

2022 Community Profile

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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: **1061**

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: **11%**

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. It is an oil-rich area which boasts prime agricultural land as well as many opportunities for hunting and fishing and is located approximately 15 miles north of the South Saskatchewan River. Nearby you will find a Regional Park, Eston Riverside, with offerings of camping, a nine-hole golf course with grass greens, a swimming pool and a recreation hall. The Lancer Ferry which crosses the South Saskatchewan River is also nearby.

The town business district offers services including a drug store, a newly opened grocery store with liquor vendor, two motels, a B & B, two restaurants, a flower/gift shop, service station, card lock, a bank, a credit union, a dumping station, a hardware store, a tire shop and a farm implement dealership. Tradespeople, including plumbers, electricians, carpenters, building contractors and welders are resident in the town. There are also several businesses serving the local agricultural industry.

The town has a resident nurse practitioner along with a regular rotation of Locums provided by the Health District. The health center offers lab services and long-term care services. We have a massage therapy office, dental office, chiropractic office and physiotherapist office that are open 1-4 days per week, dependent on service.

Eston has its own local RCMP detachment, with two members residing in the community.

The Regional Library on Main Street has a large selection of books, magazines and other materials and provides free internet service. 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.

The AGT Community Centre is a large multi-use recreation and convention centre that provides year-round recreational opportunities including hockey, bowling, curling, figure skating, and access to the local Larry Thome Fitness Centre. Adjacent is the Eston Lions' Swimming Pool which offers public swimming, water aerobics and swimming lessons during the summer season and Reaburn Field, the senior ball diamond. There are several minor ball fields located nearby and in winter months there is

an outdoor skating surface cleared at Jamieson Park. Eston has an in-town campground adjacent to the community complex. Two other parks, Jamieson Park and Henry Hamilton Park also provide **green space**.

Eston has two private dance schools as well as private class offerings for piano, instrumental and voice lessons, aerobics, and private and group fitness classes.

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

Eston has three official **municipal heritage buildings** - the local museum complex, the 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.

The town has two schools, Eston Composite - a K-12 school, and Eston College, accredited by the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

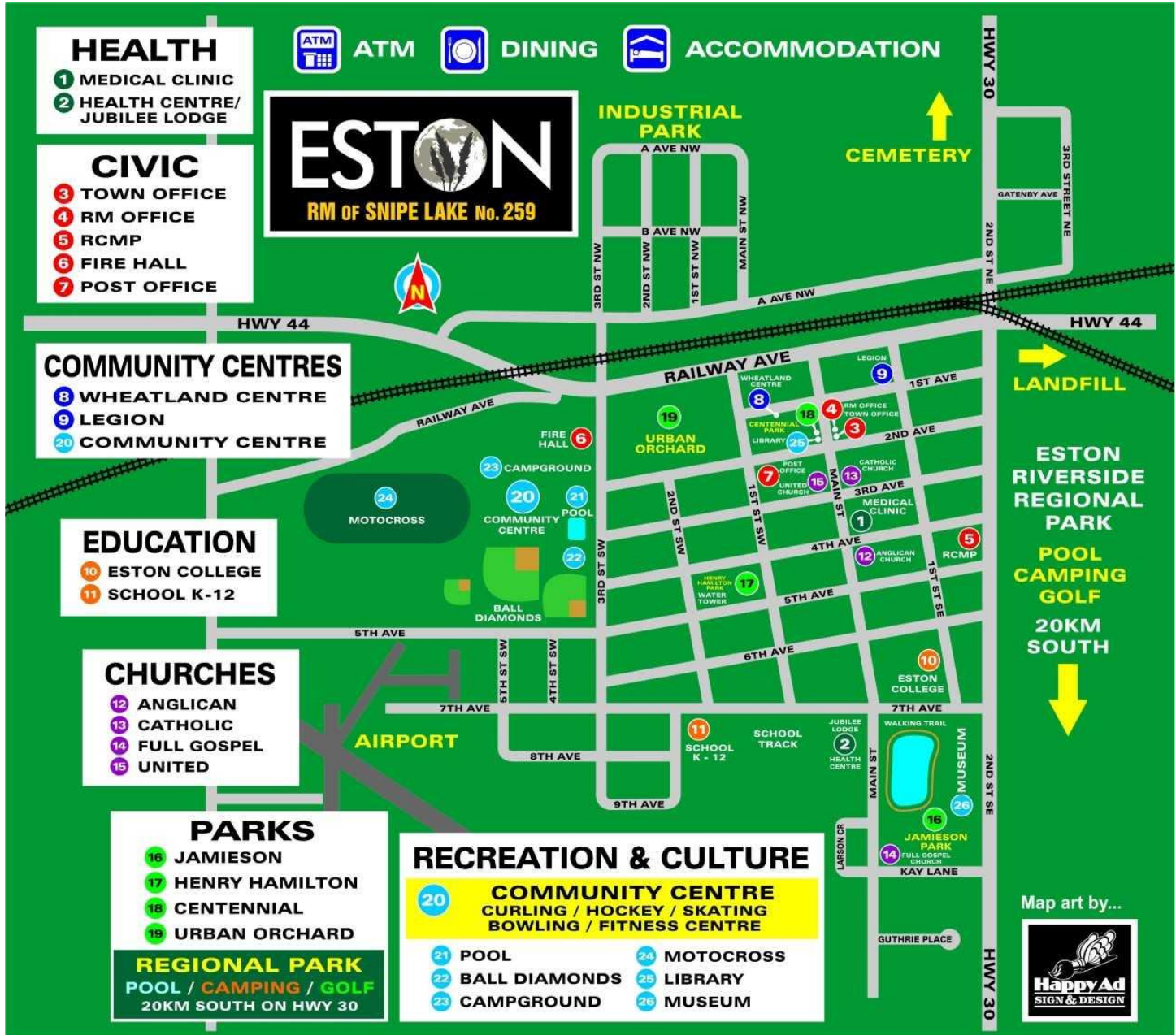
There are four active churches: Eston Full Gospel Church, Holy Cross Anglican Church, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, and St. Andrews United Church.

