides a facility and a varied program of activities for those over 50 years of age as well as being available for rent for various community and private functions.

Eston has three official municipal heritage buildings – Lovedale School (on PWHC property), the Evan’s House (Prairie West Historical Centre) and the old Town Office. In addition to preserving artefacts illustrating the area's past, the museum is also building up a collection of archival material pertaining to the area. Throughout the year the museum hosts Art exhibits, luncheons, school tours and activities and summer programming for youth.

There is one school in town, Eston Composite - a K-12 school with approximately 240 students.

There are four active churches: Eston Full Gospel Church, Holy Cross Anglican Church, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, and St. Andrews United Church.

There is an airport in town with two paved runways; #11 is .92308 km long while #16 is 0.6 km long.

Annual events in Eston include Ladies Night Out in April; a spring Sportsman Dinner fundraiser for Eston Recreation, the June Eston Summer Kick-off, Bull-a-Rama and Children’s carnival; Canada Day events at the Museum include beef-on-a-bun lunch, a Car Show, and outdoor musical entertainment by local and visiting ex-pats. Church fall suppers are held annually, the Arts Council hosts *Bizarre Bazaar*, a large craft show in November, *Christmas in November*, a museum fundraiser, includes an evening of dinner, fashion show and silent auction. There are many more events throughout the year, including farmers markets and craft shows, ball, soccer, golf, curling, hockey and dance recitals.

Eston is proud of its great volunteers – a proactive, committed, and varied group of people to whom we owe so much for all of the offerings in Eston. The community has an assortment of service and social clubs including two Lions Clubs (which boast the largest Lions’ memberships in Saskatchewan), Eston Legion, the Prairie West Historical Society, the Eston Arts Council, Music Festival Committee, Dr. Stewart Holmes Scholarship Committee, and the Communities in Bloom Group.



New Projects in the last 12 months (Fall 2024 – Summer 2025)

- **New** sidewalk in front of the Health Centre/Lodge (Fall 2024)
- **Sports grounds cleanup and Added Mulch** around all of the new trees (August/24)
- **Back Alley rejuvenation** – levelling, grating, adding concrete ash to alleyways – begun in fall of 2024; ongoing
- **Repainting corner street curbing** (2025)
- **School Community Council Green Project** (Community funded) – completed seeding of grass area and completion of water lines (summer of 24); project is ongoing.
- **Eston Sportsground Ball Diamonds upgrading continues**; new diamonds built, concrete pads poured for dugouts, shale laid. (2025) Project is ongoing.
- **Additional trees** planted (fall of 2024)
- **CiB Best Garden Display** (2025)
- **Fairgrounds Improvements**
 - Concrete has been poured for the dugouts.
 - Materials are on hand for a volunteer-led build.
 - Mesh will soon be installed on the backstops.
- **Crack Sealing**
 - A crack sealer has been purchased and will be used to extend the life of municipal pavement surfaces.
- **Park Maintenance**
 - Benches and tables have been reinstalled after being removed due to ground sinking.

- **Sidewalk Expansion**
 - A \$39,000 grant was received to install a sidewalk from Main Street to connect with the existing school sidewalk on the south side. The project has been tendered.
- **New Recreation Programming – Gymnastics**
 - Equipment has been purchased and a local instructor secured to launch a gymnastics program.
- **New Joint Website**
 - The Town of Eston and RM of Snipe Lake have launched a combined website to better reflect our shared services. Unique information for each municipality is available in clearly designated sections. [Eston - Snipe Lake](#)
- **Arborist**
 - We now have a local arborist who we can call upon when required.
- **Daycare**
 - The Economic Development Committee was instrumental in gaining information and grants for the creation of the Nurture & Grow Childcare Cooperative. They are hoping to open in the Fall of this year. This is now being looked after by their own board.
- **Pop up Food Vendors**
 - Our community has food vendors in town who attend events and have “pop up” sites where people can order food.
- **Bylaw Officer**
 - Eston has hired the Commissionaires as our Bylaw Officer. They do a town patrol every two weeks and report any contraventions of bylaws including overgrown or nuisance properties.

About Eston Communities in Bloom

Eston CiB is a small, hard-working group of people who volunteer their time to help beautify the town and by extension, encourage community pride. The Town of Eston supports the local Communities in Bloom by way of an annual \$2500.00 grant along with occasional small donations from businesses or service groups. The Town crew and Parks and Recreation summer works department give regular support to CiB via watering in their regular summer work schedule as well as other manpower help when time and resources allow. The R.M. of Snipe Lake has given manpower support when needed for various stages of development in our CiB projects.

Current CiB Committee members are: Leslie Kraft, Doreen Reaburn, Val Mohan, Loreen Buskell, Edna Williams, Ellen Owens and Nicole Janzen.

Members at Large: Veronica Ryland, Shari Collinge and Natalie Massey

History of Eston Communities in Bloom

The formation of Eston Communities in Bloom (CiB) was initiated by the Town in 2000. A small group of like-minded people got together, and with a grant from the town, began the first Eston Communities in Bloom Committee. (Original Committee members: Loralie Sturgess, Fay Krenz, Val Mohan, Doreen Reaburn, Jane Cook, Ruth Miller, Mavis Mulder, Lori Ries and Celeste Jackson; Town Rep: Lynda Hunter) The goal was to focus CiB as an ongoing “community project” that would earn our community a good rating in the annual provincial judging and more importantly, encourage increased civic pride and a more esthetically pleasing community.

Eston CIB’s first year concentrated on the business section, promoting CiB and fundraising to purchase oak barrel planters that we filled with flowers and placed along Railway Avenue and Main Street. (These are our *Blooming Barrels* that you still see in various forms on Main Street today.) We also held several community “clean-up” days. We received 1 Bloom that year.

Since the first year of inception, we have taken on many different projects and hosted various events to try and involve residents. A few events we have held include:

- Pumpkin, tomato and flower growing contests and craft projects for children
- July 1st Container Garden contests
- Garden Party Tea with guest speaker and slide show
- Boulevard tree-pruning days
- Perennial Flower Bed Workshop
- Hosting tables at the town events such as “*Welcome to Eston*” events, the local *Trade Show*, and various “*Volunteer*” nights
- July 1st Parade Float entries

- “Best yard”, “Best Floral”, “Best Public Space”, “Best Commercial”, “Best Group of Homes”, “Best Senior Gardener” awards
- Organizing Community Cleanups, including a few in conjunction with Pitch-In Canada. Students from Eston Composite School took part and CiB sponsored the hotdog lunch afterwards. (Cleanup pics from April 2022)




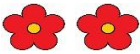



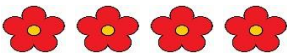
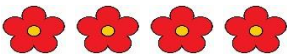
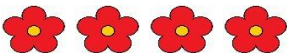








- Spring tree pruning workshop, with sponsorship from SPRA (most recently June 2023)



Over the years residents and business owners have joined us in promoting the Communities in Bloom banner as they have witnessed firsthand the positive benefits to our community. Our committee has promoted CiB and shared information by way of “Door hangers” (which one year were distributed by volunteers from the local Bible College), Informational leaflets and flyers via Canada Post, Media coverage, Town webpage, and in recent ears via social media.

