Village of Delia Communities in Bloom 2015

Community Profile Book



Gateway to the Hand Hills



Home of Canada's Largest Free Standing Solar Power Array

Safe and caring community living

Excellent school

Active senior population

Excellent treated water

Affordable housing

All essential services

Quality recreation and leisure opportunities

Property lots available in new subdivision

Municipal Information Form

General Information

| Municipality: Village of Delia | | a Population: 189 | |
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| Municipal Budget: \$525,000.00 | | | |
| CIB Committee Budget: \$2,400.00 | | | |
| Dedicated Budget for CiB: | ☐ Yes 🕱 No | Budget Integrated Into Municipal Budget: | ¥ Yes □ No |
| Parks Budget as a % of Municipal Budget: 7% | | | |
| Total Area: 97.2a | | | |
| Parks and Green Space Area as a % of Total Area: 8% | | | |
| Structure of your CiB Committee: Council Committee Volunteer Committee | | | |

Municipal Plan

Describe the strategy and level of involvement of the community in its participation for the Communities in Bloom judges' evaluation visit.

The Delia Village Office and the Communities in Bloom Committee along with numerous village volunteers work very hard making Delia look attractive and inviting for visitors and citizens alike.

The Village and CiB advise the citizens of Delia when the judging of the community will take place. This gives the community time to get their yards looking their very best for when the judges visit. The citizens, volunteers and the CiB Committee are very proud to show off their beautiful village.

Tidiness

- ♣ The Spring Village clean up event was held April 29th with 4H and local residents assisting Communities in Bloom members. After the event beverages and cookies were available courtesy of the Communities in Bloom members. 13 members of 4H and their families were present and nine Village adults.
- ♣ Students in grades K-6 did the flower planting on May 28th, they also picked up all the plastic flower pots and recycled them.
- The recycling bins found a permanent home on a reclaimed Village lot.
- ♣ We have five memorial benches in the Village placed at various locations.
- ♣ The fall clean up and placement of corn stalks were held Oct 7th.
- * Toxic waste round up is in June in Morrin. This is done in conjunction with the County and is held in revolving locations.
- * Sidewalks of recycled rubber were installed on Main Street.
- Clean up of ditch and caragana hedge on Battle Ave NE.
- Mulching of trees in parks and boulevards.
- * Two derelict buildings have been removed, one for a new home and one for the recycling center.
- Hedge and pathways maintained in Veteran's Memorial Park.
- South main street beautification included removal of dead trees, levelling of the site and placement of heritage equipment.

♣ The Village and Friends of the Library are holding a community garage sale on June 20th of 2015.



Environmental Action

- Several streets had water and sewer lines replaced in 2013.
- ♣ The Village participates in a toxic round up program in conjunction with the County.
- Composting area is available for all residents.
- ♣ 24 Mountain Ash trees were planted in 2015 on main street and other locations as well as evergreens in the campground donated by a former resident.
- ♣ The Village has the largest free standing Solar Power Array in western Canada.
- ♣ The solar array located on the south side of the Arena supplements the power costs of both the Arena and the Curling Rink.
- ♣ The Hand Hills Wind Project by BluEarth Renewables and Suncor is scheduled for 2018.
- ♣ The Sewer Treatment Lagoon utilizes natural occurring bacteria for decomposition of solid waste materials.
- * Communities in Bloom continue to distribute information regarding conservation, reduce, reuse, recycle and weed control at the Fall Fair booth.
- * The South sign area was enhanced with an antique grader which was refurbished by the Blue Sky Hutterite Colony. Railway ties and a gravel area was used as a foundation (as recommended by the CIB judges in 2012)
- Self watering planters were purchased by Communities in Bloom and local residents through monies donated by individuals and businesses. (Donator plaque is displayed in the Village Office.)
- * Recycled mulch from the 4-H Show and Sale is used to reduce weeds and retain moisture around the trees.
- Recycling bins are provided for paper, hard plastic, cardboard and aluminum in a designated area.
- Residents are encouraged to use rain barrels for watering.
- ♣ K-6 garden was established at the school as part of the Healthy Living initiative.
- Black knot was cleaned up on Village trees in 2014 and 2015.
- Two new recycling and garbage bins are situated at the campground.
- ♣ The "Delia Dirt" newsletter is sent out with the monthly water bills and contains relevant by laws for the time of the year.
- Weekly pick up of compostable material.
- Purple Martin migrating project continues in our area due to the dedication of a local couple.
- Remediation of contaminated soil by Alberta Environment and the property owner at the North Side Garage site is in progress.

