

# Town of Biggar



## 2025 Community Profile

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### For Industry

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# Biggar At A Glance

**Population**

2133

**Local Businesses** **240**

**Labour Force**

**965**

**Commuting Duration**

15 minutes

**Largest Industries**

- Agriculture
- Manufacturing
- Healthcare
- Rail

**\$214,800**

**Average Housing Price**

The Town of Biggar is a great place to live and operate a business. The clean, beautiful downtown core along with the World-Famous logo and signs showcasing our residents World Championships invite highway traffic in to see what all the fuss is about while visiting our local stores. Biggar is the cross over point for two main highways as well as one secondary highway which increases the chance for more traffic stopping in on their way to their destination. When the three highways are paired with two main railways running through the community, Biggar quickly becomes one of few communities where logistics management is an ease not an issue. Population wise, the number increases to around double when the local farmers and other small communities in the trading area are considered. The amenities available for residents such as schools, hospital, day care, local shopping, affordable housing, recreation facilities, service clubs and organizations along with the close proximity to Saskatoon make it the perfect place to work, live and raise a family. The Town of Biggar is also very supportive, with their staff and council always coming up with new and innovative ways to help connect its residents and business community, finding new opportunities to help them stay successful through events and incentives focusing on growth. Even though the above are all valid reasons why living in and owning a business in Biggar makes sense, as a long time resident who has worked and raised a family here, I believe the sense of community and togetherness are the main drawing points. This community is very welcoming and supportive. It is a place where businesses and community members alike work together to help each other succeed. I invite you to come join us and find out why Biggar is Better!

Lisa Haynes

Local Business Professional, Rancher and Community Member  
Biggar & District Insurance Services

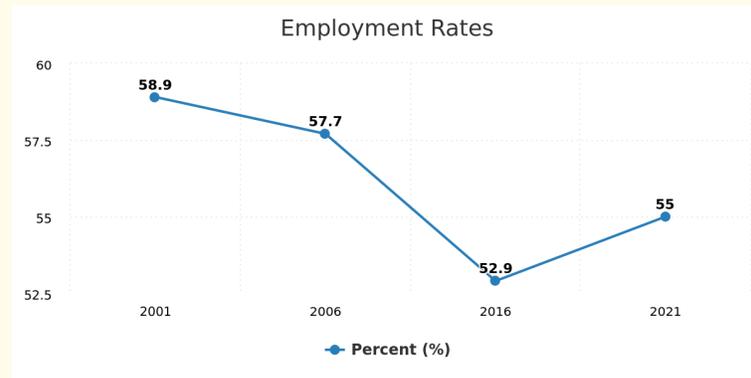


# Labour Pool

Biggar's labour force is currently at 965. We attract individuals from a vast number of neighbouring communities including the City of Saskatoon.

## Employment Rate

The Employment Rate in Biggar as of 2022 is 55% and on an upward trajectory since 2016.



## Participation Rates

Biggar is seeing a growing participation rate. We are noticing more individuals (new to the community or recent graduates staying in their home community) actively looking for work.

## Unemployment Rate

Biggar's unemployment rate is at 4.1% as of 2022.

All information and statistics has been taken from TownFolio. A civic dashboard that compiles hundreds of data sources to supply accurate intelligence.