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; the June Eston indoor Rodeo; July 1st Canada Day events which include beef-on-a-bun lunch and a **heritage program** at the museum; fall suppers are held in season; *Bizarre Bazaar*, a large craft show and sale is held in November, as well as another museum fundraiser - *Christmas in November*, which includes an evening of dinner, fashion show and silent auction; and the Legion hosts an annual community Christmas party. There are many more events throughout the year, including ball, soccer, golf, curling, hockey, and the skating carnival.

Eston is proud of its reputation for 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), the Prairie West Historical Society, the Eston Arts Council, Music Festival Committee, Dr. Stewart Holmes Scholarship Committee, and the Communities in Bloom Group. For youth, in addition to the various recreational sports and art groups listed previously, we have an active 4H group and a wide range of sports teams and art groups as extra-curricular at the local school.

Map of Eston



New Projects in 2022

- The Town has removed several dead or dying trees from Henry Hamilton Park and other areas
- The Town has planted up to 400 new trees and shrubs, including some in a newly started Tree Nursery
- New Garbage boxes were added on Main Street
- CiB placed a new Checkerboard table in the Pergola at Henry Hamilton Park
- CiB planted 140 new tulip bulbs in October 2021
- The local Library painted their outside south wall to a beautiful sky blue, as a prettier backdrop to the children's Imagination Garden (August 2021)
- The Town has completed a major renovation and upgrade to the local Landfill, with newly implemented policies and procedures in place for spring of 2022
- CiB and the local K-12 school took part in a spring community cleanup, in participation with Pitch-In Canada; CiB sponsored and served a hotdog lunch to all who took part in the cleanup.
- CiB participated in a Miracle Gro Best Garden Selection program in the fall of 2021 and chose 5 community gardens to receive the sponsored prizes

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. The Town crew and Parks and Recreation summer works department also support CiB via their regular work schedule as well as help when time and resources allow.

Currently active CiB Committee members are: Leslie Kraft, Doreen Reaburn, Val Mohan, Loreen Buskell, Ellen Owens, Shari Collinge, Desi Beckstrand and new members Kristin Tuplin and Natalie Massey.

