

# TOWN OF BIGGAR

SASKATCHEWAN



## 2018 COMMUNITY PROFILE



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## INTRODUCTION

The Town of Biggar Community Profile has been produced to articulate the economic, social and cultural attributes of the Biggar region. Although this document is geared specifically for the business community, the profile is still a valuable resource for anyone researching the Biggar area. The information contained in this document is based upon data at the date of printing. This information covers some of the many things the community has to offer businesses, investors and families.

Biggar is a great place to raise a family. Biggar is a community that has an abundance of parks, organized sports and sports facilities, and two excellent school systems.

While most people already know that Biggar is a friendly, family-orientated community, many people don't know that Biggar is a dynamic, progressive place to live. The quality of life in Biggar is exceptional.

The citizens of Biggar have recently rededicated themselves to ensuring their future with a community spirit second to none. Please explore all that Biggar has to offer and visualize the potential of this great town.

*Town and Country Fair Days*



## HISTORY OF BIGGAR

### *Canadian National Railcar*



In 1907 the C.P.R steel passed through the district, and 1908 marked the arrival of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad. The settlement of Biggar, which took its name from W. H. Biggar, General Counsel for the G.T.P.R., was incorporated as a village in 1909. In 1910, the G.T.P.R. decided to establish a divisional point, sparking a construction boom that shot the population over the 600 mark. Biggar became one of the home terminals where train crews changed. The station was one of the largest in the west, boasting an all-night restaurant. Biggar was incorporated as a Town in 1911.

Development continued and the population exceeded the 2,000 mark by the early 1920's. During the thirty years that followed, the population remained fairly stable. It wasn't until the 1950's that Biggar experienced renewed growth. Today, Biggar is home to industry leaders Cargill Ltd-Prairie Malt., Rack Petroleum, and AGI Envirotank and is a divisional point for the CN railway.

## Legend of Biggar

### *Welcome Sign*



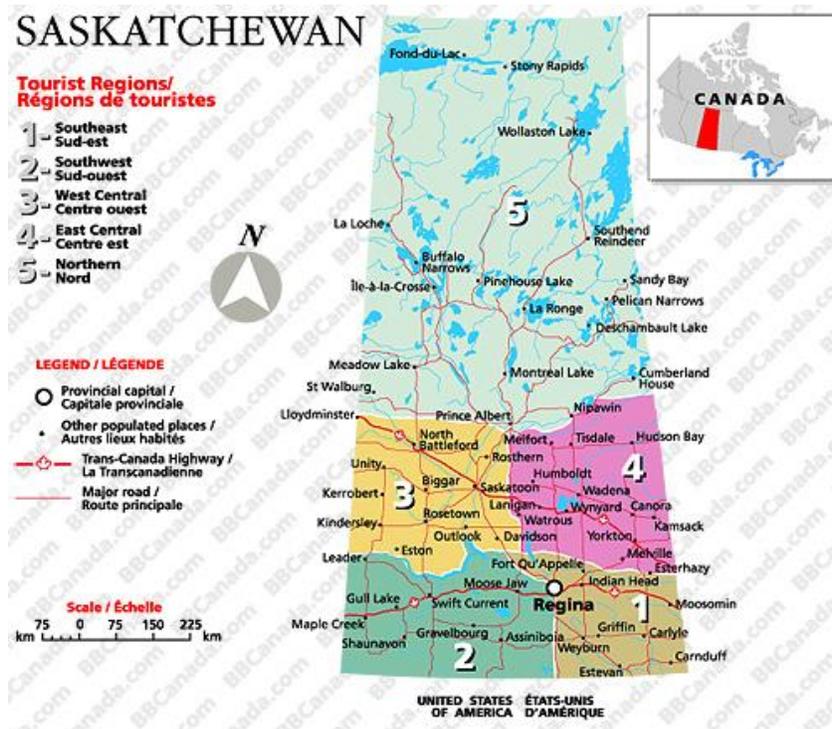
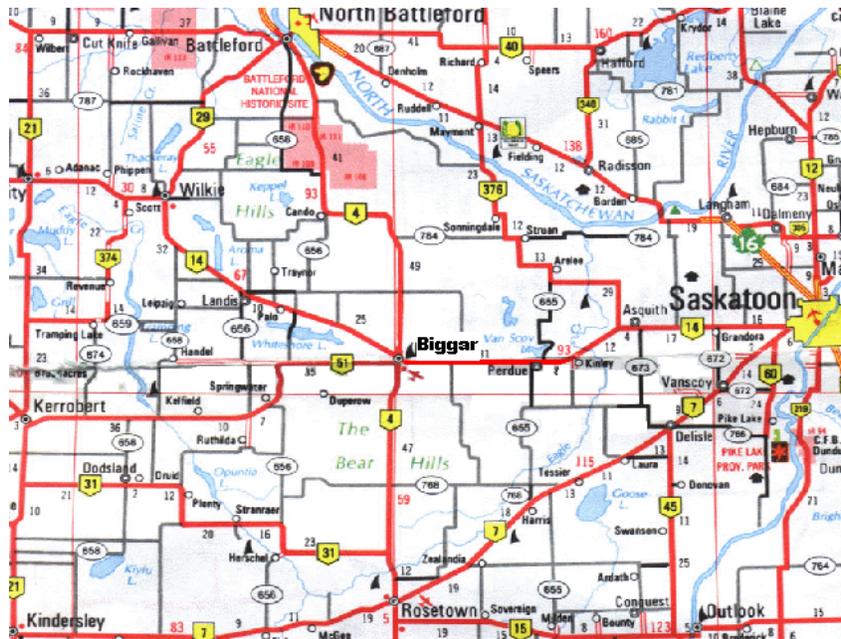
The "New York is Big, But this is Biggar" slogan came about in 1909 according to local legend. A survey crew had a bit too much to drink one night and wrote the phrase on a sign as a prank. As it turned out, the townspeople liked the phrase and adopted it. The sign and the slogan remain as two of the most recognizable symbols of Biggar, famous the world around.

