



NANTON NOTIFIED

January — February 2023

Mayor: Jennifer Handley

Councillors: Dave Mitchell, John Dozeman, Ken Sorenson, Kevin Todd, Roger Miller, Victor Czop

Council Meetings

First and third Monday of the month @ THRC Council Chambers, 2nd floor, 7pm. Regular Meetings are open to the Public. First mtg will be on Tuesday, Jan 3rd due to the holiday.

Town Office

OPEN
8:30am-4:00pm
Monday to Friday
1-877-365-3901
Closed on statutory holidays

Website

www.nanton.ca

Garbage & Recycling

Monday mornings

Yard Waste

Yard waste area will re-open on April 1, 2023.

Dump Gump operates the Recycling Centre on Thursdays, noon to 5 p.m. Fees may apply.

Licences

Dog & Business licences are **due** on or before January 31, 2023 to avoid late fees.

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<https://www.facebook.com/TownofNanton/>

Office Closures

January 2

February 20

Dog License Fees - Bylaw #1352/21

Register your dog (s) on or before January 31, 2023 to avoid late fees.

Prices: **Sterilized** \$20.00 & **Unsterilized** \$35.00

Please remember to be a responsible pet owner. This includes picking up waste & maintaining control over your animal in public.

Business License Fees - Schedule D of Bylaw #1366/22

Business Licenses include: Resident, Non Resident, Direct Sales, Door to Door and Market. Rates can be found by calling our office at 403-646-2029 or by visiting our website: <https://www.nanton.ca/182/Business-Licensing>
All Business Licenses are **due** on or before January 31, 2023. Resident Fee Discount if renewal rendered by 31st day of January.

Non-Residential Assessment Sub Class - Bylaw #1339/20

Businesses and/or property owners who want to take advantage of the Small Business Property Sub Class or are eligible to be removed from the Vacant Non Residential Property Sub Class have until **January 31st, 2023** at the latest to submit a completed Statutory Declaration to the Town Office. Please contact us if you have any questions.

<https://www.nanton.ca/392/Non-Residential-Property-Tax-Changes>

Snow Removal Information

All Property Owners and/or Occupants are encouraged to review Section 18 of Bylaw #1327 regarding snow removal requirements.

Section 18.4: A person shall not deposit snow, ice, debris or other materials upon any Highway, Town property or any property that is not their own.

<https://www.nanton.ca/DocumentCenter/View/161/1327-Nanton-Traffic-Bylaw>

For residents that have rear laneway garages, please consider parking your vehicles in front of your home (off street if possible) ahead of / during any big snowfall events this winter. Laneways/alleys are not a top priority for snow removal and their clearing could be delayed if there is a major accumulation of snow throughout town.

Reminder to residents to keep the alley behind your house clear of all materials, vehicles, etc. When snow removal is required during the winter months the town needs to clear alleys for resident travel and will not be held accountable for any damage incurred to property that is placed in the alley way.

Sidewalk snow and ice clearance is a **property owner/occupant responsibility** that may be enforced by our Peace Officer.

For more information on snow removal:

<https://www.nanton.ca/371/Snow-Removal>

Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

2023 has been an eventful year for our municipal utilities. Our new Manager of Operations, Bill Woytiuk, started in June with a full slate of capital projects, including the water and sewer main extension at the Visitor Information Centre area, the first such project in many years. That particular project exposed surprising levels of groundwater that have shaped much of the last six months and likely the next few years. There appear to be several serious water main and service line leaks that do not come to the surface in the conventional manner and are fairly resistant to typical leak detection equipment and methods. For Nanton, particularly during the winter months when the reservoir cannot be replenished, this is a serious problem that is going to require months and likely years of dedicated focus. Valve and hydrant replacement work is already being accelerated in order to better isolate areas for repairs, shut-offs and pressure testing. If you live in an older part of town and have active basement water activity, please contact Bill Woytiuk, Operations Manager, with details. Reducing water loss will likely reduce wastewater pipe infiltration and sewer utility costs over time as well.

The manganese discolouration issue, a problem that emanates from the natural environment, is one that we are treating very seriously and are working on with Alberta Environment and our engineers. Having this phenomenon happen even once every four years is unsatisfactory and an additional line of prospective treatment is actively being pursued. This does not mean that a resolution will necessarily be quick or easy. The Town will work with provincial agencies on keeping you informed if the situation changes for the worse. At the time of writing, however, the discolouration is just that; the water is quite safe to drink.