“Communities in Bloom - People, Plants and Pride... growing together”

Provincial Bloom Ratings to Date

2000		Special Mention: Community Involvement
2001		Special Mention: Environmental Effort
2002		Special Mention: Community Involvement
2003		Special Mention: Community Involvement
2004		Special Mention: Community Involvement
2005		Special Mention: Tidiness
2006		Special Mention: Community involvement
2007		Special Mention: Cemetery Bridge and Gazebo
2008		Special Mention: Initiation of Community Support
2009		Special Mention: Co-operation between Town & RM
2010		Special Mention: Community Development
2011		Special Mention: Floral Displays and Documentation PROVINCIAL WINNER
2012		Special Mention: CiB Binder Book
2013		Special Mention: Community Profile Book and Community Pride
2014		Special Mention: Floral Displays and Community Involvement PROVINCIAL WINNER
2015		Special Mention: Enthusiasm and Community Involvement PROVINCIAL WINNER

2016		Special Mention: Community Profile Book and Centennial Park PROVINCIAL WINNER
2017		Special Mention: Enthusiastic CiB Committee – 18 Years and Going Strong! PROVINCIAL WINNER
2018		Special Mention: Fortitude of the CiB Committee (stamina, determination, endurance, credibility and passion) PROVINCIAL WINNER
2019		Special Mention: Twenty Years of Communities in Bloom in Eston – Recognized by the Government of Saskatchewan
2020	COVID 19 YEAR	Winner of the CiB Floral Displays via Photo submission
2021		Special Mention: Floral Displays – the integration, maintenance and survival in drought conditions.
2022		Special Mention: Environmental Action
2023		Special Mention: Beautiful and diverse floral Displays
2024		Special Mention: Water conservation in the Ball Diamonds Project

Local Yard Judging Results (discontinued in 2016)

2000 - Best Yard - Jill Thome

Best Floral: Connie Koester

Best Commercial: Eston Sheet Metal

Best Public: Prairie West Historical Museum

Best Group: Gatenby Group: Cliff and Margaret Olorenshaw, Don and Lee Harbicht, Wayne and Eva Wilberger

2001 - Best Yard - Larry and Jill Thome

Best Floral: Tie – Bonnie McQuat and Louvaine Johnston

Best Commercial: Proudlove's Pharmacy

Best Public: Eston Composite School

Best Group: Gatenby Group (Earl and Audrey Pederson, Cliff and Margaret Olorenshaw, Don and Lee Harbicht, Wayne and Eva Wilberger

2003 - Best Yard - Louvaine and Lorne Johnston

Best Floral: Bonnie McQuat

Best Commercial: Proudlove's Pharmacy

Best Public: Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Best Group: Gatenby Group (Earl and Audrey Pederson, Cliff and Margaret Olorenshaw, Don and Lee Harbicht, Wayne and Eva Wilberger, Garnet and Edna Keeler

2004 - Best Yard - Brenda and Cory Knops

Best Floral: Bonnie McQuat

Best Commercial: Andrea's 3R's

Best Public: Eston Composite School

Best Group: Judy and Adrian Pelechaty, Lorne and Louvaine Johnston, Pat and Stan Johnston, Shannon King

2005 – Best Yard - Brian and Leslie Kraft

Best Floral: Gladys Andrew

Commercial: Town Office

Best Public: Prairie West Historical Museum

Best Group: Sandra and Alex Robertson, Glenn and Pat Byrnes, Ted and Connie Koester, Bill and Sandra Owens

2006 - Best Yard - Shannon and Darryl Elaschuk

Best Floral: Loralie and Jim Sturgess

Best Commercial: Westview Apartments

Best Public: Eston Composite School

Best Group: Gatenby Group (Earl and Audrey Pederson, Cliff and Margaret Olorenshaw, Don and Lee Herbicht, Wayne and Eva Wilberger, Garnet and Edna Keeler

2007 - Best Yard - Jill Thome

Best Floral: Coral Dale and Rita Johnson

Best Commercial: Reed's Greenhouse

Best Public: Eston School

Best Group: Gatenby Group (Earl and Audrey Pederson, Cliff and Margaret Olorenshaw, Don and Lee Herbicht, Wayne and Eva Wilberger, Garnet and Edna Keeler

2008 - Best Yard: Cory and Brenda Knops

Best Floral: Jill Thome

Best Commercial: A Clip A-Head

Best Public: Eston School

Best Group: Gatenby Group (Earl and Audrey Pederson, Cliff and Margaret Olorenshaw, Don and Lee Herbicht, Wayne and Eva Wilberger, Garnet and Edna Keeler

2009 - Best Yard -

Best Floral:

Best Commercial: Town of Eston

Best Public: Prairie West Historical Museum

Best Group: Brian and Leslie Kraft, Roger and Karen McLean, Gary and Lois Johnson

Best Xeroscape: Barb Derbowka

2010 - Best Yard - Glenn and Pat Byrnes

Best Floral: Bonnie McQuat

Best Commercial: Accounting office and Pet Grooming office building

Best Public: Eston Composite School

Best Xeroscape: Catholic Church

2011 Best Yard - Helen and Ray Steele

Best Floral: Bonnie McQuat

Best Commercial: Nics and Cuts

Best Public: Andrea's View

Best Xeroscape: Communities in Bloom *Serenity Garden*

Best Innovation Recognition: Pat and Glenn Byrnes

2012 – not applicable

2013 – not applicable

2014 – Best Yard - Cliff and Margaret Olorenshaw

Best Floral: Tie – Maureen and Glenn Hartsook and Louvaine and Lorne Johnston

Best Commercial: The Pit Stop

Best Public: Communities in Bloom Pocket Garden beside United Church

Senior Gardener – Anne Fink

2015 Best Yard - George and Bonnie Krenz

Best Floral: Maureen and Glenn Hartsook

Best Commercial: Tie: The Pit Stop and Tru Hardware Greenhouse

Best Public: Holy Cross Anglican Church (landscaping) and Eston Legion (floral)

Best Group: Elden and Marj Croshaw, Ward and Sandy King, Jesse and Robin Houston

Senior Gardener Recognition: Jean Hughes

Best Innovation Recognition: Glenn and Pat Byrnes

2016 – not applicable

2017 - not applicable

2018 – not applicable

2019 – not applicable

2020 – not applicable (COVID-19 year)

2021 – **Miracle Gro / Communities in Bloom BEST GARDEN SELECTION**

- Marion King, Christine Code, Sandy Hodgins, Casey Stevenson

2022 – not applicable

2023 – not applicable

2024 – not applicable

2025 – **Scotts Miracle Gro / Communities in Bloom BEST GARDEN SELECTION**

- Margaret Olorenshaw, Donna Beaudry Code, Lorie Hallet Poulter, Town of Eston Office, Prosperity Credit Union, Nancy Stevenson, Helena Giesbrecht

Provincial Judging Information by Category

Community Appearance (Reflects an overall effort by the municipality, businesses, institutions, and the residents throughout the community to create great first impressions and a sense that there is continuous attention and upkeep to critical elements of a community that benefit quality of life and economic vitality. Elements for evaluation are parks and green spaces, medians, boulevards, sidewalks, streets; municipal, commercial, institutional, and residential properties; ditches, road shoulders, vacant lots, signs and buildings; weed control, litter clean-up (including cigarette butts and gum), graffiti prevention/removal and vandalism deterrent programs.)