# Natural Resources

## Water

### Town Aquifer

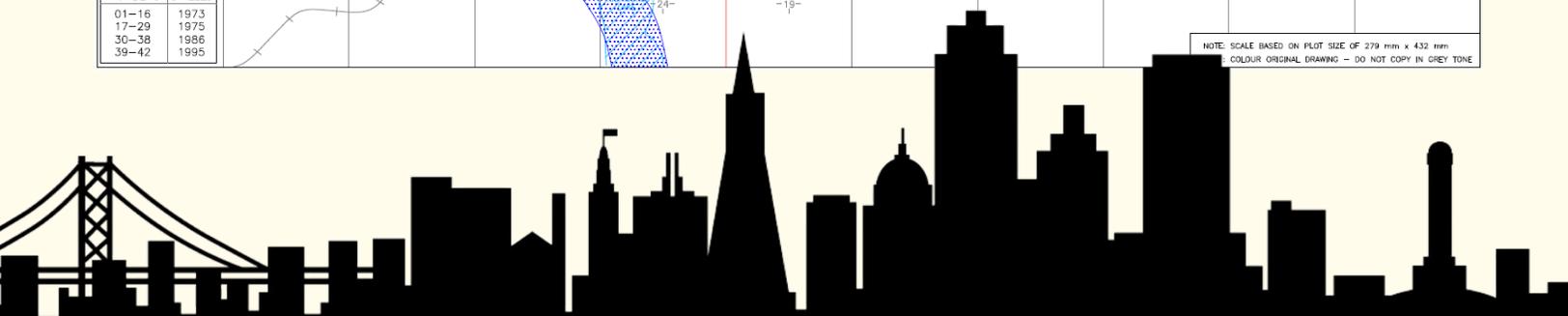
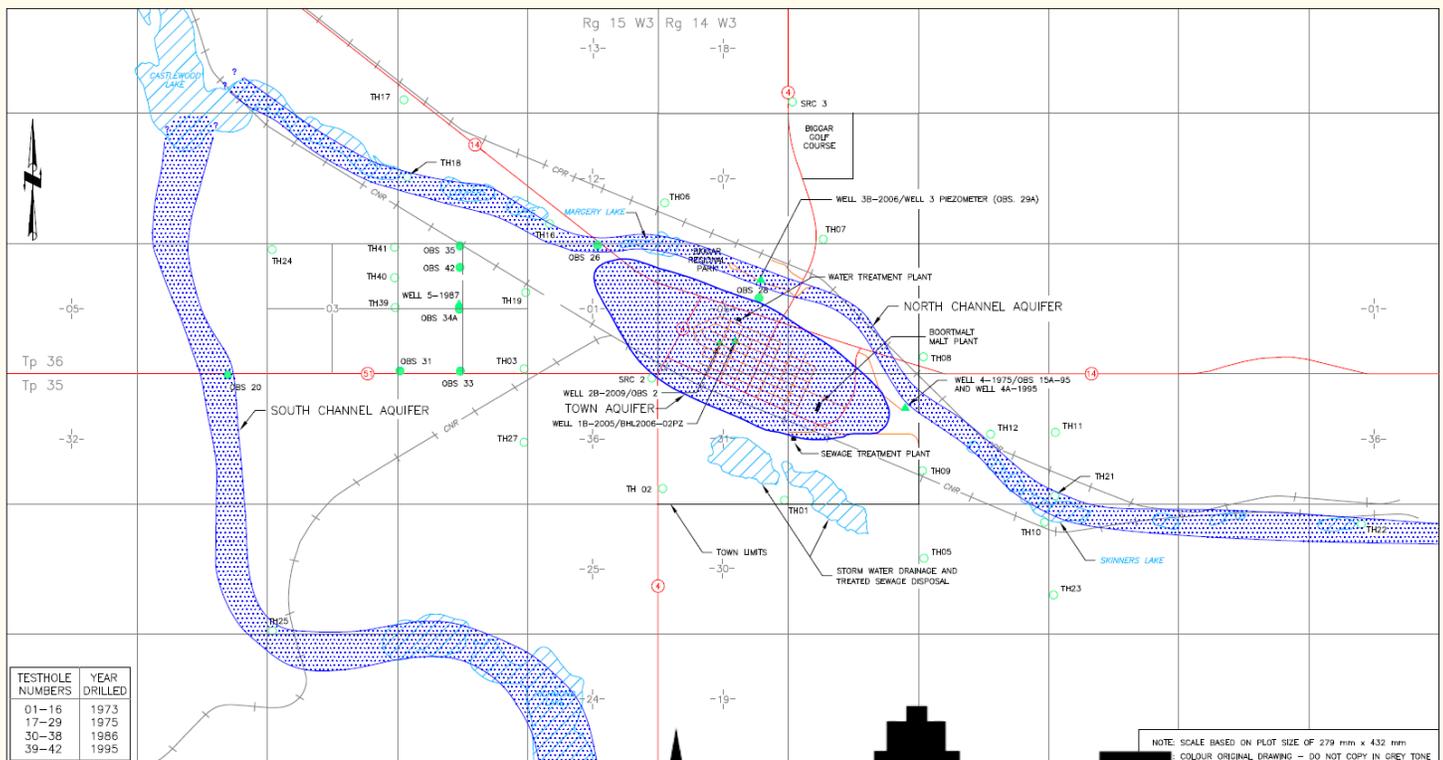
Allocation: 400 dam<sup>3</sup>/year  
Extraction: 254.422 dam<sup>3</sup>/year