Given the water loss situation, we have also revised restriction warning level information for clarity. Please visit the Operations pages on our website for information on any aspect of what I have discussed here [Operations: Public Works & Utilities | Nanton, AB - Official Website](#). Please do go the extra step of reporting specific concerns or observations to the Town.

I also welcome John Dozeman to his new role of Fire Chief, replacing Mike Matchet after four strong years at the helm. As ever, our department is on the scene and their engine's always bright and clean!

In terms of the year ahead, I am happy to report that the Town will be undertaking a review and renewal of its Land Use Bylaw. There will be significant public participation opportunities and I encourage all property owners and residents to take advantage of those when they are announced. If you have strong opinions about zoning in Nanton generally or more specific concerns or issues around Land Use Districts that impact your property, a neighbourhood or type of use, this will be the opportunity to have those heard and potentially discussed.

On behalf of myself and my staff, I wish all Nanton residents and businesses the very best for 2023.

Neil Smith

Chief Administrative Officer

New Utility Rates – Effective January 1, 2023

Starting in the new year, effective for the January/February billing, ratepayers will see increased utility rates. These rates (included in the Fees and Rates Bylaw #1336/22) are part of the Town's 5-year plan to ensure the sustainability of the Town's water and wastewater infrastructure. The new rates that will come into effect are as follows -

Water Rates:

Residential

\$59 flat fee +
\$0 on 0 to 18 m³ consumption
\$2.15/m³ on 18 to 36 m³ consumption
\$2.70/m³ on 36 to 45 m³ consumption
\$2.90/m³ over and above 45 m³

Commercial/Industrial

\$59 flat fee +
\$0 on 0 to 18m³ consumption
\$2.105m³ on 18 to 36m³ consumption
\$2.75/m³ on 36 to 45 m³ consumption
\$2.95/m³ over and above 45 m³

Wastewater Rates:

Residential

\$75 flat fee +
\$0 on 0 to 18 m³ consumption
\$2.15/m³ on 18 to 36 m³ consumption
\$2.70/m³ on 36 to 45 m³ consumption
\$2.90/m³ over and above 45 m³

Commercial/Industrial

\$75 flat fee +
\$0 on 0 to 18m³ consumption
\$2.15/m³ on 18 to 36m³ consumption
\$2.75/m³ on 36 to 45 m³ consumption
\$2.95/m³ over and above 45 m³

Stormwater Rates \$4.25

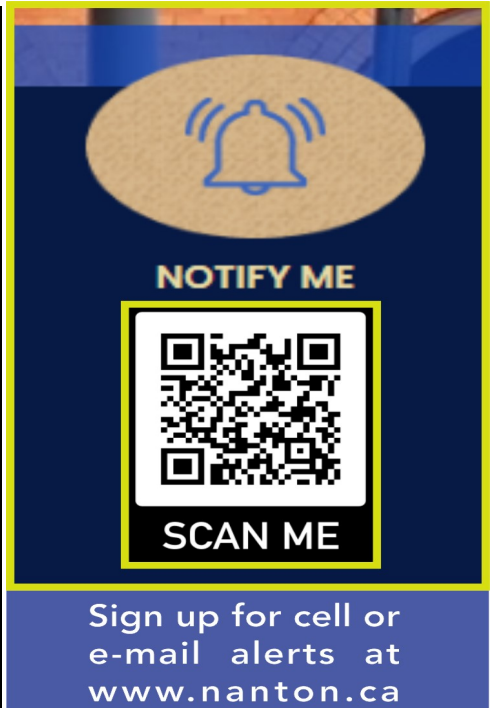
Members at Large Required

The Town of Nanton is currently seeking two members-at-large to sit on the Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Members cannot act as a member of both an MPC and an Appeal Board. Members are entitled to remuneration for eligible expenses and shall receive training and certification as required for their duties. Application found on the Public Participation page on www.nanton.ca!

Message from Chamber of Commerce

Happy 2023! Thanks for your support of local businesses over the holiday season but remember that shopping local doesn't stop with the holidays. Our businesses need your support year-round in order to survive and thrive. The Chamber is starting its 2023 recruitment drive, whether you're a business owner or not, we welcome your voice as a member. If you are interested in participating at the board level, elections will be held this February.