History of Eston Communities in Bloom

Eston Communities in Bloom (CiB) was started in 2000 at the request of the Town of Eston. 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 (these became less necessary as the Town began training staff and being proactive in tree trimming)
- Spring tree pruning workshop, with sponsorship from SPRA
- 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


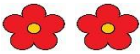



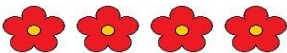
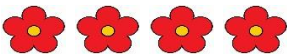
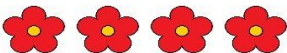








- Putting words of thanks and encouragement on “balloons” which we staked in random yards to acknowledge yard improvements
- planting the Urban Orchard and hosting a barbeque lunch
- Organizing Community Cleanups, including a few in conjunction with Pitch-In Canada. Students from Eston Composite School took part and CiB sponsored the hotdog lunch afterwards. (Cleanup pics from April 2022)



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 in the local paper, and Social Media via our Facebook page and through the Town Website. The banner of CiB has paid off in many ways for our community and we hope to continue for years to come.

“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: Cemetary 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.

Local Yard Judging Results

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**

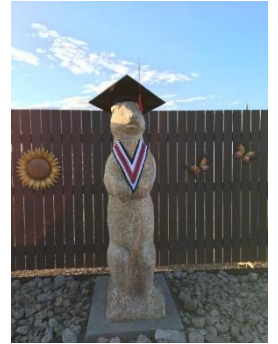
- Marion King, Christine Code, Sandy Hodgins, Casey Stevenson

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.)

- **New Weed control Policy (2022)**
- **New Mainstreet garbage bins (boxes) (2022)**
- **Monthly Town newsletter**
- **400 New trees planted** around various town parks and sports grounds **(2022)**
- **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)**
- **CiB replaced the Checkerboard table** in the pergola at Henry Hamilton park **(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)**
- **(2020)** The community stepped up to help **celebrate our Grade 12 Graduates**



- **Huge Volunteer turn-out for Community Cleanup after a destructive July 2019 storm**
- **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)



- **Our CiB “Fairy Garden”** added to a Main Street tree stump (June 2018)
- **Improvements and upgrades** to both Reaburn Field and the Minor Baseball Diamonds in preparation for the Provincial Mosquito Ball Tournament (May/June 2018)
- New Town ***Harvest Moon Festival*** was held in the fall of 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.

- Eston Composite School developed “raised garden beds” as phase 1 of a planned **Outdoor Classroom** (June 2018)

- **CiB added a “Checker/Chess” table and seating** to Henry Hamilton Park (CiB purchased the material and Grade 10 construction students built the table; another resident painted the table for us)

- **New sponsorship and appropriate signage was 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.

- **CiB added Blue solar lighting** to the top of the gazebo in Henry Hamilton Park (Summer of 2017)

- **Underground drip lines** were installed around the trees in the Urban Orchard (Summer of 2017)

- CiB added a **Brick border** to Andrea’s View (August 2017)