### North Channel Aquifer

Allocation: 1500 dam<sup>3</sup>/year  
Extraction: 723.863 dam<sup>3</sup>/year

### Upper Floral Aquifer

Allocation: 200 dam<sup>3</sup>/year  
Extraction: 132.765



# Natural Resources

## 2021 Raw Water Analysis Report

### Town of Biggar Hydrogeologic Assessment of the Town's Developed Aquifer Systems - 2015 to 2021 Raw Water Quality

Developed Aquifer Sample Source Lab and Sample No. Date Sampled Well Completion Depth (metres)	Town Aquifer		North Channel Aquifer			Upper Floral Aquifer	South Channel Aquifer	Sask / Canada Municipal Treated Water AO and MAC	
	PW1B-2005 SRC - 19410 Aug-23-05 62.53	PW2B-2009 SRC - 18681 May-13-09 50.60	PW3B-2006 SRC - 14375 May-30-06 86.74	PW4-1975 SRC - 23907 Dec-19-94 65.88	PW4A-1995 SRC 12765 Aug-22-95 65.53	PWS-1987 SRC-12860/PHL-7479 Dec-17-87 54.25	Obs. 20 PHL - 2267 Jul-28-75 ~43.8		
<b>Major Constituents</b>									
Bicarbonate, HCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	494	455	538	463	470	517	329	no criteria
Calcium, Ca	mg/L	155	133	209	157	157	144	61	no criteria
Carbonate, CO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	-	-	no criteria
Chloride, Cl	mg/L	14	9	6	4	4	4	8	250
Hydroxide, OH	mg/L	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	-	-	no criteria
Magnesium, Mg	mg/L	59	35	88	71	80	68	60	200
Potassium, K	mg/L	5.1	4.9	8.0	6.2	7.6	-	-	no criteria
Sodium, Na	mg/L	27	14	66	43	44	40	43	300 / 200
Sulphate, SO <sub>4</sub>	mg/L	260	130	600	384	399	291	196	500
Sum of Ions (calc.)	mg/L	1020	781	1520	1130	1160	-	-	1500
Total Alkalinity	mg/L	405	373	441	380	385	424	270	500
Total Hardness	mg/L	629	476	883	683	723	640	400	800 / no criteria
<b>Nutrients/Organics</b>									
Ammonia, as N	mg/L	0.53	-	0.84	-	-	-	-	no criteria
Nitrate, NO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	0.47	0.09	<0.04	0.54	0.09	<1.0	<1	45
Organic Carbon, Total	mg/L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	no criteria
Organic Carbon, Dissolved	mg/L	3.1	-	3.5	-	-	-	-	no criteria
<b>Trace Constituents</b>									
Boron, B	mg/L	0.11	0.08	0.2	-	0.24	0.21	-	5.0
Cyanide, total	ug/L	<1	-	<1	-	1	<1	-	200
Fluoride, F	mg/L	-	0.30	-	-	0.27	-	-	1.5