Heritage Conservation

- ♣ Celebration of Delia's Centennial August 1st,2nd, and 3rd,2014 with the population of Delia ballooning to 1500. This celebration consisted of a parade, street entertainment, the opening and dedication of the Veteran's Memorial Park, School tours, Heirloom Garden tours, Old and New Machinery Display, Purple Martin presentation, Grain elevator presentation, Discovery Walk and Graveyard Tour, Hand Hills History Display as well as two dances and an exciting Fireworks display.
- ♣ The Centennial Committee held a Volunteer Appreciation Night in November, 2014.
- ♣ Delia Communities in Bloom Float won the award for best service club as well as best over all float.
- Two new murals were painted on the North Side Garage site and the Delia Farm Supply site depicting farming history to present time. The existing mural on the hotel is to be refurbished.
- A new history book chronicling Delia history from 1970 to the present time has been finished and was celebrated with a Book Launch held on June 14th.
- A Granite Wall of Honour was installed on May 12th,2015 with names of all those who served in the wars from this area. The Wall was dedicated on June 14th in conjunction with the book launch for the new history book.
- * The Delia Historical Society has made changes to the Anglican Church and it has been used to display an Art show at the time of the Fall Fair. It is also used for movie night during the curling camp held in the summer.
- The Masonic Hall (previously Arrawanna School moved into Delia in the 1940's) is used for Kindermusik and pre-school. It also houses an exercise room in the basement.
- The Historical Society arranges an annual November 11th Remembrance Day Service and a lunch that follows the service.
- The Museum has a new geological display in the basement.
- ♣ The Historical Society regularly posts information on Facebook.
- * New Historical Markers have been placed around the Village at Heritage sites prior to Delia's Centennial celebration.
- The Ag. Society organizes an annual Fall Fair every October with over 1500 dollars worth of awards donated by local businesses and individuals.



Urban Forestry

- * Twenty four (24) Mountain Ash trees were donated by a past resident for boulevard enhancing. These were planted and mulched by volunteers in 2015.
- Spruce trees for the campground were donated by the same person in 2015.
- ♣ Mulch from the 4-H Beef Show and Sale on June 1, 2015 was added to the north subdivision trees, to the parks and around the newly planted trees.
- ♣ The Delia School students have planted "edible" trees and two "memory" trees in their Health Champions Garden.
- Al Hampton, Ag Field Man from Starland County, is consulted in regard to pest and disease management of trees.
- ♣ The Delia Ag Society and the Delia Elks Club continue to maintain and upgrade the campground.
- Prairie Land School Division works in co-operation with the village to maintain the school grounds.
- ♣ Three Thunder Child Crab trees and several Junipers were planted on the east side of Veterans Memorial Park to add eye appeal when entering the village from the north.







Landscape

- An Unsightly Property Bylaw is in place.
- A student was hired by the village to assist with summer work.
- Memorial benches are situated throughout the village.
- ♣ Pioneer memories equipment is located at the north and south entrances into Delia as well as at the south end of Main Street.
- ♣ Seventy self-watering planters were purchased in 2014. These were made possible by personal donations and Communities in Bloom monies. A framed list of donors is located in the village office.
- ♣ Delia "Rocks" can be found at the camp ground, village office, Museum, Veterans Memorial Park and in individual yards.
- * New murals have been painted by local talent on the North Side Garage and the Delia Farm Supplies building. The owner of the Delia Farm Supplies property did all the necessary pre-painting prep work. All murals depict historic Delia. Plans are in the works to refurbish the mural on the north side of the "Saddle Sore Saloon".
- ♣ The recycling area was enhanced with a compilation of environmental signs painted by the K-grade 6 students.
- We continue to send out "We've Noticed" cards to village residents who have made yard improvements.
- * Fall decorations consisting of corn stalks attached to lampposts, scare crows and orange pumpkin bags filled with flower refuse are placed on Main Street.
- Winter décor included Santa and his Reindeer, loaned to us by a resident, making south Main Street look festive. The High School shop class is excited to construct a new set of our very own, ready for 2016.
- A professional landscaper was hired to trim and shape the caragana hedge surrounding Veterans Memorial Park. This will assist in future maintenance by volunteers.
- * Recycled rubber sidewalks replaced previous concrete sidewalks on Main Street
- * Four (4) derelict buildings have been demolished in the past three years.
- ♣ The exterior of two downtown buildings have been restored to depict a similar era.
- Maintenance of the Delia Cemetery continues to be looked after by Starland County. A