### *Town Office*



## GEOGRAPHY

Biggar is located 50 minutes west of Saskatoon on Highway #14 and 50 minutes south of Battleford on Highway #4.



## Highway Transportation

Biggar is serviced by two major provincial highways. Highway #4 runs north and south. Highway #14 runs east and west. The Town of Biggar is 93 kilometres west of Saskatoon on Highway #14. It is 95 kilometres south of North Battleford on Highway #4. Each of these major highways provides a fast and safe way of transporting bulk products.

Driving Distance to Canadian Destinations	
Urban Centre	Km
Regina	349
Saskatoon	93
Prince Albert	233
Swift Current	212
Yorkton	421
Lloydminster	227
Winnipeg	875
Calgary	561
Edmonton	477
Vancouver	1519
Toronto	3033
Montreal	3161

Driving Distance to North American Destinations	
Urban Centre	Km
Minneapolis	1542
Denver	1668
Seattle	1630
Salt Lake City	1630
Chicago	2198
Detroit	2649
St. Louis	2441
Los Angeles	2735
Houston	3157
Atlanta	3356
Charlotte	3414
New York	3495

## Railway Transportation

Biggar has the luxury of being served by both of Canada’s major railways. Canadian National whose mainline track borders the south edge of the town and Canadian Pacific rail line to the north of town.

## Time Zone

Saskatchewan follows a fixed central time zone year round.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Population

Year	Total Population
2016	2,226
2011	2,161

Age (in years)	Population*
0 to 19	505
20 to 29	215
30 to 39	250
40 to 49	250
50 to 59	310
60 to 69	285
70 to 79	205
80 and over	205

### Labour Force

Employment – By Industry	*
All Industries	1,020
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	90
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	40
Utilities	0
Construction	45
Manufacturing	80
Wholesale Trade	55
Retail Trade	125
Transportation and Warehousing	45
Information and cultural industries	10
Finance and insurance	25
Real estate and rental and leasing	10
Professional, scientific and technical services	30
Management of companies and enterprises	0
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	30
Educational services	65
Health care and social assistance	140
Arts, entertainment and recreation	25
Accommodation and food services	70
Other services (except public administration)	65
Public administration	70

Employment – By Occupation		*
All Occupations		1,015
Management		110
Business, finance and administration		140
Natural and applied sciences		40
Health		95
Education, law and social, community and government services		90
Art, culture, recreation and sport		10
Sales and service		210
Trades, transport and equipment operators		205
Natural resources, agriculture and related production		80
Manufacturing and utilities		45

## Household Income

Household Income	Number of Households*
Total Households	980
Income under \$10,000	15
\$10,000 to \$19,999	65
\$20,000 to \$39,999	220
\$40,000 to \$59,999	230
\$60,000 to \$80,000	200
\$80,000 to \$99,999	105
\$100,000 and over	265

## Individual Income

Individual Income	Number of Individuals*
Total Households	1,695
Income under \$10,000	165
\$10,000 to \$19,999	275
\$20,000 to \$39,999	480
\$40,000 to \$59,999	335
\$60,000 to \$80,000	205
\$80,000 to \$99,999	120
\$100,000 and over	115

Source: Statistics Canada 2016 Census

\* - Counts are rounded to the nearest 5 people. The total represents the exact number.

## Climate

Biggar experiences a typical continental prairie climate. Continental climates feature mild to warm summers and cold winters. The temperature difference between the warmest and the coldest months can be as great as 25 to 35 degrees Celsius. Precipitation can also be erratic from month to month with the majority of the precipitation in the Biggar area falling between the spring and summer months. Warm temperatures and high rainfall in the early spring and summer makes the Biggar area ideal for agricultural-based industries. The Biggar region experiences approximately 2,380 hours of sunshine per year.

Temperature:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	Code
Daily Average (°C)	-16.3	-12.5	-5.4	4.3	11.4	15.6	17.8	17.3	11.2	4.5	-6.4	-13.8	2.3	A
Standard Deviation	4.8	4.9	3.5	2.6	1.6	1.2	1.4	2.1	1.9	1.6	3.7	4.6	1.8	A
Daily Maximum (°C)	-11.6	-7.6	-0.4	10.3	18.1	22.1	24.4	24.1	17.6	10.4	-2.1	-9.2	8	A
Daily Minimum (°C)	-21	-17.4	-10.5	-1.9	4.6	9.1	11.2	10.4	4.7	-1.4	-10.6	-18.3	-3.4	A
Extreme Maximum (°C)	15.6	15	19.4	32.8	36.7	40	<b>40</b>	40	36.7	34.4	21.7	15		
Date (yyyy/dd)	1942/22	1931/18	1946/26	1939/29	1936/27	1941/24+	<b>1937/04</b>	1949/06	1967/05	1943/05	1949/03+	1939/05		
Extreme Minimum (°C)	-45.6	<b>-46.7</b>	-37.2	-31.7	-11.1	-3.9	0	-3.3	-9.4	-25	-34	-42.5		
Date (yyyy/dd)	1950/27+	<b>1936/16</b>	1951/08	1954/02	1949/23+	1969/12	1946/23	1927/31	1939/29+	1991/29	1985/27	1992/30		
<b>Precipitation:</b>														
Rainfall (mm)	0.1	0	1.3	16.4	43.4	60.2	63.2	45	29	9.2	1.5	0.1	269.3	A
Snowfall (cm)	20.3	10.8	14.1	10	2.5	0	0	0	1.5	5.9	13.2	18	96.1	A
Precipitation (mm)	20.4	10.8	15.4	26.3	45.9	60.2	63.2	45	30.5	15.1	14.7	18.1	365.5	A
Average Snow Depth (cm)					0	0	0	0	0					D
Median Snow Depth (cm)					0	0	0	0	0					D
Snow Depth at Month-end (cm)					0	0	0	0	0					D
Extreme Daily Rainfall (mm)	8.9	25.4	7.2	30	55.1	96.5	68.1	70.1	<b>103.6</b>	23.6	8.6	14		
Date (yyyy/dd)	1923/17	1923/28	1986/28	1985/19	1968/30	1921/06	1920/22	1960/02	<b>1938/09</b>	1924/11+	1917/23	1922/25		
Extreme Daily Snowfall (cm)	19.6	17.5	24.9	19.1	10	0	0	0	16.8	<b>25.4</b>	21.6	15		
Date (yyyy/dd)	1971/15	1969/25	1967/30	1971/28	1997/17	1917/01+	1917/01+	1917/01+	1982/28	<b>1961/20</b>	1963/26	1991/04+		
Extreme Daily Precipitation (mm)	19.6	34.3	24.9	30	55.1	96.5	68.1	70.1	<b>103.6</b>	28.4	21.6	15		
Date (yyyy/dd)	1971/15	1923/28	1967/30	1985/19	1968/30	1921/06	1920/22	1960/02	<b>1938/09</b>	1991/21	1963/26	1991/04+		
Extreme Snow Depth (cm)	<b>40</b>	36	39	30	10	0	0	0	3	9	30	33		
Date (yyyy/dd)	<b>1999/27+</b>	1965/28+	1999/06+	1967/01	1997/18	1961/01+	1961/01+	1961/01+	2000/21	1998/12	1966/22+	1964/31		