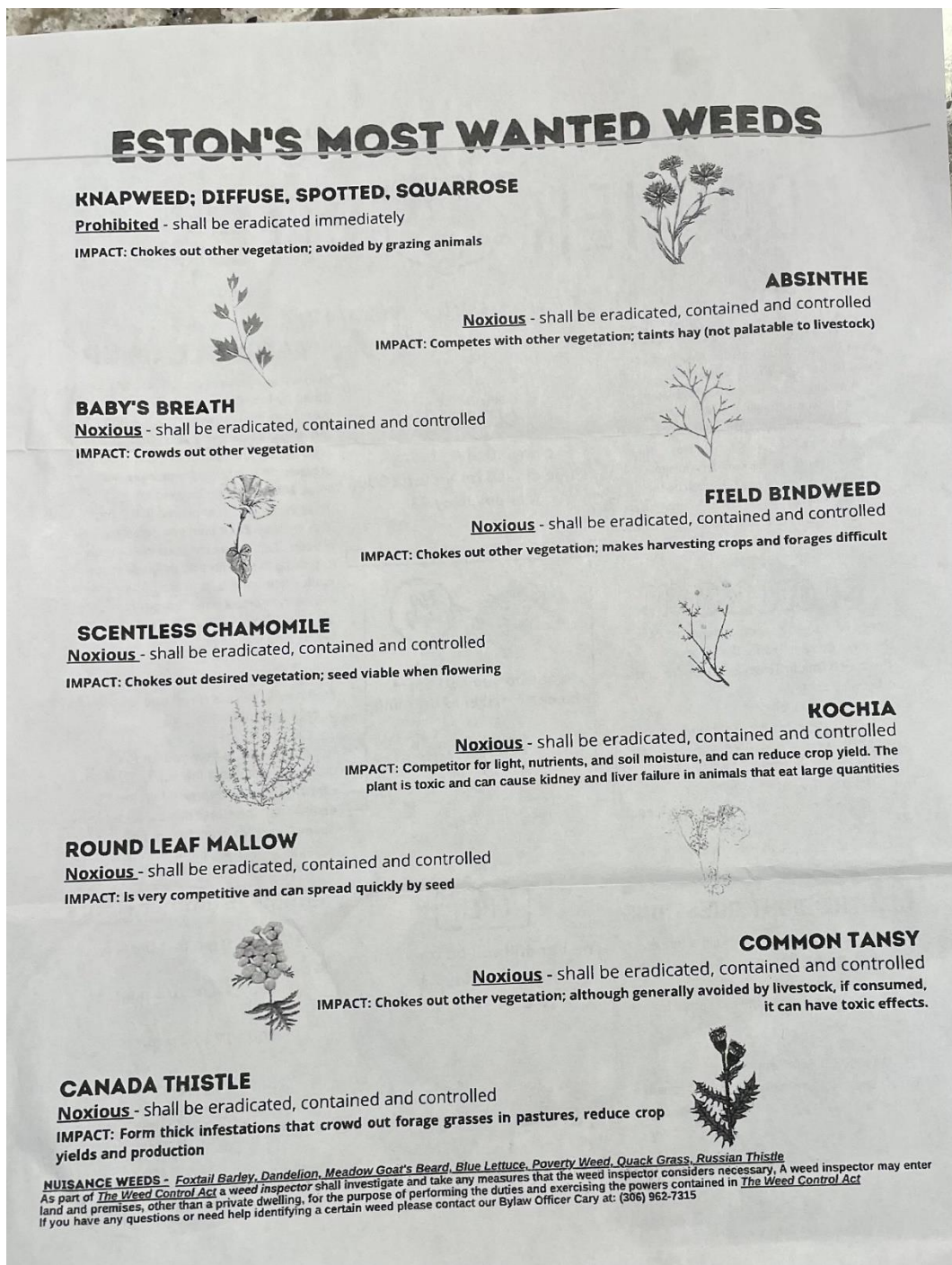
- **CiB added Blue solar lighting** to the 5 planters at the gopher for the winter months, as well as along the fence line of Centennial Park (Fall of 2016)
- **Jamieson Park** – CiB added an archway to the walking path entry
- **trim on various empty downtown buildings was painted** volunteers (2016)
- concrete planters and garbage containers were **painted** (2016)
- the Eston Lions Club **replaced the wooden fence at the local swimming pool** (2016)
- the School Community Council and volunteers **planted new sod at the school** (2016)
- Street Corner curbs were repainted (2016)
- **Regular street sweeping was reinstated** (2016)
- **Swimming pool building was painted** (2016)
- ECS **Student Artwork displayed** in windows of empty downtown buildings (2016 to date) One of these buildings is since demolished.



- The Parks and Recreation staff spend many **hours working on the ball fields** and the sports grounds. In **July 2018 major improvements and upgrades** were done to both Reaburn Field and the minor ball diamond in preparation for the Provincial Mosquito Ball Tournament.
- Volunteers and Parks Staff **removed an unsightly and run-down building from the Sports grounds** (2016)
- The **Local Campground had upgrades** in the fall of 2015, including improving the base with grading and adding more gravel; in the summer of 2018 CiB planted 150 shrubs and trees in the campground.
- **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 pickup, the Town of Eston offers
 - **Weekly front street recycle** pickup in conjunction with Loraas
 - **Spring and fall back alley pickup** for yard refuse
 - Regular monitoring of the Town Landfill site
- Town **policy is to cover or remove graffiti** when it appears.
- The Town has a “**Nuisance Abatement**” **bylaw** 05-2005, a copy is available upon request at the Town Office
- **Adopt-A-Lot Program** – people can “adopt” town lots for their own use (gardens, camper storage, etc) with the agreement that they will be responsible for cleaning and keeping the lot mowed, tilled, etc.
- The Town has a **Community Appearance Policy** to promote individual and business tidiness