- Upgrades to & build of new ball diamonds (2024 and 2025)
- CiB hosted the Scotts Best Garden Contest (2025)
- Newly refurbished ball scoreboard (2024)
- New trees added to the sports grounds and other areas around town (2024)
- Street Corner curbs were repainted (2025)

- **CiB initiated project to clean up unsightly area to the west of the Town gopher (on Railway Ave). Work done by the RM Of Snipe Lake. (June 2024)**
 - **New Banner brackets and new banners to Railway Avenue and Main Street (May 2024)**
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- **New Christmas Decorations/Lights (December 2022/January 2023) - purchased by the Town and displayed on Main Street**
 - **CiB Christmas Display at Gopher (Dec 2022/Jan 2023) - mini-Christmas trees were lit up and displayed in the planters at the Gopher**
 - **Town Initiated aggressive Back Alley Cleanup (May 2023)**
 - **New Compost Collection (May 2023)**
 - **Freshly painted and refurbished grandstand seating at Reaburn Field (May 2023)**
 - **Freshly Painted bleachers at the Minor Ball Field (May 2023)**
 - **New Weed control Policy (2022)**
 - **New Mainstreet garbage bins (boxes) (2022)**
 - **Monthly Town newsletter (Gopher Bites) – available on the Town Webpage, Facebook Page and via paper (included in water bills)**
 - **The Town has a “Nuisance Abatement” Bylaw 2022-01, a copy is available upon request at the Town Office**
 - **400 New trees planted around various town parks and sports grounds (2022) and additional trees have been planted every year since.**
 - **Removal of dead or damaged trees from Henry Hamilton Park (2022)**
 - **Repair of Henry Hamilton Park sprinkler system (2022)**
 - **Added an addition 140 tulip bulbs to town perennial flower beds (2022)**

- **CiB hosted a spring Community Cleanup and hotdog lunch** with residents and the local K-12 students and staff taking part **(2022)**
- **The local library offers a Seed Exchange** for local gardeners, as well as a newly setup **“The Little Free Pantry”**, a self-service food pantry for those in need. **(2022)**
- **Created a small Fairy Garden in the small empty corner of a Mainstreet lot (2020)**
- **CiB hosted a “Pitch-in Canada” community cleanup and a barbeque lunch (April 2019)** for all Eston Composite School students and local residents who took part in the cleanup week
- The Town purchased and placed a new **“Town Map” on highway** (2018)
- **CiB purchased New Banners** for Main Street light posts (May 2018)
- **New “CiB Project” signs** were posted in mini-parks/pocket gardens (2018)
- **Town Directory Signs** were erected by the Town (November 2017)
- **Improvements and upgrades** to both Reaburn Field and the Minor Baseball Diamonds in preparation for the Provincial Mosquito Ball Tournament (May/June 2018)
- (Spring 2018) Town and local businesses sponsored a **Pumpkin Growing contest** for students in grades 1-5; Free seeds were handed out in spring; judging took in the fall at the town’s *Fall Festival* and winners were awarded prizes.
- **New sponsorship and appropriate signage were added** to several town recreation areas in the fall and winter of 2017/2018 to AGT Community Complex, Eston Lions Pool (with Brummund Acct), Reaburn Field (with Crescent Point Energy) and the minor ball diamonds (courtesy of Eston Sheet Metal)
- **New paint and repairs done to the ‘Outdoor’ rink surface** by parent volunteers in June and July 2018. This surface is used by youth in the summer months for skateboarding.
- **Underground drip lines** were installed around the trees in the Urban Orchard (Summer of 2017)

- **Jamieson Park** – CiB added an archway to the walking path entry
- the Eston Lions Club **replaced the wooden fence** at the local swimming pool (2016)
- **Cigarette station** at the community complex has been moved further away from the doorway (2016)
- **Ongoing Community Cleanup** – individual volunteers and groups – Local Walkers pick up garbage, bottles, etc. as they are out on daily walks; CiB group has regular cleanup nights; the school staff and students do an annual spring community cleanup
- **Caring Hands**, a volunteer group of Health Centre staff, looks after the grounds of the Health Centre and does projects to beautify the inside of the building as well
- In addition to regular garbage and recycle pickup, the Town of Eston offers **Spring and fall back-alley pickup** for yard refuse and regular monitoring of the Town Landfill site
- Town **policy is to cover or remove graffiti** when it appears.
- The Town has a **Community Appearance Policy** to promote individual and business tidiness
- **Streets – repaired regularly**; some newly paved streets and with long-term plans including replacement of others
- **Boulevard Policy P2021-04** see in pages to follow

ESTON'S MOST WANTED WEEDS

KNAPWEED; DIFFUSE, SPOTTED, SQUARROSE

Prohibited - shall be eradicated immediately

IMPACT: Chokes out other vegetation; avoided by grazing animals



ABSINTHE

Noxious - shall be eradicated, contained and controlled

IMPACT: Competes with other vegetation; taints hay (not palatable to livestock)

BABY'S BREATH

Noxious - shall be eradicated, contained and controlled

IMPACT: Crowds out other vegetation



FIELD BINDWEED

Noxious - shall be eradicated, contained and controlled

IMPACT: Chokes out other vegetation; makes harvesting crops and forages difficult

SCENTLESS CHAMOMILE

Noxious - shall be eradicated, contained and controlled

IMPACT: Chokes out desired vegetation; seed viable when flowering



KOCHIA

Noxious - shall be eradicated, contained and controlled

IMPACT: Competitor for light, nutrients, and soil moisture, and can reduce crop yield. The plant is toxic and can cause kidney and liver failure in animals that eat large quantities

ROUND LEAF MALLOW

Noxious - shall be eradicated, contained and controlled

IMPACT: Is very competitive and can spread quickly by seed



COMMON TANSY

Noxious - shall be eradicated, contained and controlled

IMPACT: Chokes out other vegetation; although generally avoided by livestock, if consumed, it can have toxic effects.

CANADA THISTLE

Noxious - shall be eradicated, contained and controlled

IMPACT: Form thick infestations that crowd out forage grasses in pastures, reduce crop yields and production



NUISANCE WEEDS -

Foxtail Barley, Dandelion, Meadow Goat's Beard, Blue Lettuce, Poverty Weed, Quack Grass, Russian Thistle

As part of The Weed Control Act a weed inspector shall investigate and take any measures that the weed inspector considers necessary. A weed inspector may enter land and premises, other than a private dwelling, for the purpose of performing the duties and exercising the powers contained in The Weed Control Act

If you have any questions or need help identifying a certain weed please contact our Bylaw Officer Cary at: 962-7315



APPENDIX A

P2021-04 – Boulevard Policy

Planting Guidelines for Boulevards Trees and Shrubs

1. All vegetation should be 30' (9 meters) away from intersections to provide line of sight for vehicles and pedestrians. Trees should be planted in accordance with minimum distance between trees, small trees 20 ft (6 meters), medium 30 ft (9 meters) and large trees 40 ft (12 meters) from the closest tree.
2. Trees should be planted a minimum of 10' (3 meters) from fire hydrants, street signs, and street lights.
3. Trees should be planted a minimum of 5' (1.5 meters) away from driveways or other concrete structures.
4. Trees should be set back at least 18" (.5 meters) from curb and sidewalk to avoid obstructing pedestrians and car doors as the tree matures.
5. Shrubs shall be of a species that does not grow above 3' (1 meter) in height at maturity to maintain good lines of sights for vehicles and pedestrians.
6. Only small growing species may be planted under overhead lines.