Source: Biggar, Saskatchewan Canada Yearly/Monthly Climate Data from El Dorado Weather

## NATURAL RESOURCES

### Mineral Resources

- Potash – used in the production of fertilizer as well as commercial and industrial products ranging from soap to television tubes. PCS - Corey Division is at Delisle and Agrium Potash Mine is at Vanscoy.
- Sodium Sulphate – used in detergents, glass, dyes, textiles and tanning and in the agriculture chemicals industry.

### Water Resources

The community of Biggar is blessed with tremendous water reservoirs. The reservoirs are located in huge underground aquifers that are remnants of ancient glaciers.

## REAL ESTATE

The community of Biggar has three local real estate firms: Tim Hammond Realty, and ReMax Realty, and ReMax/Shoreline Realty. In addition, the Town of Biggar has commercial, industrial, and residential lots available.

### Dwellings

Biggar has 1,032 homes.

### Rental Housing

There are 64 rental units and 92 senior rental units in the Town of Biggar. In 2015, a new 50+ adult living apartment building called Central Park Place opened, adding 24 units to the 68 previously available in Biggar.

### Commercial & Industrial Lots

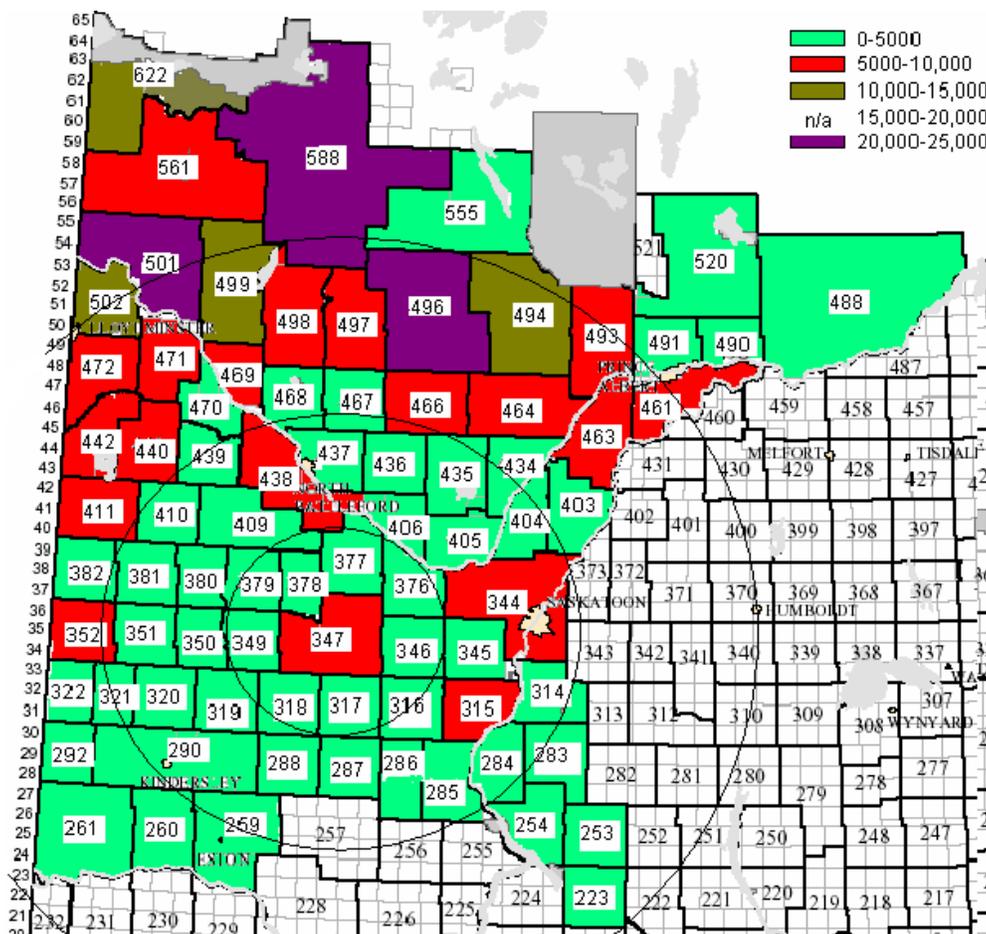
Commercial lots are found along Highway #14, Main Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Industrial lots are found on the borders of town along the Truck Route and Highway #14.

## BUSINESS ENVIROMENT & LEADING EMPLOYERS

### Agriculture

Agricultural production and growing world markets continue to stand as two of the primary forces driving the regional economy. The development of biotechnology enhanced seeds/chemicals and more efficient farming practices present opportunities for process of specialty crops for region and export markets. Other dryland farming crops such as peas, lentils and herbs may lead to additional value added business ventures. The bulk of the 4,000 area farms continue to produce spring wheat and durum wheat, as well as barley, oats, rye, flax, peas and canola. Although commodity prices for traditional crops fluctuate, there is good potential for value added opportunities.

