

Mayor's Report

At the beginning of 2019 council set out with one clear goal for the Town and that was "stabilization". Stabilization is the process of becoming or being made unlikely to change, fail, or decline. With the current economy, provincial and federal government changes and a new Town of Nanton management team (that started in Jan of 2019) stabilization may have seemed like a lofty goal. However, as I sit here reflecting on the year I think that is exactly what we have achieved. I know it did not come easy. It came from a lot of tough decisions over the last few years and it came with a lot of hard work. I do however feel a calm that has not always been there, a calm that comes with having a clear plan (our strategic plan), proactive and concise policies that enable our staff, residents, volunteers and businesses, active committees and multiple layers of communications.

Especially at this time of year I think it's important to express gratitude and appreciation to the people who have made a difference in our lives and in this case people who have made a difference in our Town and helped us achieve our goal of stabilization.

I first want to acknowledge the Town of Nanton Staff and management who always push on, who are in the front lines on a day to day basis and who have helped to build and implement council's policies. Without this dedicated group of people (some who have been here over 30 years) none of this would be possible. So thank-you for all that you do to keep our town running.

Thank-you to our service groups and our volunteers, we see you. We know you are the backbone of this community and are gifting us with your time. As the economy continues to slide, it seems like more and more people are recognizing the need to come together and are stepping up to volunteer (some on multiple committees). You keep our town viable, you plan and host events, you take on projects to enhance our town, you provide programs like rodeos and free public skating to our residents. You raise funds for those in need and you come to us with your initiatives. We as council will always do what we can to support you and make your job easier.

To our business owners who have chosen to run their business in our Town, thank-you. Regardless if you are self employed and running your business from your home or if you have a 100 employees, you all matter to Nanton. You provide jobs, you provide services and you provide products to our residents. Your business keeps our Town running and keeps us relevant. I know a lot is asked of our businesses and they always step up, they donate to causes, they sponsor events and they stay open long hours to meet our needs. Many of council's policies this year have been to assist and enable our businesses and In 2020 we will continue to expand on that.

Thank-you to Council for their commitment to following our strategic plan and taking on more committee work in order to fast track some of these initiatives; who sit in long council meetings and always contribute to the discussions. Who respectfully and passionately challenge each other at the council table, but at the same time come with an open mind. Who fight for this town and continuously hold us all accountable for the resolutions that we have passed. Many who work full-time jobs or run businesses of their own but still find time to dedicate to their work on council.

So what is our goal for 2020? I would have to say COMMUNITY. Things are running smoothly and when issues arise I feel we are prepared to manage them. I am certainly not saying it's going to be easy, we will have a lot on our plate this year. The economy is the lowest it's been in decades, our businesses and rate payers are hurting, we have major aging infrastructure needs and are working with less MSI contribution from the Province while at the same time more downloaded costs from the Province onto our Town. We have our work cut out for us. Our focus needs to be on Nanton and on building our community up from within. Working within our means but also being open to opportunities and creative solutions to the issues we are facing. In tough times we all need to come together to sustain ourselves, we have your back and we want you to have ours.

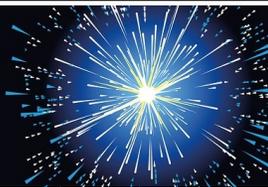
Happy New Year.
Jen Handley, Mayor of Nanton

Please take time to take the Off-leash dog park survey, which you can find on our website, www.nanton.ca. Provide your feedback before January 10, 2020. We want your input!

Remember Business Licenses and Dog Licenses expire December 31, 2019. Make sure to license your dogs on or before January 31, 2020, to avoid penal-



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You can now contact the Town Office toll free if needed at 1-877-365-3901.

We have belt buckles, Town of Nanton ball caps and key tags available for purchase. Stop by the office and check out our current Town swag!

Belt Buckles—\$20.00
Ball Caps—\$15.00
Key Tags—\$2.50

NANTON January 2020 Notified

Water & Wastewater Increase

In case you missed the open house held on November 3, water and wastewater rates will be going up effective January 1, 2020. The fees and rates Bylaw (No. 1329) was given third and final reading on November 18, 2019 with the new rates set to take effect January 1, 2020. The utility bill customers receive at the end of December will still reflect the current rates. Residents and businesses won't see the new rates until they receive their utility bill at the end of February, as that billing reflects usage from January and February.

The biggest change users will see is that the first 18 cubic meters of usage will be included in the flat rate meaning that users will not pay a consumption fee as long as they use 18 cubic meters or less of water and wastewater. Once a user goes over that threshold, consumption fees will take effect. These rates are part of the Town's five-year plan to ensure that both utilities are sustainable into the future. Further increases are planned in the years ahead as well. The new rates and how the rates will affect users is outlined below. A detailed report from the November 3 Open House is available on the Town of Nanton website and customers can always contact the Town office for further information.

Water Rates – Effective January 1, 2020

Residential

\$53 flat fee +
\$0 on 0 to 18 m³ consumption
\$2.00/m³ on 18 to 36 m³ consumption
\$2.50/m³ on 36 to 45 m³ consumption
\$2.65/m³ over and above 45 m³

Commercial/Industrial

\$53 flat fee +
\$0 on 0 to 18m³ consumption
\$2.00/m³ on 18 to 36m³ consumption
\$2.55/m³ on 36 to 45 m³ consumption
\$2.70/m³ over and above 45 m³

How will the new fees affect my bill???

Use	Fee applicable at current rate	New rate (includes applicable consumption)	% increase
5 m ³	\$39.30	\$53	34.8%
15 m ³	\$47.90	\$53	10.6%
25 m ³	\$62.94	\$67	6.4%
35 m ³	\$80.74	\$87	7.8%
50 m ³	\$111.77	\$124.75	11.6%
75 m ³	\$168.02	\$192	14.3%
100 m ³	\$224.27	\$257.25	14.7%

Wastewater Rates – Effective January 1, 2020

Residential

\$68.50 flat fee +
\$0 on 0 to 18 m³ consumption
\$2.00/m³ on 18 to 36 m³ consumption
\$2.50/m³ on 36 to 45 m³ consumption
\$2.65/m³ over and above 45 m³

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How will the new fees affect my bill???

Use	Fee applicable at current rate	New rate (includes applicable consumption)	% increase
5 m ³	\$54	\$68.50	26.9%
15 m ³	\$64	\$68.50	7.0%
25 m ³	\$81	\$82.50	1.9%
35 m ³	\$101	\$102.50	1.5%
50 m ³	\$135.75	\$140.25	3.3%
75 m ³	\$198.25	\$206.50	4.2%
100 m ³	\$260.75	\$272.75	4.6%