Tree Type	Cultivar	Height (meters)	Width (meters)	Spacing	Lifespan (years)	Recommend
Poplar	Assiniboia	16	5	3	60	Yes, excellent
	Northwest	15	10	5	60	No – too large branches
	Tower	10	1	2	60	Excellent
	Prairie Sky	10	3	6	60	Excellent
Elm	American	21	12	10	200	Good, but disease
	Discovery	10	8	10	200	Excellent, compact, resistant
Ash	Green ash	12	9	10	200	Good
	Fall Gold Black Ash	10	5	8	200	Yes, excellent
Birch	Weeping	12	7.5	15	50	No, high maintenance
Spruce	Colorado	15	5	15	100	Yes, not on corners
	White	15	5	15	100	Yes, not on corners
Pine	Scots	12	6	10	100	Excellent
Willow	Silver	15	15	30	80	Too big on boulevard
	Golden	9	6	10	60	Good, gold stems in winter
	Prairie Cascade	9	9	10	30	Good, gold stems in winter
	Laural Leaf	10	10	15	60	Excellent
Linden	Little leaf	12	9	10	150	Excellent

GOPHER BITES



Town of Eston Newsletter

HOCKEY REGISTRATION

Registration opens July 2, Early Bird Deadline August 1. Registration closes August 15.

Early Bird Rates if paid by August 1
Preinitiation - \$205 early bird/\$255
CanSkate - \$205/\$255
U7 & U9 - \$480/\$530
U13, U15 & U18 - \$530/\$580



We have a new registration platform - RAMP - the link to register is below.

Register: <http://TownofEstonRecreationHockey.rampregistrations.com>

RAMP allows communication between players, managers, and coaches throughout the season. You will be better informed about any schedule changes or announcements for your team.

New this year - Respect in Sports Course is required for one guardian per household and all team staff.

August Swimming Lessons

August 5-14 (Tue-Thu/Mon-Thu)

Parent & Tots & PreSchool 1-5 - \$35; Swimmer 1-6 - \$55;
Rookie/Ranger/Star - \$60.

Registration deadline July 25. Register at the Town Office



Home Improvements

Are you planning home or yard improvements? Always be sure you are working with a reputable contractor. Things to be mindful of for your build and your contractor:

- Do you need a permit
- Check references for your contractor
- Do they have proper certification
- Do they have insurance
- Do out of town contractors have a business license



Clarification on Tax Information Sheet

We would like to provide clarification on the Tax Information document that was sent out with this year's tax notices, following a great question we received.

You may notice several deficits listed. For departments that are jointly funded with the RM of Snipe Lake, No. 259, these costs are shared 50/50 at year-end.

The Municipality operates primarily with revenue from two main sources: Provincial Revenue Sharing & Property Taxes.

We appreciate the questions and welcome more--please reach out if you'd like further clarification. Let's keep the conversation going!

Upcoming Events

Every Mon - Adult Exercise Program - 10-11am - AGT Community Centre
Every Wed - Chase the Ace Draw - 7:30pm Wheatland Centre
Every Sat - BBQ - 11am-1pm - Museum Grounds

July 14-18 - Summer Camp - 1-5pm - AGT Community Centre

Tue July 15 - Town Council Meeting - 7pm Town Office

Summer Camps

August 11-14 - 1-5pm - AGT Community Centre

Ages 5-7 and 8-10; \$60

Monday - Sports Day

Tuesday - DIY, Arts & Crafts

Wednesday - Scavenger Hunt/Mythbusters

Thursday - Camp Olympics

Register at the Town Office.

Registration deadline August 1.

Coming Soon... New Website!

You may have noticed our website has been down for a while. We are in the process of building a new one. We are hopeful that this will be finished soon. Thanks for your patience.

Town of Eston Staff



We have had a few staff changes in the last few weeks... Jaxon McIvor has left us after five years of service. He will be missed and we wish him well. Brealynn Trarback has moved from Recreation to Public Works. We have hired Pete Jenks for Recreation/Public Works. Pete comes to us from Consort, AB and has many years of experience in facilities maintenance. If you see him, please welcome him to Eston. Also joining the Public Works team is Alvin Autida. Please give him a wave when you see him. He will brighten anyone's day!

Outdoor Fire Policy



The Town of Eston has established a policy to ensure that outdoor fires in Eston are done with community safety in mind. Outdoor fires are permissible within Town limits. Should conditions become too dry, a fire ban will be put into effect. Outdoor fires must be contained within a non-combustible appliance constructed of material that is at least 16 gauge or 1/16" thick. Wood burning pits should be covered with a heavy metal screen. Width of pit cannot exceed 36".

Class of '78

The Class of '78 turned 65 and had a reunion in Eston recently. In remembrance of lost classmates, Hal Koester, Bruce Klan, Brad Gardiner, Brian Ormsby, Laura Richardson, Faye Cummings, Mike Newell and PJ Matchett, a donation was made to the Little Free Pantry in their names.

NEW MERCH

Come check out the new merch at the Town Office! Snapback, bucket hats, hoodies and golf tees.

Town Office & Library Closed

Monday, August 4 for Saskatchewan Day



Town Office

Mon-Thurs: 9am-12 & 1-5pm; Fri: 10am-12 & 1-5pm

Library

Mon-Tue & Thur: 2-5:30pm; Wed: 2-8pm; Fri: 10-noon & 3-5:30pm

Landfill

Tue: 9am-4pm; Thu: 12-7pm Sat: 9am-4pm

Environmental Action (Environmental action pertains to the impact of human activities on the environment and the subsequent efforts and achievements of the community with respect to: policies, by-laws, programs and best practices for waste reduction and landfill diversion, composting sites, landfill sites, hazardous waste collections, water conservation, energy conservation, and environmental stewardship activities under the guiding principles of sustainable development pertaining to green spaces.)

- **New Trees added** to the sports grounds and other areas around town (2024)
- **Local Arborist contracted by the Town** in October 2023 to trim trees and is available for call when needed
- **No Water Wednesdays** reimplemented (2024)
- **Completion of the Rural 44 Water Pipeline Utility (May 2023)**
- **Composting** – start of a new Compost Drop-off (May 2023)
- **Landfill** (info available at [Landfill - Town of Eston](#))
- **Eston Landfill – major renovation and upgrades** were completed, with **New Policies and Procedures** put in place in the spring of 2022.
- **CiB hosted a “Pitch-in Canada” community cleanup** with Eston Composite School and other local residents taking part (April 2022)
- **Eston Landfill – major renovation and upgrades** were completed, with **New Policies and Procedures** put in place in the spring of 2022
- **400 new trees** were planted in local parks and recreation areas (2022 until present)
- **Monthly Town Newsletter** keeps residents informed of ongoing and new policies
- **Earth Day** – ECS students took part in a Co-op initiated project and decorated over 200 paper grocery bags in honour of Earth Day (April 2019)
- **Co-operative Garden** – A community based Co-operative Garden project had its first year of implementation in 2019
- **CiB held a “Make and Take” Bee House building and information night** in April 2019