Mercury, Hg	ug/L	<0.05	-	<0.05	-	<0.05	<0.05	-	1.0
Phosphorus, P	mg/L	-	-	-	-	0.19	-	-	no criteria
Selenium, Se	mg/L	0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	-	<0.001	<0.001	-	0.05
<b>Trace Metals</b>									
Aluminum, Al	mg/L	0.0007	0.015	0.0019	-	0.12	-	-	no criteria
Arsenic, As	ug/L	21	24	26	-	18	10	-	10
Barium, Ba	mg/L	0.030	0.069	0.014	-	0.027	0.013	-	2.0
Beryllium, Be	mg/L	-	-	-	-	<0.001	-	-	no criteria
Cadmium, Cd	mg/L	<0.0005	<0.0001	0.0001	-	<0.001	<0.001	-	0.007
Chromium, Cr	mg/L	<0.005	<0.0005	<0.0005	-	0.001	<0.001	-	0.05
Cobalt, Co	mg/L	-	-	-	-	<0.001	-	-	no criteria
Copper, Cu	mg/L	0.0002	<0.0002	0.0003	-	<0.001	<0.001	-	2 (MAC), 1 (AO)
Iron, Fe	mg/L	2.6	2.80	5.8	8.2 <sup>1</sup>	3.5	1.4	8.3	0.3
Lead, Pb	mg/L	0.0001	0.0001	0.001	-	<0.005	<0.005	-	0.005
Manganese, Mn	mg/L	0.26	0.49	0.60	0.47	0.47	0.30	0.44	0.12 (MAC), 0.02 (AO)
Molybdenum, Mo	mg/L	-	-	-	-	<0.005	-	-	no criteria
Nickel, Ni	mg/L	-	-	-	-	0.004	-	-	no criteria
Silicon, Si	mg/L	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	no criteria
Silver, Ag	mg/L	-	-	-	-	<0.001	<0.001	-	no criteria
Titanium, Ti	mg/L	-	-	-	-	<0.001	-	-	no criteria
Vanadium, Va	mg/L	-	-	-	-	0.02	-	-	no criteria
Zinc, Zn	mg/L	<0.005	0.0023	0.028	-	<0.005	0.010	-	5
<b>Physical Properties</b>									
Total Dissolved Solids, TDS	mg/L	826	599	1340	954	1020	1064	706	1500 / 500
Total Suspended Solids, TSS <sup>2</sup>	mg/L	<1	2	<1	12	3	-	-	15
Turbidity <sup>1</sup>	NTU	<0.1	0.5	0.2	-	-	-	-	0.3 - 1.0
Sp. Conductivity	uS/cm	1200	914	1680	-	1370	-	-	2300
pH of Water	pH units	7.82	7.70	7.82	7.5	7.40	7.5	7.7	7.0 - 10.5
<b>Radiochemicals</b>									
Uranium, total	ug/L	7.7	8.4	11	-	5.0 ± 1.0	5.0 ± 0.4	-	20

#### Legend

MAC - Maximum Acceptable Concentration

AO - Aesthetic Objective

< - Not Detected at the Stated Concentration

<sup>1</sup> Suspended sediment or precipitate likely dissolved during sample preservation resulting in anomalously high iron concentration

<sup>2</sup> Analyses performed on nitric acid preserved sample

SRC - Saskatchewan Research Council laboratory, Saskatoon

PHL - Public Health laboratory, Regina (now Saskatchewan Disease Control laboratory)