gazebo and new concrete walkways have been added.

- A heritage grader has been added to the south welcome sign area and both have been placed on a gravel base contained by reclaimed railway ties.
- The campground update has been completed thanks to the Delia Ag. Society and the Delia Elks.



Floral Displays

- New self-watering planters of various shapes and sizes make floral displays easier to maintain by the volunteers.
- Flowers added to pots in the heritage wagons and drill enhance the aesthetic appeal of the display.
- A watering schedule is formulated for May to October. The village's old truck is available for this purpose. The village maintains the truck and pays for the gas and water used. The summer students, hired by the Village, take a turn at watering once a month in July and August; the rest is done by volunteers. A Communities in Bloom member has devised a pump and two hose system; one works for top watering and the other for filling of the self-watering pot reservoirs.
- A uniform color scheme is used throughout.
- Several businesses and residents plant and care for their own flower pots.
- School students assist with the initial planting and are rewarded with a treat for their efforts. Student involvement instils pride and eliminates vandalism.
- * Communities in Bloom members apply slow release fertilizer and mulch with grass clippings at time of planting.
- ♣ The Village pays for the flowers; planting and maintenance is done by volunteers
- ♣ 270 tulip bulbs were planted in the V at Veterans Memorial Park in the fall of 2014.
- Volunteer red poppies and red annual petunias beautify the V throughout the summer and fall months.
- The Museum plants and cares for their grounds.
- Two non-repairable wooden planters have been replaced with self-watering pots.



Delia Communities in Bloom Fundraiser

- On November 28, 2014, Communities in Bloom held a fund raiser.
- ♣ Local talent, Robyn and Kim Thompson and the "jazzercise group" as well as professional recording artists Elton Lammie and Lyndsey Hoff, performed.
- A hot meal was prepared by Communities in Bloom members. The Hand Hills Lake Club assisted with serving and clean-up in exchange for help with their annual Hand Hills Stampede.
- * A silent and live auction was part of the evening's events. Donations were received from businesses in Delia, Drumheller, Hanna and Strathmore as well as Starland County and local residents.
- ♣ Guests were seated at tables according to a predetermined seating plan. Each table was labelled with the name of a flower. These flower names were then pulled at random from a basket and this decided the order in which tables were called up to the buffet.
- Close to \$6000.00 was raised.



Delia Communities in Bloom Planting Flowers



Delia's Centennial Parade



Delia's Centennial Parade (continued)



Delia & District Community Centre

- ♣ The hall board of directors organize cultural events in conjunction with Alberta Foundation of the Arts such as Trooper, April Wine, Streetheart, Doc Walker, Flying Bob, The Legends and Honeymoon Suite.
- Host the Halloween Dance, Family Christmas Party, the Christmas Bazaar and an Adult Christmas Party
- Organized a Poker Walk on June 7, 2015
- Supervise the rental and overall maintenance of the building





Mission

The Delia Library connects the Delia Community with the knowledge and skills enabling them to interact with their world and each other.

Vision

Access to the world in the heart of the community.

