

Mayor's Report

In this message from the Mayor, I would like to take the time to introduce you to my current Deputy Mayor, Councillor Terry Wickett. Did you know that Council rotates through the role of Deputy Mayor quarterly? Each Councillor will have the opportunity to be the Deputy Mayor twice in their term. Over the next couple years, I will take the time to highlight each Councillor in future messages from the Mayor. Terry and I have collectively written this message and after his introduction we will be covering information in regards to Nanton's water.

Terry has lived in Nanton for over 23 years and is serving his first term on Council. Terry and his wife Donna have two sons who completed all of their schooling in Nanton and both graduated from JT Foster High School. After their post-secondary schooling, both sons have chosen to live and raise their families in Nanton. Terry is very proud to have served over 37 years in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police which included his posting at the Nanton Detachment for almost 16 years.

I have really enjoyed getting to know Terry on Council; I can always depend on him to bring Timbits to a Council meeting to celebrate a Member's birthday. We have all learned quickly that he is a practical joker and to watch out for that wicked smirk of his. Terry is passionate about public safety, traffic concerns and recreation. He has embraced his role as Councillor and has taken on many committee roles. Terry chairs the Services committee, is a member of the governance committee (involved in the CAO recruitment) and is a member of the upcoming recreation committee.

As the role of chairperson for the services committee we wanted to share information about water in Nanton. We'll start with a few facts about our water:

- Our primary source water is Mosquito Creek (north of Town by the golf course), representing 85% of our Alberta Environment water allocation.

- Our secondary source water is a shared spring line originating from west of town which represents 12.4% of our Alberta Environment water allocation.

- Our third source is the Jackson Well, representing 2.5% of our Alberta Environment water allocation. We are currently working to bring this back to working order.

- Our total allocation is 725, 282 cubic meters or 155,876,852 imperial gallons.

- Our water treatment plant is 35 yrs old and received a retrofit in 2008.

- Our primary water is stored in the raw water reservoir which holds 204,000 cubic meters or 44 million imperial gallons.

- The raw water reservoir was installed in 1985 and is currently 60% full of sludge. This sludge is normal, resulting from the pumping from Mosquito Creek and accumulating over the last 34 years. It has never been dredged.

- Alberta Environment recommends we dredge the reservoir every 5-6 years.

- Council has prioritized the dredging of the raw water reservoir for 2019 and have budgeted \$1,000,000 to accomplish this. Alberta Environment and our engineers have both recommended this to help with the taste and odour that sometimes occurs, but it will primarily allow for us to store more water and enable us to mix the Mosquito creek water with the spring water.

- A debenture will fund this project as there are no grant monies available for a capital maintenance project of this nature at present. Administration is still exploring other funding options, if possible.

- We also have a current grant and are the managing partner to support the collaboration with Claresholm, Fort Mcleod, Stavely and the MD of Willow Creek to conduct a water distribution study.

- Do you remember the "Town Tap"? This was located by the visitor information centre and was a stopping point for many years for people coming through Nanton to fill up their bottles with fresh Nanton spring water from the hills west of town. The tap was decommissioned in 2000, and at that time the water was actually untreated spring water trucked in and stored in an underground holding tank

We live in Southern Alberta, water is a resource that we need to protect; conservation should be a part of our awareness and our daily lives.

Keep your eyes open for continued budget discussions over the next couple months until we set the tax rate for 2019 in early April.

Mayor Jen Handley and Deputy Mayor Councillor Wickett



NANTON Notified



The Town of Nanton is pleased to welcome Clayton Gillespie as the Town’s Corporate Services Manager. Clayton, his wife and two daughters are no strangers to Nanton having lived on an acreage just south of Nanton for the past four years. Prior to joining Nanton, Clayton served as the CAO for the Town of

Stavelly for the past seven years. Prior to that, Clayton worked in as an assistant golf professional at the Nanton Golf Course. Clayton is excited to be joining the Town of Nanton and is looking forward to meeting everyone and hoping to contribute where he can.

Business Licenses for 2019 are now **past due**. If your license has not been renewed, please do so as soon as possible. A penalty for late payment has been applied to your account in accordance with Bylaw No. 1280/16. For more information about the Town of Nanton business licenses, contact Cheryl at 403-646-2029.

Unflushables—How to prevent plugged sewer service, see our website.
<https://www.nanton.ca/148/Water-Conservation>

Make sure to check out the town website www.nanton.ca for happenings at the THRC!

New policy that may be of interest to Nanton residents is the Communications Policy No. 12-50-19/02/04.

Please visit our website www.nanton.ca to view this and more policies and bylaws or request an electronic copy from the office.

2019 DOG LICENSES

Dog Licenses are now **past due**.

Please remember by licensing your furry friend, if lost and found, it is easier for us to return them to you!

Sterilized Dog	Unsterilized Dog
\$20—Before Jan. 31	\$35—Before Jan. 31
\$30—After Jan. 31	\$45—After Jan. 31

WINTER HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS

- ◆ Parking the wrong way on any street could result in a provincial fine.
- ◆ Extension cords must not be placed on a sidewalk, as per the Town of Nanton’s traffic bylaw #1214/09.

Please remember your sidewalks, adjacent to your property, must be cleared, edge to edge, of snow and ice within 24 hours of a snowfall. Snow must be piled on your property NOT on the roads or boulevards. For extra slippery sidewalks, sand can be picked up from the Town shop.