Check out www.visitnanton.com for more info.



NOTIFY ME

SCAN ME

Sign up for cell or e-mail alerts at www.nanton.ca

Water conservation/restriction alert levels change - Bylaw #1367

The Town has revised water conservation restrictions to improve public and stakeholder understanding of how serious a situation might be and what is potentially being asked of them at different levels. We are presently at Level 1 (Conservation). For more information please go to the Town of Nanton Website.



Facts regarding Nanton water

Taste and Odour Information:

<https://www.nanton.ca/455/Water-Colour-Taste-and-Odour>

Service Line Repair/Maintenance Information:

<https://www.nanton.ca/459/Service-Line-RepairMaintenance>



Kozy Korner— for ages 55 +

Day of Week	Game	Time Played	HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN ENJOY FOR \$30. PER YEAR: <u>SOCIAL ACTIVITIES</u> *POOL/SNOOKER – AM/PM DAILY *DARTS - JOIN A NEW GROUP - AM/PM DAILY *WORK OUT ON EXERCISE EQUIPMENT - AM/PM DAILY
MONDAY	SPADES	1:00 PM	
	CRIB	7:00 PM	
TUESDAY	SHUFFLEBOARD	9:30 AM	
WEDNESDAY	CANASTA	1:00 PM	
THURSDAY	SHUFFLEBOARD	9:30 AM	
	BINGO	1:45 PM	
FRIDAY	COFFEE/TEA COME & VISIT NEW & OLD FRIENDS- 'BRING A GUEST'	10:00-11:30 AM	
FRIDAY	BRIDGE	1:00 PM	

Message from the Mayor

If you've been following my water bill letters over the last few years you may recall that I select a single word that sets the tone for the year ahead. In 2019 it was "**stability**", 2020 was "**community**", 2021 was "**gratitude**" and 2022 required two words "**resilience and awareness**".

2023's word will be **determination**.

Determination in particular with our aging infrastructure needs. Water and our distribution lines have been a top priority for Council. Under the leadership of the new operations manager Bill, we have been able to determine some of the missing elements of our longstanding issues. Although these discoveries have been frustrating (to say the least) we have to keep pursuing solutions and resources in order to get these issues resolved once and for all. .

So what are we working with and what do we have planned?

As you may know, we are working with 90% of our source water coming from Mosquito Creek, the creek that runs through the Nanton Golf Course.

-The original water plant was constructed in the early 80s with an upgrade completed in the early 2000s

-This plant and its retrofits were never designed to treat for taste or odour.

-2016 a study on Nanton's taste and odour of our water was completed. Along with 17 recommendations to improve the quality of our water.

-Since 2016 we have completed 15 of the 17 recommendations. This study can be found on our website.

-2017 we began a valve and fire hydrant replacement program. Continued every year since.

-2019 the raw water reservoir was dredged of sludge sediment.

-2019 the spring line was tied into the reservoir and we were able to start blending the two main sources of water.

-2020 we applied for a grant for an aeration unit in the raw water reservoir.

-2022 we were approved for this grant.

-2023 the aeration unit will be installed, along with a carbon filter.

-2020 we completed a study to find a new potential source of water within the M.D. of Willow Creek. It was determined that Alberta Environment would not permit the blending of waters from different watersheds.

-2022 the flow from the spring line was drastically reduced and was no longer available to Nanton to use.

-2022 we commenced a study with the Town of High River to acquire treated water from their facility by installing a pipeline from High River to Nanton.

-2023 we will continue to evaluate the feasibility of this High River treated water project.

- Summer of 2022 it was determined that there is a significant amount of water being lost through the distribution lines.

-2022 several of these leaks have been found and repaired. An interesting finding from our operations manager is that these leaks are occurring in supposedly decommissioned lines from the 1940's.

-2023- Replace as many valves as our contractors are able to so we can begin to actually isolate areas of town to flush the lines properly.

As you can see it's not a simple or singular solution and the priority must be repairing and flushing the distribution lines. Alongside the upgrades to the water treatment plant, the reservoir and the study with High River.

Stay well this holiday season.

Mayor Jennifer Handley