



Special Areas Board



Invest In Special Areas No. 2



Special Areas No. 2 is a member of Palliser Economic Partnership (PEP), which is the economic development alliance for Southeast Alberta. Special Areas No. 2 is located in the southern region of the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor.



ABOUT SPECIAL AREA NO. 2

Special Areas No. 2 is located in the Palliser Economic Partnership (PEP) region of Alberta. PEP is a regional alliance of communities and agencies in Alberta Southeast that work together to enhance the area's economic well-being. Nestled in the Canadian Badlands, Special Areas No. 2 has a distinctive history and a strong foundation for growth and sustainability of the region. Deep badlands, soft coulees and rolling river hills and expansive plains provide the setting for family farms, enchanting hamlets, captivating events and a growing entrepreneurial spirit. Special Areas No. 2 encourages innovative ideas to enhance and maintain a quality of life for all residents of the area.

Community Snapshot

Population	1,905
Value of all Regional Building Permits	\$197,900,000
Non-Residential Mill Rate	8.3400 (2017)
Value of Major Projects in the Region	\$8,800,000,000

Source: 2016 Alberta Regional Dashboard



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OUR TOP INDUSTRIES



Agriculture

True mixed farms are now moving more to either farming or ranching as owners become more efficient at these disciplines. Grain production accounts for a percentage of land use with wheat being the main field crop in the area. Other common grains include canola, flax, barley and oats. In addition to traditional cattle operations, modern hog operations also contribute to the agricultural diversity in the region.



Oil and Gas

With shallow gas and pockets of oil prevalent through the area, the oil and gas industry is one of the main drivers of the economy of Special Areas No. 2. Highway 36, a high load corridor, leads to major oil and gas developments in the oil sands. Additionally, major and secondary paved highways supplement the area. Our region is ideally situated for oil and gas industry transportation and servicing.



Power Generation & Mining

Due to thermal coal being one of the abundant natural resources, power generation and mining account for significant employment in the region. Water is pumped from the Red Deer River into a cooling pond to provide water for the Sheerness Generating Station. The cooling pond is also a source of water for surrounding communities, irrigation water for regional farmers and also a valued recreation area for residents.



Transportation

Special Areas No 2 is located in Southeast Alberta and the main east-west route in the region is Highway 9, which is part of Alberta's high load corridor. The main north-south route is Highway 36. These highways are primary provincial routes for trucking and transport. Hanna Municipal Airport has a 3,500 foot runway, and the nearest commercial and air freight services are at Calgary International Airport.

COMMUNITY STATISTICS

Demographics

	2016 Totals*	2016 %*
Population	1,905	
Median age of the population	40.9	
Total number of census families in private households	515	
Total number of private households by tenure	650	
Owner	510	78.46%
Renter	140	21.54%
Average value of dwellings (\$)	\$330,312	
Average income \$	\$52,413	
Average household total income \$	\$98,622	

Labour Force

In the labour force	1,025	81.30%
Participation rate		81.30%
Unemployment rate		2.40%
Management occupations	415	40.89%
Business, finance and administration occupations	70	6.90%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	10	0.99%
Health occupations	50	4.93%
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	30	2.96%
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	20	1.97%
Sales and service occupations	100	9.85%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	150	14.78%
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	145	14.29%
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	25	2.46%

Education

High school diploma or equivalent	420	26.01%
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	600	37.15%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	160	9.91%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	340	21.05%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	10	0.62%
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	85	5.26%

*Source: 2016 Statistics Canada Census

SITE SELECTION INFORMATION

Services

Electrical Provider(s)
 Natural Gas Provider(s)
 Broadband Provider(s)
 Water Management
 Waste/Sewage Management

Providers*

ATCO Electric
 AltaGas Utilities Ltd.; East Central Gas Coop
 XplorNet; Netago
 Special Areas Water Services
 Big Country Waste Management Commission
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*Please contact Providers for pricing & capacity information



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