Turbidity and TSS analyses performed on nitric acid preserved samples

Parameter Concentration Exceeds Federal Guideline/MAC

Parameter Concentration Exceeds Federal and Provincial Guideline/MAC



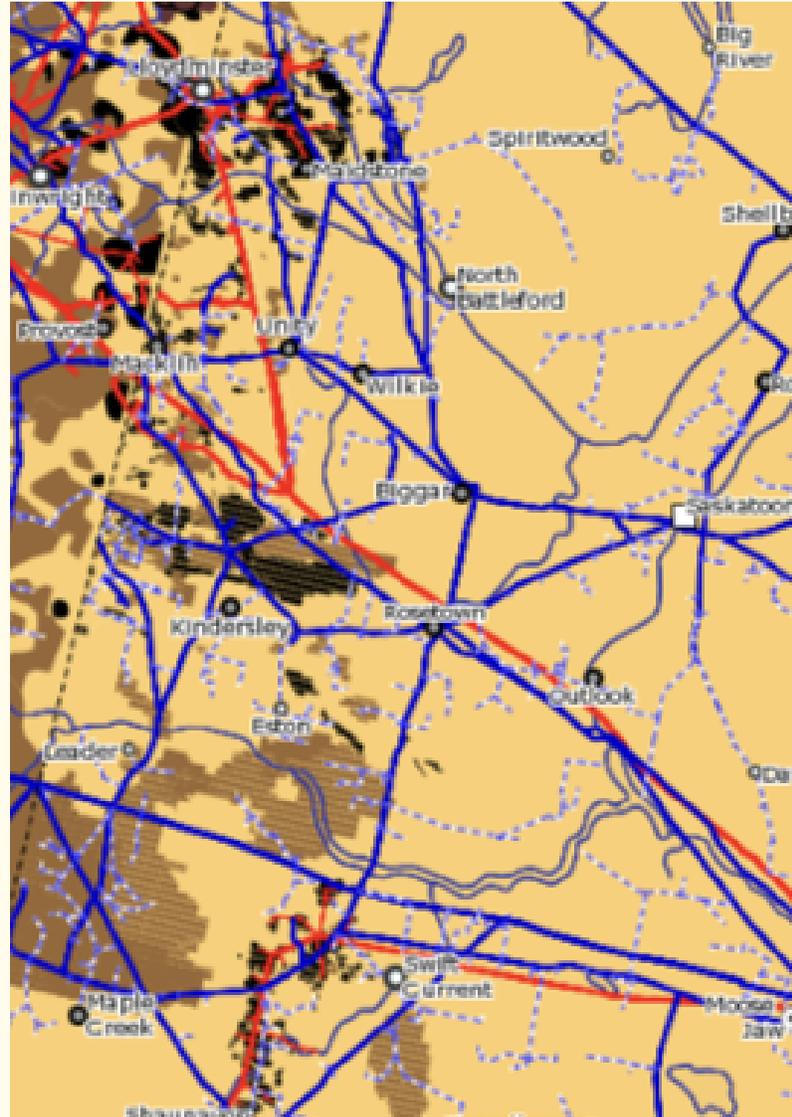


# Natural Resources

## Crude Oil & Natural Gas

In 2023 Saskatchewan's Natural Gas production averaged 8.769 million cubic meters. In the West Central area of Saskatchewan there is an additional potential of 9.58 billion cubic meters that has not yet been developed.

The West Central Saskatchewan area is a major producer of crude oil. It is also geographically right in the middle of the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin which often contains natural resources such as coal, oil, natural gas, and uranium. This statistically makes Biggar an area that has a high potential of natural resources.



This graph depicts how close Biggar is to the discovered natural resources currently being extracted. With Biggar being in the middle of the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin it is expected that investigation into our geography would lead to the further discovery of natural resources.



# Natural Resources

## Wind

The potential for wind energy in West Central Saskatchewan is immense. With Saskatchewan being a probable leader in the wind energy sector, Biggar is an ideal location for the manufacturing and implementation of wind power.