### Livestock



In the core area (RM 347), there are 7,814 beef cows. In the RMs surrounding the core area, the number of beef cows is 24,306. In the area inside the second circle, the number of beef cows is approximately 82,929. This makes 115,049 beef cows within a radius of approximately 120 miles of Biggar. This is a potential supply of 150,000 animals per year.

There are no data sets on breed types and natural versus conventional production methods. This implies that Bear Hills Rural Development Corp. can create its own data set through a survey. This will not be necessary until addressing specific markets. Several successful producer-marketing companies suggest feeding and breeding together to create a premium product (e.g. Rancher Renaissance).

### **Financial Services**

The Town of Biggar possesses a developed network of financial services for business and personal needs. Services range from personal brokerage and investment to commercial financial resources for businesses and agriculturally based operations in the region from qualified professionals at the following agencies:

- Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Bank
- RBC Royal Bank of Canada
- Biggar & District Credit Union
- TWH Financial Services
- Credential Asset Management Securities
- Kurulak Investment and Insurance Corp.

## **Business Training**

Great Plains College is dedicated to understanding and serving the training and education needs of the region's vital industry sectors. They work closely with businesses to deliver skills and safety training courses and provide the certification that is required for the development of productive and safe employees. Training is available at all college locations and Great Plains College can offer customized skills and safety training onsite in the workplace.

The college also offers a range of personal and professional development courses that are delivered online. Course categories include: Accounting and Finance, Business, College Readiness, Computer Applications, Design and Composition, Health Care and Medical, Language and Arts, Personal Development, Teaching and Education, Technology, and Writing and Publishing.

Visit [greatplainscollege.ca](http://greatplainscollege.ca) for a complete list of programs and courses.

## **Manufacturing**

AGI Envirotank is a leading manufacturer of steel storage tanks. They design and build environmentally safe tanks for use in every major industry – oil and gas, mining, transportation, construction, waste management, bulk and retail storage, and service.

## **Mining**

There are two potash mines within a one hour drive of Biggar. Saskatchewan has the largest concentration of potash reserves in the world and the PCS Corey Division at Delisle and Agrium Potash Mine at Vanscoy are two of several mining companies in the Province.

## **Tourism**

There are many opportunities for tourism development in the Biggar area.

## Retail Shopping

The Town of Biggar has a strong offering of retailers. Please refer to [www.townofbiggar.com/businessdirectory](http://www.townofbiggar.com/businessdirectory) for a listing of Biggar’s businesses.

## Accommodations

Biggar has one hotel and two campground facilities:

- Westwinds Motor Hotel has 51 rooms and a 125 seat conference room
- Plaza Mobile Home Park and RV Park has 15 campground spots
- Biggar Regional Park has approximately 25 campground spots, 11 of which have electrical service

## Leading Employers

- Canadian National Railway
- Cargill Ltd-Prairie Malt
- AGI Envirotank
- Great Plains Community College
- Sun West School Division
- Heartland Health Region
- Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division
- Rack Petroleum
- Biggar & District Credit Union

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### Transportation Highways

- Highway #14 east and west (primary)
- Highway #4 north and south (primary)
- Highway #51 south west (secondary)

### Trucking & Courier

- Biggar is served by numerous trucking companies and courier services

### Railways

- CN Mainline
- CP Rail secondary mainline
- VIA Rail passenger rail

### Airport

Biggar has a paved and lighted municipal airport with 2,500 feet of runway with sand seal and slurry seal covering. There is no air traffic control service.

## UTILITIES

### Saskatchewan Utility Providers



Electricity is provided by SaskPower, natural gas is provided by SaskEnergy, and basic telephone service is provided by SaskTel. Long distance service can be obtained through SaskTel or by other providers. Saskatchewan Government Insurance provides licensing of vehicles and personal insurance.

### Cellular Coverage

SaskTel Mobility has the most extensive network in Saskatchewan. Coverage spans across most of the highly populated areas of Saskatchewan. SaskTel has also consolidated a number of small exchanges with neighbouring providers to provide better service to its rural customers. This consolidation also affects SaskTel Mobility's cellular service by providing larger local calling areas in the expanded exchanges.

### Cable/High speed/Fibre Optics

Access Cable supplies internet and cable network service to the Town of Biggar and surrounding areas. Channels 2 through 53 are regular cable channels. Channels 299 through 540 are digital. The community is served by SaskTel with high speed internet and fibre optic network.

### Water & Sewer Utility

A combined utility manages water supply and sewage disposal in the Town of Biggar. The utility is self-sustaining from user charges, and includes the cost of capital depreciation and replacement. Biggar water rates are among the lowest in the prairie region.

## **Water**

The Town of Biggar has three (3) water wells that can supply up to 875,000 gallons per day to the Town's water treatment plant. The average daily water consumption for the Town runs between 250,000 gallons per day or 91,000,000 gallons to 100,000,000 gallons per annum. The town also has three (3) other water wells that supply raw water to a malting industry. The latter three wells have supplied over 250,000,000 gallons of raw water per year to the malting industry which represents an average of almost 685,000 gallons per day.

The Town has a water treatment plant that can produce an estimated 650,000 to 700,000 gallons per day or 237,000,000 to 355,000,000 gallons per annum of treated water for domestic purposes. The Town also has treated water storage of 1,050,000 for domestic purposes. This has been achieved by the construction of a new concrete reservoir of 500,000 gallons.

## **Waste Management - Recycled Wastewater**

The Town has a sewage treatment plant which consists of two (2) oxidation ditches and four (4) clarifiers. The plant handles over 355,000,000 gallons of wastewater per annum. The treated water leaves the sewage treatment plant and is held in wastewater holding ponds. This treated wastewater is pumped under pressure to a manifold where five (5) quarters of land are irrigated by a local Hutterite Colony under an irrigation agreement.

## **Landfill**

The Town of Biggar has a landfill located on the east side of the town and is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The hours are dependent on the season. The landfill accepts most types of waste material and charges tipping fees. Additional charges are incurred for deep freezers, refrigerators, and AC units with Freon.

