

2022 Hinton Elementary School Transportation Boundary Review:

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<p><i>If</i> Hinton is experiencing a bus driver shortage, how does this impact this process, if at all?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Attendance Area review process is not impacted by or relevant to a possible driver shortage. • All Hinton routes are staffed. • The department has an ongoing recruitment and training system in place to hire spare drivers. 										
<p>Where, if any, are the new subdivisions coming in, and how soon?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the Town of Hinton's interactive GIS map, current residential areas and Future Urban Development areas are located in the Terrace Heights (southwest), Eaton (south) and Thompson Lake (southeast) neighbourhoods. Future Urban Development areas are also noted in the east-Hardisty neighbourhood. • Census data from 2021 shows a 0.7 percent decline in the Hinton population from 2016 Census data. <div data-bbox="574 871 1404 1312" data-label="Figure"> <table border="1"> <caption>Population change for Hinton and higher level geographies, 2016 to 2021</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Geography</th> <th>Percent change (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Hinton (T)</td> <td>-0.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Division No. 14 (CDR)</td> <td>-2.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alberta</td> <td>4.8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canada</td> <td>5.2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Overview webpage (2022) on the Town of Hinton website indicates the current population of Hinton is 10.1k; in 2012, the population noted was 9.9k. Hinton's Economic Development Strategy describes Hinton's population has "stagnated for close to two decades." 	Geography	Percent change (%)	Hinton (T)	-0.7	Division No. 14 (CDR)	-2.2	Alberta	4.8	Canada	5.2
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<p>What are the current school enrolment numbers at the elementary schools?</p>	<p>2022/23 Enrolment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crescent Valley (CV) K-7 = 313 • École Mountain View (EMV) K-7 = 450 (230 FRIM) 										
<p>Does the transportation grant cover a loss of operating costs to cover the fee-based services?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. • The Transportation Grant is to operate transportation services for eligible riders only. 										

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<p>Are there relevant demographic trends?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no current significant or relevant demographic trends. • As noted above, the population of Hinton has not changed significantly over the past 20 years.
<p>Can attendance boundary areas be reviewed more regularly (instead of 20 years)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. • Typically, attendance areas are adjusted in correlation with school closures, program closures or moves, and population changes that impact enrolment numbers. • The population in Hinton has not significantly changed over the past 2 decades; however, GYPSD reduced to two elementary schools, from three, and residential areas have developed in the south and south-east 'hill' neighbourhoods.
<p>How many households are within each of the two current attendance areas?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to Census 2021 data, approximately 2100 households fall within the EMV attendance area, and approximately 1,300 households fall within the CV attendance area.
<p>What is the main goal of the attendance area review? Reduce bus time? Improve enrolment numbers between the two schools? Reduce hazards/improve safety for walkers?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main goal for the attendance area review is to better align the designated school site for eligible transportation riders; within the deciding factors, the Board has to consider how any changes will impact school enrolment numbers. The attendance area change may result in more students being eligible for transportation services.
<p>Is it possible to remove eligible riders from the buses if they do not use their seats?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Boards only receive funding for eligible riders. If there were no eligible riders, there would be no transportation department. • At any time during the school year, transportation services must ensure that seats are available to all students who meet the eligibility criteria and who request busing. • If seats for eligible riders are needed, non-eligible riders are removed from the bus and their remaining fees are reimbursed.
<p>Why are out-of-town students to the west of Hinton bused to CV in the east?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure CV was not under-enrolled because of Hardisty's land-locked position in the valley, previous boards designated all out-of-town bus riders to CVS. The growth areas in Hinton are located in neighborhoods on the south side of HWY 16.
<p>Is one of the goals of the attendance area review to even enrolment and get more kids to CVS?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All school boards are required to set attendance areas for their schools. Attendance areas ensure that all the schools in the community are supported. • Boards are required to identify designated schools for bused students. The GYPSD Board supports parent choice and does not limit boundary areas to resident students only. • Student enrolment numbers determines the current funding of school budgets. Budget equity supports rich programming across school sites. • Currently, CVS is at 59% student capacity. EMV is at 82% student capacity.



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Does the Thompson Lake neighbourhood meet the criteria for eligible transportation to CVS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If in the review process, the Board determines the neighbourhood of Thompson Lake is designated to CVS, all the addresses in Thompson Lake meet the 2.4km or more eligibility criteria.
Is it possible to get the age demographic breakdown for each sub-division?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of children in Hinton aged 0-9 is 1,280, or 12.7 percent of the population (2021 Census data).