### Annual Average

Wind Gust: Between 82km/h and 107km/h

Wind Speed: Between 50km/h and 69km/h

Wind Direction: Most commonly South West



# Natural Resources

## Gravel & Sand

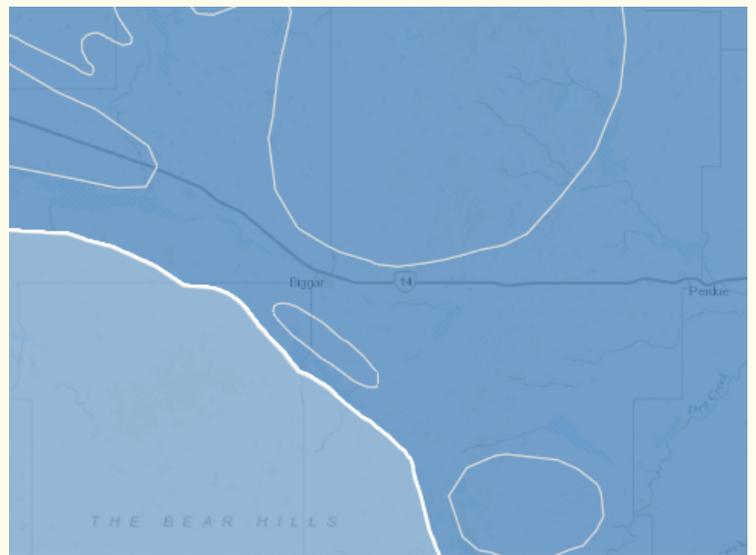
West Central Saskatchewan and Biggar in particular is in the middle of the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin. Sedimentary rocks are used in a multitude of ways such as sand, gravel, glass making, etc.

Natural resources such as coal, crude oil, natural gas, and uranium are found in sedimentary rocks making Biggar a hot zone for untapped natural resources.

This map depicts areas high in Sandstone, Siltstone, Mudstone, Claystone, Shale, Quartzite, Chert gravel, conglomerate, Marine Shale, and Muddy Sandstone.

Follow this link for more information:

<https://geohub.saskatchewan.ca/datasets/saskatchewan::bedrock-geology>



# Natural Resources

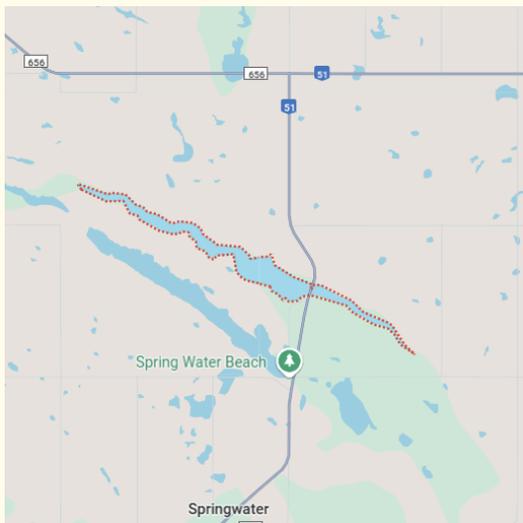
## Sodium Sulfate

Biggar Is located 24.6km from the Whiteshore Lake Deposit and 30.2km from the Lydden Lake Deposit.

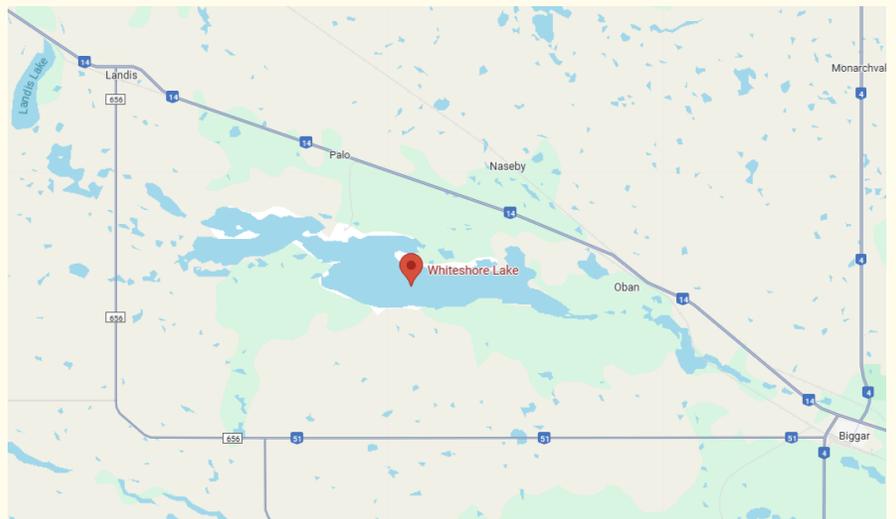
Both deposits have had previous testing done deeming the Sodium Sulfate content sufficient for harvest.