Delia Municipal Library Strategic Plan of Service 2012-2016

Service Priorities

Know Your Community: Community resources and services

Connect to the Online World: **Public Internet Access**

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Express Creativity: Create and share content

Stimulate Imagination: Reading, viewing, and listening for pleasure

Goals

- 1. Community members will become involved and be aware of the resources and services available to them in their community.
- 2. Residents in the Delia Library service area will have access to the Internet.
- 3. Young children (ages 0-5) will discover the world of books and stimulate their imagination.
- 4. Teens will have services and support to create innovative and interactive media.
- 5. Adults will have services and support to create innovative and interactive media.
- 6. Residents will have multiple choices for reading, listening, and viewing to enhance their leisure time.



- Delia Library is located in the Public School
- Makerspace and free WiFi internet access available for public use
- Regular Hours during the school year are posted on our FACEBOOK page
- Summer Hours are posted on our website: www.delialibrary.ca
- Check our website often for upcoming programs

Delia School

"If you believe it, you can achieve it"

- Breakfast program run daily through grants from Breakfast for Learning
- PLRD Evergreening Initiative provided us with Chrome Books for elementary classrooms and Laptops for High School
- ♣ The Career and Technology Studies (CTS) Trailer here in Delia one semester each year allows students access to woodworking, metalworking, and welding opportunities in grades 7-12
- Students' Union plans, organizes and runs school dances and fundraisers
- ♣ Junior high took part in an Intergenerational Project. Grade 7 and 8 students interviewed several Senior Citizens about their lives growing up. They did it in a café like atmosphere. Their stories became posters, poems and narratives. Those interviewed received a 'Thank you' package after the presentations.



- ♣ Geocaching These caches are located world wide. The locations are posted on the internet and you search for them by town using co-ordinates of longitude and latitude. Delia has 5 in town and 3 within walking distance. The grade 7 and 8 class went on an "Amazing Race" to locate the local caches which were developed by a past graduate Sing Luke and a Hanna resident.
- Dream Team trip to France and Italy April 2015
- Opportunity for piano lessons
- * We offer traditional academic programs in multiple pathways as well as alternative programs such as Green Certificate, Health Pathways, Distance Learning and Dual Credit Programs through Lakeland College and NAIT. In conjunction with other schools in the district, we make use of video conferencing classes to offer courses that we are not able to provide. Finally, we work with grade 11 and 12 students in preparing portfolios, scholarship applications and post-

secondary applications. We have begun using My

Blueprint to help achieve these goals and to assist students in researching and maintaining their portfolios.





Delia School (continued)

- ♣ Delia School continues to focus on maintaining and building our connections with parents and the community at large.
- Our school sign is well placed in the middle of town so as to maximize visibility. We also use technology such as our Twitter feed and our Facebook page to keep parents and the community informed of important events. We are beginning to make use of the Remind app not only as a classroom tool but also as another pathway to keep parents updated about school events. Our monthly newsletter, which is developed by our grade 9 LA class, is available in both digital and print form, and highlights these key events also.

We work hand in hand with our Parent Council to promote school functions such as our Terry

Fox Run, pancake breakfasts, Christmas Concert, Remembrance Day Ceremony and sporting events. The whole community is always invited to these important events as well as those directly connected to the school.

A Garden Party was held on June 24th and was combined with a retirement send-off for Bonnie Doktorchik who has taught at the Delia School for 39 years. This was also a volunteer appreciation event.

Our students, staff and community are committed to promoting healthy choices for a healthy lifestyle. Our Health Champions team

has created green space on the school grounds and a working garden from which the team harvests produce. Through community groups such as Communities in Bloom, the Elks and Royal Purple and the Seniors, we continue to develop these areas. The high school Career and

Technology Studies (CTS) classes have been building a shed for the garden to house tools etc.

A Our Students' Union works very hard to bring excellent activities and programs that promote empathy and caring for others. We also work hand in hand with Project Reach and our Family Resource Worker to provide programs such as Anti-Bullying and Girls Club. Finally our school also supports programs such as the Morgan Jayne Project, World Vision, Jump Rope for Heart, Thirty Hour Famine and Food Bank Drives.