- **Community Bulletin Boards** are placed in visible areas of several local businesses (Town Office, DT's Restaurant, Post Office, Credit Union, as well as window and/or counter space for displaying posters in the Bank, Pharmacy and Library)
- The **Town has won an award for being a good steward of waste**, the Waste Minimization Award, hosted by Sask Waste Reduction Council and Sask Power.
- **Recycling and Garbage Pickup** are done on a rotating biweekly basis by the Town with a newly created full time staff position and town owned equipment. (The heavy Loraas truck was taking a toll on the roads).
- **Cigarette station** at the community complex has been moved further away from the doorway (2016)
- **Annual Waste Oil collection** sponsored by local RM's
- **Scrap tire pickup and recycling** sponsored by both the RM of Snipe Lake and the Eston Lions Club
- Local walking groups collect **discarded pop cans and bottles** (donating the money to charitable organizations)
- **Composting location** offered for grass clippings and suitable yard waste adjacent to town shop
- CiB has **mulch for sale** to local residents.
- **Andrea's 3 R's** – local business for gently used goods
- Annual **Community Garage Sale** organized by the volunteer group "Caring Hands"
- **State of the art water treatment/purification system**
- Promotion of the Saskatchewan Watershed **low flush toilet rebate**
- **Use of grey water on green spaces** (surface water to Hanson Lake (at Jamieson Park) including the local school football field

- **The town also uses back-wash water** from the water treatment plant to water the Ball Diamonds (see the Black tanks on the grounds)
- the **water from the Lions Swimming Pool is recycled** – given to various oil companies for use on well sites
- Sewage – there is a **Class One sewage lagoon** with a capacity of 113,000 gallons per day, located east of town.
- **Water** – the Town gets water from the EK water line that receives its' water from wells located close to the South Saskatchewan River. It is treated by chlorination, filtration and flocculation. The water treatment plant has the treating capacity of 200 gallons per minute. The distribution capacity of the pumping unit is adequate to provide a pressure of approximately 40 psi.
- **Desert Planters and hanging baskets** – Communities in Bloom barrels and hanging baskets have water reservoirs for water conservation
- **“Idle free” signs** have been posted on the school building and Recycle Centre parking area for several years

BYLAW NO. 12-2010

A BYLAW of the Town of Eston, in the Province of Saskatchewan, to increase recycling.

THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF ESTON IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. SHORT TITLE

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as Landfill Recycling Bylaw

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of this Bylaw is to eliminate the disposal of recyclable materials in the landfill.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 In this Bylaw:

a) **Recyclable Materials**

Includes all materials that can be deposited or collected for recycling in the Town of Eston and includes, but is not limited to clean cardboard and paper, plastic and glass containers, batteries, tires and electronic equipment.

b) **Scrap Metal**

Includes all metals with the exception of tin cans and propane tanks.

c) **Landfill Supervisor**

Any employee assigned duties or person contracted by the Town of Eston to provide supervision at the landfill.

4. ACCESS TO LANDFILL

- 4.1 Public access to the landfill is not available for any recyclable items as determined by the Town of Eston with the exception of scrap metal.
- 4.2 The Landfill Supervisor shall determine if any material is recyclable and will require that it not be unloaded.
- 4.3 Failure to follow the instructions of the Supervisor or disposing of recyclable materials at the landfill will result in future access of any kind being denied.

5. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

- 5.1 No person shall:

- a) fail to comply with to this Bylaw;
- b) obstruct or interfere with any Landfill Supervisor or any other person acting under the authority of this Bylaw;
- c) fail to comply with any other provision of this Bylaw.

- 5.2 A Landfill Supervisor who has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw may have served on that person a Notice of Violation, which Notice of Violation shall indicate that the Municipality will accept voluntary payment in the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to be paid to the Municipality within thirty days.

Heritage Conservation (Heritage conservation includes efforts to preserve natural and cultural heritage within the community. Preservation of natural heritage pertains to policies, plans and actions concerning all elements of biodiversity including flora and fauna ecosystems and associated geological structures and formations. Cultural conservation refers to the heritage that helps define the community including the legacy of tangible (built/hard assets) elements such as heritage buildings, monuments, memorials, cemeteries, artifacts, museums and intangible elements such as traditions, customs, festivals and celebrations. The participation of groups such as historical societies and conservation groups is considered.)



- CiB inducted into the **Eston Wall of Fame** for their work in the Community (2023/24)
- Check out Prairie West Historical Centre at [Museum - Town of Eston](#)
- back in 2018 the Eston Gopher was reinstated as our local mascot. The gopher logo and the catch phrase “Go-pher it” is being used community planned events and others are encouraged to use it as well. Events often have visits from the community gopher. The Gopher Logo was reintroduced by the Town in 2024
- New **HERITAGE GALLERY** (a wall of fame showcasing local sports, arts, and volunteers over the years) at the local Museum, showcased at the spring 2019 opening of the museum
- the Prairie West Historical Centre has a number of **Heritage Outreach programs** available for grade K-6 students, such as “Pioneer Easter”, “Pioneer Community Life”, “Pioneer School etc. Schools from many communities in the area take advantage of these offerings.
- **Prairie West Historical Centre** – We have an active museum committee that works towards preserving, restoring and educating our community on historical artifacts and buildings.

- Eston has three **buildings designated as historical sites**: Evans House, Lovedale School and the Town Office.
- A local **Genealogical Society** was responsible for publishing the Eston Family History Book
- Businesses purchased and displayed their **building's historical plaques** in an area that is visible to the outside (2016)
- **Museum Wildflower Garden** – has a brass plaque (on the huge rock in the center of the garden) showing historical information
- **Music Festival and Arts Council** – they work to preserve and maintain art and culture in the community (music festivals, art shows, Bazaar Bazaar, etc.)
- **Canada Day** celebrations, **Raspberry Tea**, **Harvest Tea** and **Artist Exhibits** are just a few of the events held at the museum
- **Gallery of Glory** - recognizes the achievements of community members. The Gallery is sponsored by K&S Tire and can be viewed in the Owens & Sweitzer Arena Lobby and on the Concourse.

We currently have the following categories available for the next Gallery of Glory event:

- Athletics
- Scholastic
- Arts
- Innovations
- Public Service

See - [Gallery of Glory - Town of Eston](#)

- **Family Historical records** - two volumes of *Grass to Grains*, books that detail the history of all local families, churches, service groups, etc. in the area, have been published. A reprint and update of the *Grass to Grain* book was done in 2009.
- **Cemetery** is located 1 km north of Eston. Records from 1914 onward are held at the R.M. of Snipe Lake office. There is an on-site burial plot listing in the arbour at the west end.
- **Penkill Pioneer Cemetery and Madison Cemetery** are recorded with the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society
- There are many **marked school sites** in the area: Amdewanda, Bechtel, Centrefield, Guthrie, Isham, Newburg, Penkill (now located at Riverside Park), Prouse, and Snipe Lake
- local ex-pat and philanthropist, Dr. Frederick Mulder, has **donated a Pablo Picasso** print to our local museum
- Veterans names have been added to the **Legion's "Virtual Wall"**
- **2016 marked Eston's Centennial** On July 1st weekend the Town held the main Centennial Celebration. It was a fantastic weekend which brought many ex-pats home to renew acquaintances and visit and share in celebrating Eston's history. Weekend events included *Opening Ceremonies*, with the *opening the of the 75th Anniversary Time Capsule*, a *parade*, resurrection of the *World Gopher Derby*, *ball games*, *pre-booked lunches and dinners*, *tours*, *Musical performances*, a *Cabaret*, *art displays at the museum*, and *lots of visiting ...*
 - EPIC (Eston Players in Concert) performed a play, written by a local resident, about the history of Eston
 - The history of Eston was also on display in many downtown store fronts – windows were filled with enlarged photographs of the past 100 years – photos of buildings, residents, and events
 - Tours were held, with memorabilia on display ie. Eston Legion, Prairie West Historical Museum, Eston Composite School, Wheatland Regional Library, the Code family collection ...