## **Recycling**

The Town of Biggar has entered into a 3 year recycling contract with Loraas Environmental Services Ltd. The Town of Biggar also has a Sarcen Recycling outlet that accepts tin, glass, recyclable plastics, electronics and oil.

## HEALTH

### **Biggar Health Care Facilities**

The Town of Biggar offers a hospital, long term care facility, independent medical clinic, personal care homes, optical services, dental services, chiropractic services, massage therapy services and physiotherapy services. For advanced medical services, Biggar is conveniently located less than an hour's drive from three major hospitals in Saskatoon and one in North Battleford.

### **Biggar & District Health Centre**

#### ***Biggar & District Health Centre entrance***



The Health Centre houses the hospital and the long term care facility. The hospital offers a variety of services including acute care, laboratory, x-ray, counselling, occupational therapy, and psychiatric therapy. The hospital also has a Public Health Department that provides information on communicable disease control, immunization programs, and the services of an addictions counsellor and Public Health nurses.

### ***Biggar & District Health Centre aerial***



The brand new \$23 million long term care facility opened its doors in March of 2015. The facility is divided into four wings, and can provide care to 54 residents. The long term care facility offers full nursing care with regular doctor visits. Activities are provided within the facility and through excursions using a locally owned special van.

### **Home Care**

Biggar Home Care operates under the Heartland Regional Health Board. They provide basic medical care to approximately 140 clients. Meals on Wheels is also available to many seniors in the community for a small fee.

### **Personal Care Homes**

Biggar is also serviced by two private personal care homes:

- Almost Home Care Home
- Sunshine Family Care Home

## Saskatchewan Health Care

- There are no personal premiums or personal charges for basic and needed health services
- Employers do not pay premiums for provincial health care costs for their employees
- Saskatchewan has been a leader in health care for almost 50 years
- Saskatchewan is now concentrating on the “wellness” model, promoting preventive care and innovative service delivery with a system of health care regions across the province.
- The provincial and federal governments fund health care in Saskatchewan



## Biggar Medical Clinic



The Biggar Medical Clinic has three doctors operating out of their office. These doctors have a general practice and have full hospital privileges.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Emergency Medical Services



Emergency Services are provided by professional health care staff. These services include the initial assessment and triage of all outpatients, stabilization and transfer to appropriate emergency service, thrombolytic therapy, observation and stabilization.

### STARS



STARS is a provincial based comprehensive and responsive emergency medical system made up of several components. Their flight crews, air medical crews, and communications specialists work in concert to ensure that patients receive the best care available in the shortest period of time possible. Having STARS in the air ensures patients have access to the specialized medical care they need, even if they are far away from a critical care centre.

## Police Services

### *Biggar R.C.M.P. Detachment*



Biggar and area is policed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The staff consists of 6 members with a Sergeant in charge.

## Fire Protection

### *Biggar Fire Hall*



The Fire Department consists of a Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and 32 volunteer firefighters. The Town equipment consists of 1 - 1050 gpm pumper and a 100 foot aerial ladder truck with a 1,025 gpm pump. The R.M. equipment consists of 1 - 625 gpm pumper staffed by volunteer fire fighters. In addition, the Department has a Rescue truck, two quads, and one side-by-side. A four bay fire hall was built in 1990 with an addition put on in 2001.

## EDUCATION

### School Divisions

The BCS2000 Public School is in the Sun West School Division and St. Gabriel's Catholic School is part of the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division.

### Sun West School Division

The Sun West School Division covers approximately 25,600 square kilometers. On its east side, the Division includes schools in Davidson and Kenaston, whose attendance areas include students on the east side of Highway 11. The Alberta border serves as the Division's limits on the west, with the South Saskatchewan River providing its most southerly border. The Division extends as far North as Landis and Biggar.

The School Division administers 39 schools; of these 13 are Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools, 7 are elementary schools, 3 are high schools and 16 are Hutterite Colony Schools.

### Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division

The Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division is Saskatchewan's largest Catholic school division. The Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division has approximately 15,000 students in 45 schools – 37 elementary schools, 6 high schools, and 2 associate schools – located in Saskatoon and surrounding rural districts.

## School Facilities

### Biggar Central School 2000



BCS2000 was officially opened in February 2000. It combines grades Pre K - 12 into one building. This new building has incorporated the Great Plains Community College which offers academic programs as well as specific job related and technical training. The new school features a Wellness Centre operated by Heartland Regional Health. The student capacity of BCS2000 is 450.

### St. Gabriel Roman Catholic School



The St. Gabriel Roman Catholic School offers kindergarten to grade 9. The student capacity of St. Gabriel is 270.

## Great Plains Community College



Great Plains College is part of the Saskatchewan regional college system. The Biggar Program Centre, which is one of six Great Plains College locations, offers English Language Training, Adult Basic Education, Continuing Care Assistant, Electrician, Practical Nursing and Skill & Safety Training. The Certificate in Health, Safety & Environmental Processes and the Diploma in Safety, Health & Environmental Management can be accessed through online learning opportunities.

Students enrolled in the post-secondary Electrician and Practical Nursing program have access to a health and dental plan and entrance scholarships.

Skills & Safety Training is available at the college or clients can arrange customized training at the workplace.

Visit [greatplainscollege.ca](http://greatplainscollege.ca) for a complete list of certificate, diploma and degree programs and Skills & Safety Training courses.

## PARKS & RECREATION

Biggar has five local parks, one regional park, and is a short drive to four additional provincial and regional parks.

### Buckingham Park



Buckingham Park is located on 3rd Avenue East. Its new playground structure was installed in 2013, and is accompanied by picnic areas, washrooms, and horseshoe pits.

### Lloyd Hock Park



Lloyd Hock Park is located on Turnbull Avenue and has plenty of playground equipment, picnic areas and a mix of shaded and open areas. In 2014, a new slide and fire truck structure were installed.

## Little Apple Park



Little Apple Park is located at the corner of 4th Avenue West and 8th Avenue West. Little Apple Park was built in 2011 and the playground area has swings, seesaws, and other play equipment for small children.