Delia and District Agricultural Society

- * This Society is the umbrella organization for the Arena, Curling Club, Communities in Bloom, 4-H Clubs and the Annual 4-H Beef Show and Sale for the Drumheller and District beef clubs.
- Sponsor of the annual Ball Tournament in August
- ♣ Sponsor of the annual Fall Fair in October. Over \$1500.00 in awards are donated by businesses and individuals each year.
- Sponsor of numerous scholarships (listed in the Fall Fair Booklet)
- * Hosts the Farm Safety Program for youth aged 10 and over every few years as the number of kids warrant
- ♣ Is currently applying under the "Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program" grant that is being offered by the federal government in honour of Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation happening in 2017. This grant is meant to rehabilitate and improve existing community structures. The Ag Society is planning to use this grant money to replace the roof on the curling rink.



AG Society Awards - 2014

Delia Co-op Scholarship - \$350.00 preference to 1st year student

Michelle Hoover

Farrell Lake Scholarship - \$350.00

Rachel Tober

Millennium Scholarship (2) - \$650.00 preference to 2nd year student

Kelsey Olmstead
Danielle Ketner

Nick's Western Meats Scholarship - \$1000.00 preference to 3rd & 4th year student

Jamie-Lee Danielsen

Delia General Store Scholarship (Diana & Terry Black) - \$350.00 preference to 1st year student Aimee Peterson

Art Hoover Memorial Scholarship

New scholarship added in 2015



Delia Arena

- Hockey for local and visiting teams
- Figure skating and power skating lessons
- Annual Skating Carnival
- Annual New Year's Eve skating party
- Venue for Drumheller and District 4-H Beef Show and Sale
- Venue for the annual Fall Fair
- Used equipment is available for youth who don't have their own
- Arena managers offer free popcorn to skaters
- Used for community events that need a larger facility



Delia Curling Club

- Weekly winter curling
- Weekly stick curling during the winter months
- Sponsors the school curling program
- Annual bonspiels
- Host a two week long summer curling training camp followed up with a bonspiel for children and adults
- ♣ The organization of the above event is done by Tammy Graham. She has been awarded two Provincial "Volunteer of the Year" awards through SACA. (Southern Alberta Curling Association)
- Building is available for rent for family and community functions
- * The Bantam girls and Bantam boys curling teams went to Regional and then on to Southern Alberta playoffs. The Juvenile boys curling team made it to Regional Playoffs. This is an amazing feat for rural curling teams and we're so proud of them.



Delia Historical Society

- A Owns the former Mason Hall, previously the Arrawanna School built in 1910, which offers a venue for Kindermusik, exercise programs, preschool, dance lessons when a teacher is available and also for private functions.
- Continuing with restorations to the historic St. Patrick's Anglican Church. It is used to display art work during the Fall Fair. It was also used to show movies during the summer curling camp last August.
- Maintains the Delia And District Dawson Museum
- Hires a student to man the Museum through July and August
- Maintains the Springwater Stone School
- New Geological Display in the basement of the Museum
- Posts information on its Face Book page
- Was responsible for the historical markers placed at Heritage sites prior to Delia's 100th
 Celebration



Delia Historical Society (continued)













photos of historical markers placed at historical sites courtesy of Kevin Banman



Delia Elks and Royal Purple

Support was given to the following community groups or activities in 2014:

Minor Hockey Tournament

Delia Community Centre

Swimming Lessons

School Nutrition Program

Elks Walk for Children

M.S. Society

School Garden Project

Seniors Drop-In Centre

Junior Curling Camp

Elks Fund for Children

Legion Poppy Fund

Santa Day Christmas Bags

School Awards

Scholarships

Public Skating Sponsorship

Delia Curling Club Floor

The total funds dispersed in 2014: \$20,218.00

- Sponsor of weekly bingo
- Monthly Pancake Breakfasts from October to May
- Put on a steak barbeque for members, their families and project volunteers in June as a token of appreciation



Delia Christian Fellowship Church

- Weekly church services
- Sunday School
- Hosts the family campout at Prairie Oasis Campground during July or August

Delia Christian Fellowship and the Delia United Church have correlated to hold Christian Community Worship Services in neutral locations in October and December of 2014 and in April and June of 2015. It is their hope to appeal to those people who wish to worship but not be affiliated with an organized religion.