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May 19, 2011

Our File: MHP 2403

Mr. Gary Johnson, Administrator
Town of Eston
P.O. Box 757
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RECEIVED MAY 26 2011

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter acknowledges receipt of a copy of your notice of intention to designate and a certified copy of your Bylaw No. 10-2010 to designate the following as Municipal Heritage Property:

Lovedale School
Municipal Reserve MR5

As required by section 12(3) of *The Heritage Property Act*, please ensure that you have:

- served all property owners included in the bylaw with a notice of designation;
- registered an interest based on the notice of designation in the Land Titles Registry against all titles for the parcels of land included in the bylaw.

We are pleased to include this property on the **Saskatchewan Register of Heritage Property** (www.tpcs.gov.sk.ca/heritage) and to nominate it for listing on the **Canadian Register of Historic Places** (www.historicplaces.ca). Our office may contact you, should we require further information to support this listing.

The Town of Eston is to be commended for preserving its heritage through public recognition and protection under *The Heritage Property Act*.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bisson
Municipal Designations Advisor

Sites of Special Interest

Cemeteries

The Eston Cemetery is located 1 km North of Eston, the records from 1914 onward are held at the R.M. of Snipe Lake Office 962-3214.

The Penkill Pioneer Cemetery – SE2-27-19 W3rd 10 km North of Richlea.

The Madison Cemetery – SE 16-26-22 W3rd 2.5 km West of Madison

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society has recorded these cemeteries.

Marked School Sites

<i>Amdewanda #630</i>	<i>– 1912-1965</i>	<i>– NE 4-27-21 W3rd</i>
<i>Bechtel #4527</i>	<i>– 1923-1953</i>	<i>– NW 4-25-18 W3rd</i>
<i>Centrefield #4552</i>	<i>– 1924-1947</i>	<i>– NE 24-26-20 W3rd</i>
<i>Guthrie School #2711</i>	<i>– 1912-1950</i>	<i>– NE 8-25-20 W3rd</i>
<i>Isham School #4541</i>	<i>– 1923-1965</i>	<i>– SW 26-24-29 W3rd</i>
<i>Newburg School #4603</i>	<i>– 1927-1960</i>	<i>– SE 33-7-21 W3rd</i>
<i>Penkill School #2477</i>	<i>– 1911-1959</i>	<i>– SW 34-26-19 W3rd</i>
<i>Building is now located at Riverside Regional Park,</i>		
<i>Prouse School #2890</i>	<i>– 1913-1954</i>	<i>– SW 34-26-19 W3rd</i>
<i>Snipe Lake School #1096</i>	<i>– 1914-1957</i>	<i>– NE 29-25-21 W3rd</i>

The Gap

Located 20 km Southwest of Eston, landmark for early travelers located at the edge of the River Hills.

Lancer Ferry

Located 23 km South of Eston this ferry has operated since 1913.

Plato Post Office

Said to be the smallest free standing Post Office operating in Canada.

Tree Management (Woodlands, Canopy Management, Urban and Rural Forestry includes the efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and residents with regards to written policies, by-laws, standards for tree management (selection, planting, and maintenance), long and short-term management plans, tree replacement policies, pollinator friendly tree selection, tree inventory, including heritage, memorial, and commemorative trees, and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs.)



- **Local Arborist contracted by the Town** in October 2023 to trim trees, and is available for additional calls when needed
- The Town has **drafted a new Boulevard Trees Policy** (see page following)
- **New Trees added** in the Sports Grounds (2024 and ongoing)
- **Mulch** was added around all of the new trees in the Sports grounds (2025)
- **CiB, in conjunction with SPRA, held a Tree Pruning Workshop** for residents (June 2023)
- **The Town planted 400 new trees** in the early summer of 2022, as well as some in a Tree Nursery west of the new water treatment facility.
- **CiB Members purchased and planted over 150 trees and shrubs** in the town Campground in June 2018. The Town crew dug the planting holes and installed drip lines for irrigation.
- **The Town continues to regularly maintain and replace boulevard trees**, adding new trees on a regular basis to park areas, sports grounds, and other municipal land areas.

- Representatives from The Town of Eston, the Canada 150 Centennial Committee and Communities in Bloom planted a tree at the Eston campground flower bed in **recognition of Canada's 150th birthday.**



(L-r): Leslie Kraft, (CIB) Verna Thompson (Canada 150 July 1st and Centennial Committee, chairman) and Mayor Al Heron, Town of Eston.

- The Town **has adopted policies** for the management, selection and replacement of trees.
- The Town has obtained equipment, including a bucket truck, and has **trained employees for proper pruning techniques**
- the Town investigates for **Dutch Elm Disease Inspection** now that the province is no longer supporting this service in this area
- A **variety of trees have been planted** to increase diversity both for aesthetics and to mitigate problems in a disease or pest that affects particular types of tree



Policy Number	P2025-01
Policy Type	Property
Policy Name	Boulevard Maintenance and Tree Management Policy
Approval Date	July 15, 2025
Motion #	2025-215
Revision Dates	

Version

Purpose

To clearly define the responsibilities of property owners and the Town of Eston in maintaining boulevards, and to provide guidelines for the planting, maintenance, and removal of boulevard trees. This policy aims to balance public safety, property protection, and the preservation of healthy urban greenery.

1. Boulevard Maintenance Responsibilities

Property Owner Responsibilities:

Property owners are responsible for maintaining the condition of the boulevard adjacent to their property. This includes:

- Mowing grass if present.
- Keeping dirt, gravel, or rock surfaces free of weeds.
- Ensuring debris, including grass clippings or leaves, is not placed on the streets.

Planting:

- Property owners may plant grass on the boulevard without prior approval.
- Any planting beyond grass (e.g., shrubs, decorative rock, landscaping) requires prior approval from Council.

2. Boulevard Tree Management

Tree Removal:

Residents may request the removal of trees located on the Town-owned boulevard by submitting a written request to the Town Office.

Automatic approval will be granted if the tree meets one or more of the following conditions:

- The tree is dead or dying.
- The tree is diseased and poses a risk to other trees.

- The tree presents a safety concern or hazard to people or property (e.g., damaging infrastructure, blocking visibility).

Requests to remove a healthy tree with no apparent risk or issue will not be approved, except under exceptional circumstances as determined by Council.

Tree Removal Process:

1. Resident submits a written request to the Town Office.
2. Public Works or a designated official will assess the tree condition.
3. If the tree meets the removal criteria, it will be removed without further Council approval.
4. If the tree does not meet removal criteria, the request will be denied and the resident will be notified.

3. Tree Trimming Requests

If a tree on the boulevard requires trimming, residents should contact the Town Office. Requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, considering factors such as:

- Whether the tree poses a public safety hazard.
- Whether the tree is causing damage to adjacent yards, sidewalks, or streets.
- The type, health, and condition of the tree.

Please see appendix A for recommendation on type of trees for boulevards.

Repeal policy P2021-04 Boulevard Policy

Mayor Signature

Chief Administrative Officer

Policy:	TOWN OF ESTON	No: T 3
	TREE PLANTING POLICY	
	Approved: March24, 2010 Revised:	Initial:

Purpose: To provide a guideline for planned planting of trees within the Town of Eston that will be successful and add to the beauty of the community.