## Downtown Park



Downtown Park is located on 224 Main Street and was constructed in 2012. The location makes it easy for the employees of various businesses in the Town of Biggar to enjoy an outdoor picnic. The Downtown Park provides a place to enjoy the comings and goings of Main Street Biggar.

## Sandra Schmirler Olympic Gold Park



Sandra Schmirler Olympic Gold Park surrounds Biggar Central School 2000. It was constructed to honor the achievements of Biggar curler Sandra Schmirler who passed away in March 2000. The park houses a gazebo, walking path, playground equipment, a Memorial Wall, and a Wall of Fame.

## Biggar Regional Park



Biggar Regional Park is located in a scenic valley ½ kilometre north of Biggar. It has a picnic area, recreation area and serviced and un-serviced overnight camping facilities.

## The Battlefords Provincial Park



The Battlefords Provincial Park is located on Jackfish Lake 45 minutes north of North Battleford and 90 minutes north of Biggar.

Recreational activities include sailing, boating and fishing. There are three golf courses on Jackfish Lake. One is in the park, one on the north end of Jackfish Lake at Aquadeo, and one at Meota.

## Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park



Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park is located 100 minutes south of Biggar on Highway #4.

This ruggedly beautiful park of steep hills, razorback ridges, wooded ravines and native prairie celebrates an historic crossing on the South Saskatchewan River.

## Danielson & Douglas Provincial Parks



Danielson Provincial Park is located on the north end of Lake Diefenbaker and Douglas Provincial Park is located on the Qu'Appelle arm of Lake Diefenbaker and is 90 minutes south of Biggar on Highway #4.

Recreational activities include sailing, boating, fishing and camping. There is an 18 golf course in association with the campground.

## Pike Lake Provincial Park



Pike Lake Provincial Park is located 20 minutes south of Saskatoon and is 80 minutes from Biggar.

Pike Lake is a recreation park characterized by aspen, poplar and Manitoba maple groves; manicured lawns with two picnic areas close to the main beach; desert-like sand dunes a short hike away and a popular outdoor pool with a waterslide.

## Hunting

In the fall, Biggar and the surrounding area host hunters who congregate for the annual goose, duck and deer seasons.

### *Hanson Buck*



Famous symbols of Biggar are Milo Hanson and the Hanson Buck. The Hanson Buck is the world record typical White Tailed Deer. It was shot November 23, 1993 and the official Boone and Crockett score is 213 1/8.

## Fishing

For fishing enthusiasts, Jackfish Lake, Murray Lake, Saskatchewan River Landing, and Diefenbaker Lake provide an easy catch of walleye, pickerel, jackfish, perch and other species. Saskatchewan is home to thousands of freshwater lakes.

## Argo Bush

It provides countless miles of cross country skiing and outdoor wildlife experience, with 27 km on 4 maintained trails. Argo Bush is located a short distance southwest of Biggar and was developed by community residents.

## Recreational Facilities

A complete range of indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities are available in Biggar.

### Recreation Complex



The Recreation Complex was built in 1983. Within the complex are many different areas. There are two fastball diamonds (one with a red shale infield), and one baseball diamond. The ball fields are complimented by the concession/washroom facilities and batting cages.

On the west edge of the complex is a football/soccer field which is surrounded by a black rock running track and jumping pits for track and field events. A paved walking path encloses the entire complex. Adjacent to BCS2000 School is a stand-alone regulation size soccer field.

### Biggar Rec Valley



Located North on Highway #4, the Rec Valley hosts many recreational activities throughout the year including barrel racing and an annual rodeo.

## Biggar Jubilee Stadium



Jubilee Stadium opened to the public in 1955. The rink offers artificial ice, seating for 600, and has five dressing rooms with showers. The ice surface is 190 feet by 85 feet. The rink boards were redone in 2015, rejuvenating the ice surface.

Jubilee Stadium plays host to a variety of events and community groups throughout the year. In the winter months the stadium is home to senior hockey, minor hockey (both girls and boys), recreation hockey, old timer hockey, power skating, and figure skating. In the summer, the stadium is home for the Biggar Integrated Day Camp and many other social events.

## Mark Edwards Memorial Hall

Mark Edwards Memorial Hall is located above the lobby of the Jubilee Stadium. The hall is home to the Biggar Air Cadets. With a view of Jubilee Stadium's ice surface, it makes for a great place for social events.

## Biggar Curling Rink

The Biggar Curling Rink was built in 1961. It has four sheets of artificial ice, a concession area, and a licensed lounge. It offers a men's curling league, a mixed curling league, a junior program, and hosts several bonspiels throughout the year.

## Biggar Aquatic Centre



Biggar Aquatic Centre opened in 1987. This outdoor pool is 25m x 12m with depths of 0.15m in the shallow end and 3.7m in the deep end. The Aquatic Centre is home to the Biggar Barracuda Swim Club. In 2015, a shaded seating area complete with bleachers, picnic tables, and additional storage shed and concession booth.

With plenty of spectator seating, picnic and sunbathing areas, a visit to the Aquatic Centre makes for a great family outing.

### *Waterslide at the Biggar Aquatic Centre*



### **Biggar Tennis Courts**

The tennis courts were built in 1987. This outdoor facility features two paved courts and doubles as outdoor basketball courts.

### **Biggar School of Dance**

Biggar School of Dance has its own dance facilities and hosts a dance festival every year.

### **Biggar Bowl**

Biggar Bowl has 6 lanes for 5 pin bowling and runs leagues throughout the year.

### **Diamond Gym & New U Fitness**

These facilities are located in Town and feature an array of fitness and training equipment.

### **Biggar & District Golf Club**



The local golf club is part of the Biggar Regional Park. Located 2 kms north of Biggar is a nine hole, grass green course. With two tees on every hole, a challenging and scenic 18 hole course appears. The clubhouse has a lounge and concession. Throughout the season, the course hosts several tournaments and has weekly men's and ladies' nights and seniors' afternoons.

## Perdue Oasis Golf Course

As of 2004, there is an 18 hole golf course in Perdue, only 20 minutes east of Biggar.

## Biggar New Horizons Project



This senior citizen activity centre is located downtown, and provides a wide range of leisure and social activities. It also provides limited, local courtesy car service for members.

