



Special Areas Board



Invest In Special Areas No. 3



Special Areas No. 3 is a member of Palliser Economic Partnership (PEP), which is the economic development alliance for Southeast Alberta. Special Areas No. 3 is located in the southern region of the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor.



ABOUT SPECIAL AREAS NO. 3

Special Areas No. 3 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. Special Areas No. 3 is a rural municipality with a number of hamlets surrounding the Town of Oyen. The region has a strong agricultural economy, successful petroleum industry and a growing tourism industry. Many small businesses flourish in the district and access the world using technology. Special Areas No. 3 encourages innovative ideas to enhance and facilitate a great business environment for residents and new investors throughout the area.

Community Snapshot

Population	1,042
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

Farms in our region are generally mixed with ranching and grain production. Grain production accounts for a high 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, large-scale modern hog operations and specialty livestock also contribute to the agricultural diversity in the region.



Oil and Gas

Expanding drilling and exploration operations in the region mean a greater foundation for the oil and gas industry. Reasonable land costs, developed infrastructure, a large labour force and direct access to markets make Special Areas No. 3 a wise choice for investment and opportunity. We are fostering new business in order to capitalize on the pockets of shallow gas and oil deposits in the area.



Service Industry (Oil and Gas)

Our region is ideally situated for oil and gas transportation and servicing. Highway 41 is a major north-south distribution route leading to major oil and gas developments in the oil sands and runs directly through the Special Areas No. 3. Drilling, seismic, and pipeline construction contribute significantly to the economy and numerous opportunities exist for energy service companies to locate here.



Transportation

Special Areas No. 3 is located in Southeast Alberta and the main east-west route in the region is Highway 9, a high load corridor. The main north-south route is Highway 41. These highways are primary routes for provincial trucking and transportation. Hanna Municipal Airport has a 3,500 foot runway, and the nearest commercial and air freight services are located in Calgary. The area is served by CN Railways.

COMMUNITY STATISTICS

Demographics

	2016 Totals*	2016 %*
Population	1,042	
Median age of the population	43.6	
Total number of census families in private households	290	
Total number of private households by tenure	375	
Owner	345	92.00%
Renter	25	6.67%
Average value of dwellings (\$)	\$283,862	
Average income \$	\$47,043	
Average household total income \$	\$94,245	

Labour Force

In the labour force	625	79.10%
Participation rate		79.10%
Unemployment rate		6.40%
Management occupations	260	40.94%
Business, finance and administration occupations	45	7.09%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	20	3.15%
Health occupations	20	3.15%
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	55	8.66%
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	15	2.36%
Sales and service occupations	60	9.45%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	65	10.24%
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	70	11.02%
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	25	3.94%

Education

High school diploma or equivalent	285	27.14%
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	380	36.19%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	90	8.57%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	215	20.48%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	10	0.95%
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	70	6.67%

*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, Direct Energy, Enmax
Dry Country Gas, ATCO Gas
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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