The Lydden Lake Deposit has infrastructure in place from past mining such as a spur line off the CN tracks, a super grid from the highway, three phase power, and natural gas.

Lydden Lake



Whiteshore Lake



# Centralized Location

On the way to wherever your going

## Two Primary Highways

Biggar has two primary highways. Highway 4 going North and South as well as Highway 14 going East and West.

Highway 51, a secondary highway going West is another route out or into Biggar.

## Location to Airports

A small airport one kilometer from town houses an asphalt surfaced runway, lights for night flying, tie-down and parking areas, and a nondirectional beacon.

95.4km from Saskatoon International Airport

351.9km from Regina International Airport

449km from Edmonton International Airport

548km from Calgary International Airport

1531km from Vancouver International Airport



# Transportation

## Rail, Truck, Air

### Rail Opportunities

Located just North of the community is an active railway used by the Canadian Pacific Railway. South of Biggar houses a very busy Canadian National Railway that has in recent years updated its tracks to include a switch line. These tracks are also shared by VIA Rail that makes its way through town periodically.

### Trucking Opportunities

Find the various forms of trucking, hauling, and courier services [here](#). Or check out the Town of Biggar website to see all services.

- Three courier services
- Multiple hauling companies



# Transportation

## Location to Major Centres

Saskatoon, SK ----> 111km  
Regina, SK ----> 365km  
Edmonton, AB ----> 476  
Calgary, AB ----> 561km  
Vancouver, BC ----> 1640km  
Victoria, BC ----> 1728km  
Brandon, MB ----> 704km  
Winnipeg, MB ----> 872km  
Ottawa, ON ----> 2958km  
Toronto, ON ----> 3062km  
Montreal, QB ----> 3155km  
Quebec, QB ----> 3387km  
St. Johns, NF ----> 6128km  
Charlottetown, PEI ----> 4291km  
Halifax, NS ----> 4291km  
Fredericton, NB ----> 3960km  
Boston, MC ----> 3790km  
New York, NY ----> 4378km  
Washington, ML ----> 3311km



# Investment Opportunities

## Agriculture

Vegetable Farming

Meat Processing

Greenhouses

Waste to Energy Capacities

## Manufacturing

Textile Industry

Automotive

Agriculture Equipment Manufacturing

Site Services

Operations Servicing

## Commercial Hub

New Commercial & Retail Businesses

## Recreation

Increase Appeal to Outdoor Enthusiastes

Year-Round Tourism

Increased Diversity of Tourism Activities & Experiences



# Why Biggar

## Hospital & Health Care

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.



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.



# Why Biggar

## Fire & Emergency Services

The Fire Hall is located at 112 Turnbull Avenue. The Fire Department serves the Biggar Rural District Fire Association consisting of the Town of Biggar, RM of Biggar, RM of Glenside, RM of Rosemount, and the RM of Grandview. Membership of the Fire Department includes a Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, four Captains, and up to 19 Firefighters.

Equipment deployed by the department includes two 1000 gallon pumpers, a 100 foot aerial platform truck, a F550 Rescue Truck, a 300 gallon Brush Truck, and a 3/4 ton Support Truck that also carries 250 gallons of water. We use a UTV for grassfires and support roles.