Policy:

1. The Town of Eston requires that planting of shade trees, ornamental trees and coniferous trees on public property, boulevards or adjacent to the street or boulevard be from Appendix A – Tree Suitability.
2. Permission must be obtained in advance for any planting on public property including the boulevard between a private property and the street.
3. The spacing between trees will be determined by the potential size of the mature tree. The following guidelines are provided.

Boulevards – Minimum of 20 feet for:

- .1 Ornamental Trees
- .2 Small shade trees

- Minimum of 30 feet for:

- .1 Large shade trees (poplar)
- .2 Adjacent private property (can be closer with written agreement between property owners)

Yard Planting - Minimum of 10 feet from:

- .1 Adjacent private property (can be closer with written agreement between property owners)
- .2 Underground services such as water, sewer, gas, electric and telephone.

- Minimum of 15 feet from:

- .1 Sidewalk, street or alley.
- .2 Traffic signs, street lights or fire hydrant.

- Minimum of 30 feet from:

- .1 Intersection

3. Trees planted closer than allowed under this policy may be removed, trimmed or moved by the municipality at any time.

Appendix #3 - Suggested List of Tree and Shrub Species

Provided by the City of Saskatoon Infrastructure Services Department, Parks Branch

Common Name	Botanical Name	Spacing	Shape, Color, Mature Height
Deciduous Trees (seasonal)			
Black Ash	Fraxinus 'Nigra'	7.0m	oval shape, light green color, 8m ht.
Mancana Ash	Fraxinus 'Mancana'	7.0m	oval shape, green color, 10m ht.
American Elm	Ulmus Americana	7.0m	high head, green color, 25m ht.
Basswood	Tilia Americana	7.0m	low head, dark green color, 15m ht.
Deciduous Shrubs (seasonal)			
Amur Maple	Acer Ginnala	4.0m	low head, good fall color, 5.0m ht.
Silver Buffalo Berry	Shepherdia Argenta	2.5m	ball shape, silver green color, 2.5m ht.
Red Osier Dogwood	Cornus Sericea	1.5m	mound like, red stems, 2.0m ht.
Siberian Coral Dogwood	Cornus Alba 'Siberica'	1.5m	upright, bright red stems, 1.5m ht.
Silver Leaf Dogwood	Cornus Alba	1.5m	upright, white-green color, 1.5m ht.
	'Argenteo Marginata'		
Sweetberry Honeysuckle	Lonicera Caerulea	1.5m	round, yellow-white flowers, 1.5m ht.
Golden Flowered Currant	Ribes Aureum	1.5m	dense foliage, gold color, 1.2m ht.
Adelaide Hoodless Rose	Rosa Arkansana 'Adelaide'	1.5m	sprawling, deep red flowers, 1.0m ht.
Sandcherry	Prunus Pumila	1.5m	spreading, grey-green color, 500mm ht.
Katherine Dykes Potentilla	Potentilla Fruticosa	1.0m	arching growth, yellow flowers, 1.0m ht.
	'Katherine Dykes'		
Three Lobed Spirea	Spiraea Trilobata	1.0m	ball shape, white flowers, 1.0m ht.
Coniferous Trees (year round)			
Black Hills Spruce	Picea Glauca Densata	4.0m	narrow pyramid, dark green color, 15m ht.
Scots Pine	Pinus Sylvestris	4.0m	5-7cm needles, blue green color, 15m ht.
Coniferous Shrubs (year round)			
Arcadia Juniper	Juniperus Arcadia	1.5m	spreading, green color, 500mm ht.
Compact Mugo Pine	Pinus Mugo 'Compacta'	1.0m	round, dark green color, 1.0m ht.

Note: There are many other appropriate plant materials available. Contact your local nursery or landscape contractor.



Table 2: Tree Species and Site Suitability

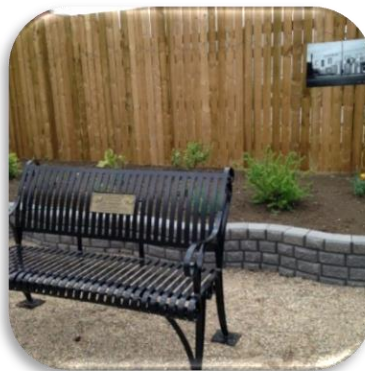
TREE TYPE		SITE SUITABILITY			
		OPEN SPACE ¹ Includes parks, schools, golf courses, cemeteries and special use areas.	STREET TREES		
			RESIDENTIAL STREETS / PUBLIC WALKWAYS	Turf Areas or Planting Beds on BOULEVARDS / MEDIANS (>10m WIDTH) & TRAFFIC ISLANDS (>75m)	TREE WELLS/HARDSCAPE (In hard surface areas such as sidewalks, plazas, etc: concrete, paving stone)
D E C I D U O U S T R E E S	SHADE TREES	Ash species [DT] Birch species [IRR] Black walnut [X] [IRR] Butternut [X] [IRR] Elm species ² Delta Hackberry Horse chestnut [X] [IRR] Linden species Maple species Oak species Ohio buckeye ³ [X] Poplar species ⁴ [DT] Russian Olive [PS] Willow species Honey Locust [X]	Ash species [DT] Bur oak [DT] Elm species [DT] Delta Hackberry Linden species	Ash species [DT] Bur oak [DT] Elm species [DT] Delta Hackberry [H?] Linden species Poplar species ⁵ [DT] Silver maple [H?]	Ash species [DT] Elm species [DT] Linden species
	ORNAMENTAL TREES	Mountain ash species Amur maple [DT] Cherry species [DT] Japanese tree lilac [DT] Rosebloom crabapples [DT] Russian olive [ST] [DT] Snowbird ⁶ hawthorn [DT] Ussurian pear [DT] Mountain Alder [X]	American mountain ash Amur cherry Japanese tree lilac [DT] Mayday cherry [DT] [P] Rosebloom crabapples [DT] Schubert chokecherry [DT]	American mountain ash Amur cherry [H?] Amur maple [DT] Japanese tree lilac [DT] Mayday cherry [DT] [P] Rosebloom crabapples [DT] Schubert chokecherry [DT]	Japanese tree lilac [DT] Schubert chokecherry [DT]
	CONIFEROUS TREES	Pine species [DT] Siberian larch [DT] [ST] Spruce species Sub-alpine fir Tamarack Douglas fir [X]	Scots pine [DT]	Colorado spruce [DT] Scots pine [DT] White spruce Norway Spruce	Scots pine [DT]

Table 3 provides a more detailed description of the recommended species and cultivars.