- **To reduce litter on the highway**, the Landfill will not accept items where the load has not been covered or properly secured
- **Streets – repaired regularly**; some newly paved streets and with long-term plans including replacement of others



Policy:	TOWN OF ESTON	No: A2C
	COMMUNITY APPEARANCE INCENTIVES	
	Approved: April 13, 2011 Revised:	Initial:

Purpose: To provide incentives for the residents and businesses in Eston to improve the appearance of their properties to the benefit of the community.

Policy:

Residential:

1. As part of the Communities in Bloom judging for best yard in Eston a listing of properties showing a considerable effort into appearance of their property will be made by the judges. The criteria for the selection will include general appearance of the property. Properties with painting or renovations completed in that year will also be eligible.
2. By random draw improved properties will receive a cash payment of \$100.00. The number of payments will be limited to 50% of the properties selected to a maximum of four.
3. For rental properties where the improvement is related to the building the owner will receive the payment, where it is in regards to the appearance and maintenance of the yard the payment will go to the tenant.

Commercial:

1. Commercial properties that have and maintain a plant display will be eligible for a random draw for a cash prize of \$150.00.
2. Commercial property owners who improve the appearance of their property by painting, renovations or landscaping may enter their name into a draw for a \$150.00 cash prize to be applied to their taxes.

GOPHER BITES

Town of Eston Office Newsletter

Oh no! Now what?

When a property is deemed a nuisance by our Bylaw Officer, this is the process:

- A warning letter will go out to the property owner with a timeline to correct the situation. The property owner is also encouraged to contact the office or the Bylaw Officer if there are any questions.
- If the situation is not corrected by the deadline, the Town will mow, remove item out of the yard or clean up as required and the homeowner will be billed for this service.

SLOW DOWN

Speed limit signage around Town reflects the most current Traffic Bylaw

The speed limit in Town is 40 km/hr unless otherwise posted.

The exceptions include:

- 30 km/hr in front of school, the pool, Jubilee Lodge and Henry Hamilton Park
- 50 km/hr on highway corridors (Railway Avenue & 2nd St. E)
- 20 km/hr in the fairgrounds and school grounds

Thanks for helping to keep our community a safe place for all!

ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

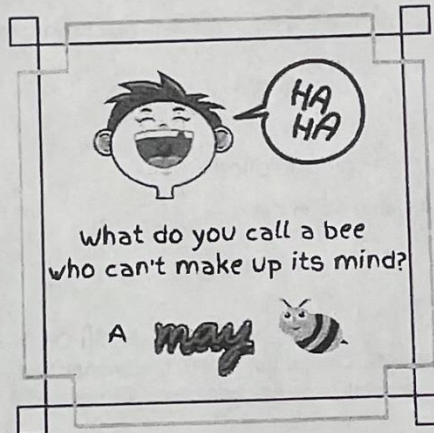
Are you hiring someone to build a fence, fix a roof, pour a drive way...? Be sure to ask:

- Do they have a business license for Eston
- Are they insured
- Do they have references

Be sure you are making the right decision with who you choose to do the work.



**Town Office & Library
will be closed for Victoria Day,
Monday, May 23**



**The Landfill will be open on
Monday, May 23
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

YARD CLEAN UP

Help us take pride in our community this spring by focusing on clean up! We will be taking care of the town property, and you can help take care of yours. Just like every spring and fall, we will be offering **organic only** yard waste pick-up. All items will need to be bagged in **clear yard bags** and placed in the back alley by **May 23** or else you could be missed. Our crews will take the next week to pick up the waste and they **will not go back** if someone fails to put out their waste before the correct time. Larger branches may be placed next to the clear bags and will also be picked up.

If you miss the pick up date, make a trip to the Landfill, there is no charge for compost or organic yard waste.

Not sure where to take your grass clippings throughout the summer? Loose clippings may be deposited on the lot across from the street directly east of the Town Shop. No branches or bagged items accepted at that location.