The 46ft by 140ft four bay Fire Hall was built in 1990 with a two bay addition put on in 2001.

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

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



# Why Biggar

## Education

BCS2000 was officially opened in February 2000. It combines grades Pre K - 12 into one building. The student capacity of BCS2000 is 450.



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



**Great Plains College** is part of the Saskatchewan regional college system.

The Biggar Program Centre offers English Language Training, Adult Basic Education, Continuing Care Assistant, Practical Nursing, and Early Education

Assistant Levels 1 & 2. Many more learning opportunities can be accessed through online learning. The college is always working to more education that is valuable to our communities businesses and residents.



# Why Biggar

## Family Oriented Community

Biggar holds three playgrounds (not including the school's playgrounds), a regional park perfect for camping in the summer and skiing or tobogganing in the winter, a recreation valley for livestock events, a golf course, indoor and outdoor skating rink, an outdoor pool, a spray park, a variety of minor sports, drama clubs for both youth and adults, an active library, and a Family Centre ready to support families with kids of all ages with their age specific programming.

You name it, Biggar has it!



# Why Biggar

## Recreation

### Argo Bush

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.

### Biggar Aquatic Centre

The Biggar Aquatic Centre was built 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 of the Biggar Barracuda Swim Club. With plenty of spectator seating, picnic and sunbathing areas, it makes for a great family outing.



### Fat Cat Splash Park

The Fat Cat Splash Park was constructed in 2017, and final landscaping touches were finished in the summer of 2018. The Splash Park is located on 3rd Avenue East beside Buckingham Park. It features # water spray features activated by a simple push button.



# Why Biggar

## Recreation

### Biggar Jubilee Stadium

In 1955 the Jubilee Stadium opened to the public. It has a cement floor, artificial ice, and seating for 600. The ice surface is 185 x 80. The rink has five dressing rooms with showers.



### Outdoor Rink



### Rec Valley

The Rec Valley hosts many recreational activities throughout the year including barrel racing events, an annual rodeo, bull riding workshops, and more!



# Why Biggar

## Recreation

### Golf Course

The local-nine hole golf course is part of the Biggar Regional Park. Located 2 kilometers north of Biggar is the nine-hole, grass-green course. With two tees on every hole, a challenging and scenic 18-hole course appears. There is also a lounge and lunch bar on site at the golf course.



### Pickleball / Basketball / Tennis Courts

Located east of the Biggar Aquatic Centre is a tennis/pickleball court. You can also enjoy a game of basketball at the two nets running east and west of the court.



# Why Biggar

## Recreation

### Outdoor Sports Complex

The Biggar Recreation Complex was built in 1983. There are three ball fields.

All diamonds have dugouts. The ball fields are complimented by the concession/washroom facilities and batting cages.

Located right beside the ball diamonds is a football/soccer field which is used by the local school football team and the minor soccer organization is located on the west edge of the complex. The football/soccer field is surrounded by a black rock running track and jumping pits for track and field events. A paved walking path encloses the entire complex.

Also, located to the south of the baseball diamonds there is a sand beach volleyball court. It is used on a first come first serve basis.



# Why Biggar

## Land in Biggar

### Land Development Opportunities

Our community has about 329.32 acres surrounding our community ready for both commercial and residential development.



### Infill Development Opportunities

There are currently 20 infill lots of various dimensions that are ready to be developed.



# Zoning

## Multi-use Zoning District

Biggar is proud to show off it's multi-use zoning district down the entirety of Main Street.

As for the surroundings of Biggar, we are equipped to accommodate any business that is ready to call Biggar home!

ZONING LEGEND		
RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY DISTRICT -	R1	
RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT -	R2	
TOWN CENTRE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT -	C1	
HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT -	C2	
LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT -	IND1	
HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT -	IND2	
COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT -	CS	
FUTURE URBAN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	FUD	
PASSIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT -	CS2	
FLOOD HAZARD OVERLAY -	FH	