## Biggar Community Hall



The Biggar Community Hall, located at 319 1st Avenue East has a capacity of 600, with seating for 400 people. This facility is utilized by many community organizations and is one of the largest facilities in the area for:

- Weddings
- Reunions
- Anniversaries
- Celebrations
- Banquets
- Dances
- Funerals

## Recreation Clubs & Organizations

Biggar has a variety of clubs and organizations that provide recreational opportunities for the community. They include:

- Argo Ski Club
- Bear Hills Gun Club
- Biggar Air Cadets
- Biggar Adult Travel Club
- Biggar Barracuda Swim Club
- Biggar Curling Club
- Biggar Flying Club
- Biggar Gymnastics Club
- Biggar Hawks Oldtimers Hockey
- Biggar Ice Hounds Hockey Club
- Biggar Light Horse Club
- Biggar Masonic Lodge
- Biggar Minor Ball
- Biggar Minor Hockey
- Biggar Minor Soccer
- Biggar New Horizons
- Biggar Recreation Valley
- Biggar School of Dance
- Biggar Skating Club
- Karate
- Monarch Multiple 4H
- Royal Canadian Legion
- Tae Kwon Do
- Volleyball
- Walking Club
- Saturday Night Dance Club
- Yoga

## ARTS & CULTURE

### Majestic Theatre



Biggar has a thriving arts community encompassing both visual and performing arts. Live theatre is housed in the Majestic Theatre. This facility, located at the corner of 4th Avenue and Main Street has been a landmark in the town since it was first built and started operating in 1911.

The original building was enlarged substantially in 1916 and was again enlarged and renovated to its present size and appearance in 1929. It was closed in 1986 and sat unused until 1991 when a non-profit corporation, the Biggar and District Theatre Project, was formed to purchase and renovate the building. A two level addition at the rear of the theatre was built to provide space for meeting rooms and a kitchen.

The theatre reopened in 1995 and offers bi-weekly movies, live theatre performances, Arts Council presentations, music festivals, carol festivals and school programs. In 2013, further renovations were completed including a new digital projector and sound system.

## Biggar Museum & Gallery



Open year round, the Biggar Museum & Gallery is a very busy place. The colorful history of Biggar is preserved in the Royden Donahue Exhibit Gallery. There is a tribute to the famous Olympic Gold Medal Curler, Sandra Schmirler, who lived in Biggar and is accompanied by a letter from the “Great” Wayne Gretzky speaking of his meeting with Sandra. Biggar’s secret society, the KKK from the 30’s, the bravery of Biggar’s volunteer firefighters and the original player piano from the Majestic Theatre 1911 to present are just a few of the sights found inside.

The Credit Union Gallery hosts temporary displays of Biggar’s history, art by Saskatchewan artists, art by local groups, and art by the students of Biggar.

The Museum hosts many events for the community including: Christmas Magic Silent Auction, barbeques, Valentine pie sales, pancake breakfasts, and Christmas Cookie sales.

The Biggar Museum is also the place for Tourist Information all year round!

## Arts & Culture Organizations

Biggar has a variety of organizations that provide arts and culture opportunities for the community. They include:

- Biggar & District Arts Council
- Biggar & District Theatre Project
- Biggar Musical Festival Association
- New Creation Community Players
- New Creation Community Players - Youth
- Instrumental and vocal lessons

## Lionel A. Jones Library



The library is part of the Wheatland Regional Library System. It has many volumes in its collection used by patrons from Biggar and the surrounding area. The Library sponsors programs of interest to people of all ages, co-ordinates inter-library loans, talking books, cassettes, story hour, etc. The Library also offers access to the internet and video rental.

## Religious Worship

Biggar has a wide variety of religious worship locations.

### Associated Gospel Church



312 8th Ave West, Telephone: 306-948-3424

### Church of God



320 6th Ave East, Telephone: 306-948-2936

### Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall



422 Main Street, Telephone: 306-948-3885

### Mighty Rushing Winds Ministries



239 3rd Avenue East, Telephone: 306-948-5450

### Redeemer Lutheran Church



319 7th Ave East, Telephone: 306-948-3731

### **St. Gabriel Roman Catholic Church**



109 7th Ave West, Telephone: 306-948-3330

Masses are held every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 am and Sundays at 11 am. Confessions occur on Saturdays at 6:30 pm. St. Gabriel's hosts several annual events including: pancake breakfasts, Irish stew supper, family picnic, and fall suppers. In addition, the Catholic Women's League hosts a seniors' Christmas party and a biannual Clothing Drive and Garage Sale.

### **St. Paul's Anglican Church**



202 4th Ave East, Telephone: 306-948-3460

PALS (Presbyterians, Anglicans and Lutherans in Service) meets weekly for worship services on Sunday mornings at 10:30am. The services take place at Redeemer Lutheran Church and at St Paul's Anglican Church, on a monthly rotating schedule. PALS ministries include a vibrant Sunday School program; annually making quilts for those in need; refugee support; outreach

barbecues; St Paul's annual Fall Supper; Anglican Church Women's spring and fall teas; and much more. Presently, the community is engaged in making worship more accessible, especially for those who did not grow up in the traditions which gave rise to this collective.

## **United Church**



907 Quebec St, Telephone: 306-948-2280

## **Jesus Miracle Crusade International Ministry**

**JMCIM invites everyone to attend their services on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Fridays from 8 p.m. to 2.a.m. (midnight prayer). They also have a choir called Jesus Finest Generation Choir and JMCIM musicians.**

## **ANNUAL EVENTS**

Organizations in Biggar host a variety of annual events. These events include: Fair Days, Culture Days, Town-wide garage sale, musicals, concerts, hockey tournaments, golf tournaments, fall suppers, Kids' Cabaret, Fire Prevention Week, pool carnival, Festival of Lights, dances and much more!

## LOCAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

### Newspaper:

- The Independent – Biggar’s weekly paper
- Saskatoon Star Phoenix – daily

### Radio:

- CJNB 1050 AM North Battleford - Country
- VF2413 88.9 FM North Battleford - Community Radio
- CJHD-FM 93.3 FM North Battleford - Active Rock
- CJLR-FM-6 95.5 FM North Battleford - First Nations Community Radio
- CBKF-FM-5 96.9 FM North Battleford - Public News/Talk (French)
- CJCQ-FM 97.9 FM North Battleford - Adult Contemporary
- CBK-FM-5 99.9 FM North Battleford - CBC Radio 2 Public Music
- CHBT-FM 100.5 FM North Battleford Battlefords - Tourist Information
- CJYM 1330 AM Rosetown - Classic Hits
- CJWW 600 AM Saskatoon Saskatoon - Country
- CKOM 650 AM Saskatoon - News/Talk
- CBKF-2 860 AM Saskatoon - News/Talk (French)
- CKSB-FM-2 88.7 FM Saskatoon - Music (French)
- CFCR-FM 90.5 FM Saskatoon - Community Radio
- CITT-FM 91.7 FM Saskatoon - Tourist Information
- CKBL-FM 92.9 FM Saskatoon - Country
- CBK-1-FM 94.1 FM Saskatoon - CBC Radio One Public News/Talk
- CFMC-FM 95.1 FM Saskatoon – Adult Contemporary
- CFWD-FM 96.3 FM Saskatoon - Adult Hits
- CJMK-FM 98.3 FM Saskatoon - Adult Contemporary
- CFAQ-FM 100.3 FM Saskatoon - Christian Radio
- CJDJ-FM 102.1 FM Saskatoon - Active Rock
- CIRN-FM 104.1 FM Saskatoon - First Nations Community Radio
- CBKS-FM 105.5 FM Saskatoon - CBC Radio 2 Public Music

### Cable & Satellite Television:

- Access TV
- Bell TV
- Shaw Direct

## **BIGGAR & REGION**

The surrounding area offers a wide variety of geography and many scenic attractions.

### **Rural Municipalities**

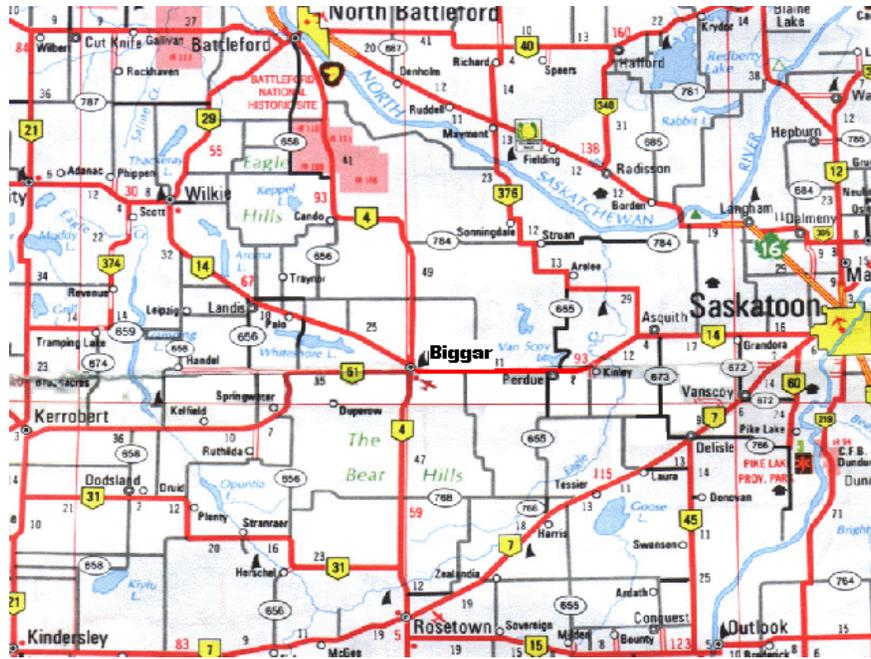
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- R.M. of Rosemount No. 378

### **Urban Municipalities**

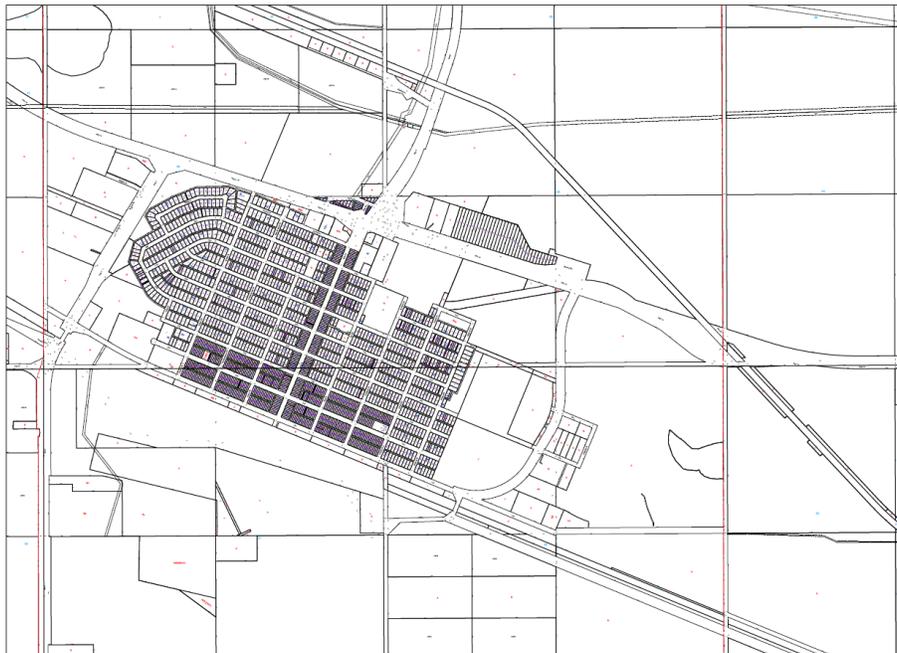
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- Handel
- Village of Kinley
- Village of Doddsland
- Village of Perdue
- Springwater
- Kelfield
- Cando

## MAPS

### Surrounding Area



### Compiled Map of Biggar







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