Delia United Church

- ♣ Holds services the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Children's Sunday School is held during adult church. Services are suspended for July and August.
- United Church ladies offer catering for funeral luncheons
- The building is available for community meetings and functions
- Hold an annual Hymn Sing featuring a community choir
- Sponsor weekly piano lessons
- Sponsor weekly voice lessons
- Venue for the FCSS Summer Fun Program which runs two days a week in Delia and two days a week in Morrin through July and August



Delia & District Drop In Centre

- Hosts coffee and cards twice a week
- Hosts monthly potlucks and senior birthday parties
- Holds monthly crib tournaments the last Thursday of the month
- Held themed suppers in February and March
- Offers the use of the building for family gatherings, community use and meetings
- Plans periodic outings for members and local seniors as a way of supporting our seniors



Delia & District Drop In Centre (continued)



Delia Conservation 2000

- Formed in 1992
- Hold regular meetings during the winter months
- Initial purpose was to inform producers about direct seeding methods that were of benefit to the soil
- In 1995 won the Alberta Conservation Tillage Society (ACTS) Award for outstanding achievement
- * The focus has shifted to marketing, economics and technology refinement or any topic relating to the agricultural industry

KidSport

- Local members are a chapter of KidSport Alberta which is a national not-for-profit organization
- * Kids aged 18 years and under can apply, confidentially, for financial assistance for registration fees and sports equipment
- They have a booth at the Fall Fair every October where they sell tickets on donated items
- Other funding comes from donated items





Delia Fire Department

- Volunteer Fire Department manned by Delia and district residents
- Heart defibrillator donated by Delia Elks and Royal Purple
- Own an energy efficient truck and emergency response vehicle
- Members: Jeff Andersen, Brian Heck, Dallas Stevens, Yvon Fournier, Kelby Stevens, Rob Bancroft, John Clayholt, Serenity Wood, Susan Hansen, Dustin Seidler, Ed Peterson, Jeff Stel, Bryce Thompson



Veteran's Memorial Park

previously Cenotaph Park

- * Renamed and re-dedicated during the opening ceremonies of the Centennial celebration Aug 2nd, 2014. The unveiling of the sandstone rock and attached plaque occurred at the same time.
- V flower bed was added and tulip bulbs planted in the fall to be followed by red petunia and poppies in the summer
- Two concrete benches and a picnic table were strategically placed in the park
- A Donor plaque was attached inside the gazebo



Veteran's Memorial Park Rededication

A Granite Wall of Honour was installed on May 12th,2015 with names of all those from this area who served in the Canadian military from 1914. The Wall was dedicated on June 14th in conjunction with the launch of the new history book.



Veteran's Memorial Park Rededication (continued)



Veteran's Memorial Park Rededication (continued)



4 - H Awards

Appreciation and Awards Banquet held Thursday, June 25, 2015 at the Delia Community Centre

4-H Alberta Awards of Excellence

Bronze

Emily Alderdice

Carter Reed

Tessa Reed

Levi Reed

Platinum

Kyle Heck

William Hoover

Leaders

3 years -Jason Reed & Everett Alderdice

5 years -Kim Heck

10 years -Brian Heck & Janice Hoover



Communities in Bloom Members

- Dave Sisley
- Bev Hall
- Roxie Reed
- Jan McLeod
- Doug and Clare Carson
- Marilyn Downey
- Eleanor and Rick Fair
- Sharon Guttridge
- Don Hall
- Donna Isaac

- Chairperson
- -- Vice Chair
- Past Chair
- Secretary / Treasurer
 - Brenda and Paul Marshall
 - Lorelee and Stan Marshall
 - Barry McLeod
 - Walter Reed
 - Dennis Thordarson
 - Heather Van Horne

Willing helpers

- Edith Hamlin
- Keith Hansen
- Dale Nelson
- Lornell Oliver

Village of Delia Council

- Mayor Dawn Bancroft
- Deputy Mayor John Rogers
- Councillor Yvon Fournier
- CAO Kristy Isaac

Communities in Bloom would like to thank all those that help to keep Delia Beautiful!!



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