Landfill Summer Hours

Mon - 9 am to 4 pm

Tue - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thu - 12 to 7 p.m.

Sat - 9 am to 4 pm



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.)

- Landfill info available at [Landfill - Town of Eston](#)
- **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)
- **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 has begun it's first year of implementation in 2019. This year's goal was to clear the donated plot of garden space and work on weed control, promote dialogue on the possibilities and benefits of the garden, and generate an increased interest for future years. The group is very happy with their start to the project.
- **CiB held a “Make and Take” Bee House building and information night** in April 2019
- A **THRIVE** committee was formed, and a local Farmer's Market began (June 2019) operation 2 Saturdays per month throughout late June to September
- **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** pick up was turned over to LORAAS beginning June 2018
- **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
- **To reduce litter on the highway**, the Landfill will not accept items where the load has not been covered or properly secured
- 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 **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
- **Sparks Waterway project** – a local Squirts group painted around several town manholes to raise public awareness in keeping our waterways and storm sewers free of chemicals and pollutants.
- **“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.)

- Check out Prairie West Historical Centre at [Museum - Town of Eston](#)
- A local **THRIVE** committee was formed in the fall of 2018 and they have brought back our “Eston Gopher”. 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.
- 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.



(Grade 1 students helping plant the museum garden in June 2017; Learning about planting before the garden was put in; and the “Prairie Fairy” that has moved into the growing museum garden to care for it over the summer months!)

- **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.
- There is an active **Genealogical Society**
- Businesses purchased and displayed their **building’s historical plaques** in an area that is visible to the outside (2016)
- Several corporate sponsors pledged financial contributions towards the upkeep and operation of our Community Complex and Ball diamonds.
- **Museum Wildflower garden** – has a brass plaque (on the huge rock in the center of the garden) showing historical information
- School students have **done research and presentations on local veterans and Legion members**. Residents were invited to attend. Students also take part in creating poems, writings, and artwork for display at both the school and the Legion Remembrance Day Services.
- **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** are held at the museum



- **Gallery of Glory** – a display and history of achievements of local people that is on display at the Community Complex
See - [Gallery of Glory - Town of Eston](#)



FLAGS REPLACED IN FIELD OF HONOUR

New flags were placed on the 187 graves of veterans in the Field of Honour, Eston Cemetery. Completing the project were Legion members Jason Beckstrand, Mike Fielding and Garnet Keeler. Posing at the gate are Garnet Keeler (left) and Bill Jeffery (veteran).



Children who helped to set the flags were Talem Johnston, Bergen Beckstrand and Hurley Beckstrand.

- **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 harbour 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 and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs.)

- **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.



- A local **THRIVE** committee was formed in the fall of 2018 and one of their focuses is rejuvenating the **Urban Orchard**. In conjunction with the **local 4H Group** they did a **cleanup of the orchard** in the spring of 2019.
- **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.



- Representatives from The Town of Eston, the Canada 150 Centennial Committee and Communities in Bloom plant 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 Jam & 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 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.
- 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
- In the spring of 2012 the Eston CIB and the Town of Eston, with a \$5000 grant from Canon, drew up plans for an **Urban Orchard** (located on old school grounds) with potential for small fruits. Over 250 trees were planted the first year (September 2012) with more fruit bushes added the following spring. This was a “Community project” – local residents and school students all took part in the planning. Communities in Bloom group has voluntarily done several “weeding” work bees around these newly planted trees. (See a copy of the article that appeared in the “Directions” magazine as well as the provincial Communities in Bloom magazine.) Irrigation lines were installed at the Urban Orchard in 2017



- in July of 2014 Communities in Bloom held a **Tree Pruning workshop**, sponsored by Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation. Town employees attended the workshop, as well as many community members.

Brenda Winney, Andrew Exelby (Sask Parks and Recreation), Leslie Kraft (Communities in Bloom member) and Brenda Morgan, Sask Parks and Recreation Summer student, checking out the trees in our Urban Orchard after the Pruning Workshop that was held on July 23, 2014.



