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Hanna Climate Change Strategy Taskforce Announces First Community Action Team – The Livestock Hub

The Hanna Climate Change Strategy Taskforce is pleased to announce the formation of the first Community Action Team – The Livestock Hub. The Livestock Hub is a development proposal to create a hub, or cluster, of complementary livestock enterprises and activities. The proposal was brought forth by local veterinarian, Tamara Quaschnick from Steadfast Veterinary Services. Sample services could include, but are not limited to: veterinary practice, feed store, animal nutritionist, custom slaughter, boarding facilities, equine rehabilitation, indoor riding arena, equine assisted therapy, and animal training courses (first aid, husbandry, and emergency rescue). Development of The Livestock Hub will support the important existing agriculture sector in the region, while growing current businesses and new entrepreneurs, in order to generate employment. The next step in the process is to define the scope of the project and build a team, so the work plan can be developed.

The Livestock Hub is a part of the Community Action to Create Diversification Project, which forms Community Action Teams to move impact mitigation measures and economic development opportunities forward. Funding for the Community Action to Create Diversification Project was received from the Government of Alberta Economic Development and Trade Ministry's Coal Community Transition Fund. The Project was officially launched in February 2018 with two public consultations - one with various updates to the community from the Taskforce, ATCO, Westmoreland, Urban Systems, and guest speaker, Doug Griffiths, and the other with a community brainstorming session on impact mitigation and economic opportunities. Since these public consultations, 24 one-on-one meetings have been conducted with community members and organizations resulting in this first Community Action Team. The Hanna Learning Centre (HLC) and Urban Systems have been contracted to engage with community members to develop and implement action plans to address impacts and explore opportunities for our coal-affected community with HLC as the local point of contact.

If you are interested in The Livestock Hub Community Action Team, or have a complementary livestock practice/business that could be a part of The Livestock Hub, please contact the Hanna Learning Centre at info@hannalearning.com or at 403.854.2099. If you wish to share your ideas or feedback on the future of the community, or to learn more about Community Action Teams and how you can participate, please visit www.hannalearning.com or contact HLC at the phone number and email address above. The time has come to drive the future of Hanna and the Special Areas and map our own course for the future.

The Hanna Climate Change Strategy Taskforce includes representation from Town of Hanna, Special Areas Board and Cactus Corridor Economic Development Corporation. For more information on the Taskforce or this press release, please contact Trisha Sewell, Economic Development Officer, at 403.854.2099 ext. 215 or at trisha.sewell@cactuscorridor.com.