Table 3: Species and Cultivars

GENUS	RECOMMENDED SPECIES and CULTIVARS
ALDER (Alnus)	'Mountain Alder'(X)
APPLE (Malus; ROSYBLOOM CRABAPPLE) (DT)	'Almey' (rose), 'Hopa' (purplish-pink), 'Kelsey' (purplish-red), 'Makamlk', 'Pygmy' (deep purplish-red), 'Red Splendor' (light pink), 'Rudolph' (deep rose) 'Selkirk' (pink), 'Thunderchild' (pink), Radiant crab (X) 'Strathmore' (pink) (X), 'Snowdrift', (X)
ASH (Fraxinus) [DT] [ST]	Green ash [DT] [ST]+ CV=s/selections: >Patmore', >Bergeson', >Prairie Dome', >Autumn Blaze' White ash [X], Black ash+ CV=s: >Fallgold", >Mancana' Manchurian ash, 'Prairie Spire', Northern Blaze
BIRCH (Betula) [IRR]	Chinese paper birch, Paper birch +CV=s: >Chickadee=, European birch
BUCKEYE (Aesculus)	Ohio buckeye Horse Chestnut
CHERRY (Prunus) [DT]	Amur cherry, Canada plum, Mayday tree [P], Pincherry [ST], Chokecherry [ST]+ CV: >Schubert=, Jumping Pound
ELM ² (Ulmus) [DT] [ST]	American (White) elm, Siberian elm, Brandon elm.
Hackberry (Celtis)	Hackberry+ CV's: Delta
Hawthorne (Crataegus)	Hawthorne+ CV's: Snowbird, Toba.
LINDEN (Tilia)	American Linden, Little-leaf linden + CV=s: Greenspire/Nordin, Dropmore linden + CV=s: 'Wascana', Mongolian linden, Boulevard (X),
MAPLE (Acer)	Amur maple, Manitoba maple [DT]+ CV=s: >Baron', Tartarian maple, Silver maple[H?] [DT] + CV=s: 'Northline'[H?], Silver Cloud, Northwood; Norway maple [X] + CV=s: >Schwedler[X], >Crimson King[X], Sugar maple [X].
OAK (Quercus)	Burr oak [DT], Northern red oak[X], Mongolian oak[H?], Scarlet oak [X], White Oak
OLEASTER (Elaeagnus)	Russian Olive
PEAR (Pyrus) [DT]	Ussurian pear + CV: >Ure= [DT]
PINE (Pinus) [DT]	Scots pine, Lodgepole pine, Swiss stone pine, Jack pine [ST], Mugho pine, Ponderosa pine[H?] White Pine?
POPLAR (Populus) [DT]	European columnar aspen, Plains cottonwood + CV=s, Tower poplar, Northwest poplar, Russian poplar cultivars, Trembling aspen, Berlin poplar, Silver poplar[H?], Balsam poplar, Assiniboine poplar, Manitou poplar
SORBUS	Mountain Ash and CV's: American fastigata P, Rossica, Showy, European
SPRUCE (Picea) [DT]	Norway spruce, White spruce, Colorado (Blue) spruce [DT], Black Hills.
SYRINGA	Japanese tree lilac+ CV's : Ivory Silk
WALNUT (Juglans)	Black walnut (X), butternut (X).
WILLOW (Salix)	Laurel-leaf willow, Peach leaf willow [DT] [ST], White willow + CV=s: 'Chermesina' (Red-barked white willow), 'Sericea' (Siberian white willow), 'Vitellina' (Golden willow) (X) 'Tritlis' (Prairie Cascade)

Landscape (landscape includes planning, design, construction and maintenance of parks and green spaces suitable for the intended use and location on a year-round basis. Elements for evaluation include native and introduced materials; balance of plants, materials and constructed elements; appropriate integration of hard surfaces and art elements, use of turf and groundcovers. Landscape design should harmonize the interests of all sectors of the community. Standards of execution and maintenance should demonstrate best practices, including quality of naturalization, use of groundcovers and wildflowers along with turf management.)



- (2024) Sprinklers installed at Henry Hamilton Park
- (2024) CiB initiated project to clean up unsightly area to the west of the Town gopher (on Railway avenue). Work done by the RM Of Snipe Lake.
- (2023) CiB added lit up mini-Christmas trees to the planters around the Main Street Gopher and ornamental decorations in Centennial Park.
- (2021) CiB added some winter interest and solar fairy lights to our planters around the Main Street Gopher and Centennial Park.
- (2020) CiB developed a small **Fairy Garden**, utilizing a small, neglected corner of a business lot on Main Street.



- CiB decorated the Town Gopher in support of our Grade 12 Graduates (2020 – Covid19)
- Eston CiB has developed **several small “pocket gardens/parks”** with permission and help from the Town. (Below are photos of our Serenity Garden, Centennial Park, Andrea’s View, and the Campground Bed)
- The Town has **ongoing development of park spaces, also adding benches, tables**, etc. to various areas
- Various **“Memorial Benches”** have been placed in Centennial Park. **Advertising benches** are also available (Wheatland Centre)
- **Winter Lights** – continued promotion of our **Winter Lights** program
- **Weed control** is aided by selective herbicide application (with trained town employees) in the fall and spring

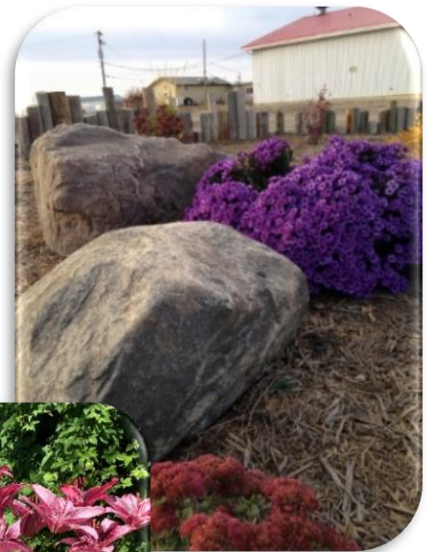


- **Walking path** developed by Prairie West Historical Museum **includes benches** and a **fountain** in “Hanson Lake”
- **Eston Cemetery** is maintained by the RM of Snipe Lake
- **A disc golf course** has been added to the park area South of the Museum
- A **batting cage** was added to the sports grounds
- **Town managed parks** include Henry Hamilton, Jamieson Park, Peace Park
- Eston Lions Club members **repaired damage around the town’s “Gopher”** at the end of Main Street and **built the fence to back the gopher**
- A **new fence was built for the Eston Lions Swimming Pool** by the Eston Lions Club (March 2016)
- A **Planter box around the east town entrance sign** is planted with perennials indigenous to the area
- **School Staff volunteers maintain and plant the areas** around the Stepping-Stone Path, Shirley Sim Owens Memorial Bench, the Meagan McNabb Memorial Flower Bed
- **Town owned boulevards** – it is the hope and expectation that homeowners and residents maintain their respective boulevard area
- Perennial beds spruce up the **entrance to the Community Complex** (photo from summer of 2018)

Plant and Floral Displays (This category evaluates efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and residents to design, plan, execute, and maintain floral displays of high-quality standards. Evaluation includes the design and arrangements of flowers and plants (annuals, perennials, bulbs, ornamental grasses, edible plants, water efficient and pollinator friendly plants) in the context of originality, distribution, location, diversity and balance, colour, and harmony This pertains to flowerbeds, carpet bedding, containers, baskets and window boxes.)



- Scotts Best Garden Display 2025
- You will note **many floral displays throughout our community**. CIB works hard to maintain these displays, as well as encouraging local residents and businesses to do the same
- The local Library offers a **Seed Exchange program** to local gardeners
- **Town-owned Concrete Planters** are placed in front of businesses on main street are planted and cared for by CiB and/or local businesses.
- **Communities in Bloom barrels** (desert planters – with water reservoir bottoms, as well as a few of our old, original whiskey barrels) are placed in various areas around town, with CIB members doing the planting and maintenance.
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- Communities in Bloom's **Hanging Floral Baskets** are hung on streetlights on main street, with Town Employees and CIB members sharing the watering duties
- Flower beds developed and maintained by CIB members include Andrea's View, Henry Hamilton Park (2 beds), a planter at the Sportsground entrance, the Campground bed and Centennial Park.



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