Policy:	TOWN OF ESTON	No: T 3
	TREE PLANTING POLICY	
	Approved: March 24, 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 [RR] Black walnut [X] [RR] Butternut [X] [RR] Elm species ² Delta Hackberry Horse chestnut [X] [RR] Linden species Maple species Oak species Ohio buckeye [X] Poplar species [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 [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 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 (<i>Alnus</i>)	'Mountain Alder'(X)
APPLE (<i>Malus</i> ; 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 (<i>Fraxinus</i>) [DT] [ST]	Green ash [DT] [ST]+ CV=selections: >Patmore', >Bergeson', >Prairie Dome', >Autumn Blaze' White ash [X], Black ash+ CV=s: >Fallgold' , >Mancana' Manchurian ash, 'Prairie Spire', Northern Blaze
BIRCH (<i>Betula</i>) [IRR]	Chinese paper birch, Paper birch +CV=s: >Chickadee=, European birch
BUCKEYE (<i>Aesculus</i>)	Ohio buckeye Horse Chestnut
CHERRY (<i>Prunus</i>) [DT]	Amur cherry, Canada plum, Mayday tree [P], Pincherry [ST], Chokecherry [ST]+ CV: >Schubert=, Jumping Pound
ELM ² (<i>Ulmus</i>) [DT] [ST]	American (White) elm, Siberian elm, Brandon elm.
Hackberry (<i>Celtis</i>)	Hackberry+ CV's: Delta
Hawthorne (<i>Crataegus</i>)	Hawthorne+ CV's: Snowbird, Toba.
LINDEN (<i>Tilia</i>)	American Linden, Little-leaf linden + CV=s: Greenspire/Norlin, Dropmore linden + CV=s: 'Wascana', Mongolian linden, Boulevard (X),
MAPLE (<i>Acer</i>)	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 (<i>Quercus</i>)	Burr oak [DT], Northern red oak[X], Mongolian oak[H?], Scarlet oak [X], White Oak
OLEASTER (<i>Elaeagnus</i>)	Russian Olive
PEAR (<i>Pyrus</i>) [DT]	Ussurian pear + CV: >Ure= [DT]
PINE (<i>Pinus</i>) [DT]	Scots pine, Lodgepole pine, Swiss stone pine, Jack pine [ST], Mugho pine, Ponderosa pine[H?] White Pine?
POPLAR (<i>Populus</i>) [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 (<i>Picea</i>) [DT]	Norway spruce, White spruce, Colorado (Blue) spruce [DT], Black Hills.
SYRINGA	Japanese tree lilac+ CV's : Ivory Silk
WALNUT (<i>Juglans</i>)	Black walnut (X), butternut (X).
WILLOW (<i>Salix</i>)	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.)

- (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 (Plus 50 Building)
- **Perennial grasses** have been added to the landscape area around the town’s “Gopher” mascot



- **Winter Lights** – continued promotion of our **Winter Lights** program
- Eston Composite School was the **recipient of a CiB Nutrients for Life School Garden Award** in November of 2017
- The Town has **purchased mowing equipment** suitable for areas being maintained
- **Jamieson and Henry Hamilton Parks** are watered as required using sprinkler irrigation
- Two baseball diamonds have **sprinkler irrigation**
- **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 Composite School has planted **ground cover** for their football field; **watering is done using grey water from Jamieson Park**
- **Eston Cemetary** 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)



- **Planter boxes** were built around the **town entrance signs** and planted with perennials indigenous to the area (one has since been removed)



- **New lawn** at Eston Composite in 2016 – The local SCC did spring fundraising to purchase new sod for the school. The sod was laid with volunteer help. Grass area maintained by Sun West School Division.



- **School Staff volunteers maintain and plant the areas** around the Stepping Stone Path, Shirley Sim Owens Memorial Bench, the Meagan McNabb Memorial Flower Bed and the remaining flower beds in the school grounds
- **Town owned boulevards** – it is the expectation that home owners 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.)



- You will note **many floral displays throughout our community**. CiB works hard to maintain several of these displays, as well as encouraging local residents and businesses to do the same
- Last year, **20 out of 22 business buildings display flowers** in front of their businesses
- 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.



- **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



- 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.



Town Business Listing - available at [Businesses Archive - Town of Eston](#)

Town Bylaws and Policies – available at [Bylaws & Policies - Town of Eston](#)

