



Westview Co-op invests in Hanna crop input and building supplies businesses

Hanna, AB (January 9, 2019) — Westview Co-op is investing more into east-central Alberta by purchasing Fox Lake Agro and Hanna Building Supplies. Although Westview Co-op already serves Members and Guests in Carstairs, Drumheller, Eagle Hill, Linden, Olds, Sunde, these will be the first locations to serve Consort and Hanna and the surrounding areas.

“It’s important for us to evolve to serve our communities, which are also changing,” said Dennis Laing, General Manager of Westview Co-op. “When opportunities come along to expand our offering to Co-op Members and Guests by building on already respected local businesses, we have to take them.”

Fox Lake Agro, located near Highway 9 in Hanna, serves Guests through a dry fertilizer blending plant, bulk bin storage and an AWSA-approved warehouse for agricultural chemicals. Hanna Building Supplies operates a traditional home and building supplies for the DIY Guest, as well as a suite of services specifically for contractors. This location in Hanna also provides outdoor enthusiasts with hunting and fishing supplies. A location in Consort, AB, provides ag and building supplies and services.

All three locations will officially become part of Westview Co-op on February 15 once the conditional agreement is completed.

“We’ve always made serving our communities a priority for our businesses,” said Dale Crowle, President of Fox Lake Agro Hanna Building Supplies. “It was extremely important for us to make sure that our customers and communities were in good hands. We’ve seen how everything that Westview Co-op does is exactly what our communities need. I’m confident they’ll continue to invest in these businesses and our communities.”

This most recent addition to Westview Co-op builds on the recent purchase of Horseshoe Canyon Ag—formerly Tri West Agro Ltd.—in October 2018. That site added granular fertilizer blending, seed and crop supplies services to Westview Co-op’s offerings in the Drumheller area.

This acquisition is part of a larger growth trend across Co-ops in Western Canada, especially in the ag sector. Since 2017, 11 agriculture sites have been acquired by Co-ops in Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

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About Westview Co-op: Westview Co-op has served its Members and Guests since 1933 and has locations in and near the communities of Carstairs, Drumheller, Eagle Hill, Linden, Olds and Sundre in Alberta, and now also Hanna and Consort.

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