



NANTON NOTIFIED

January — February 2026

Mayor: Jennifer Handley
 Councillors: Dave Mitchell, Erin Shields, Jennie McMasters, Roger Miller, Shauna Strong, Victor Czop

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| Council Meetings | |
| First and third Monday of the month @ THRC Council Chambers, 2nd floor, 7pm. Regular Meetings are open to the Public. | Dog License Fees - Bylaw #1352/21 Register your dog (s) on or before January 31, 2026 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. |
| Town Office OPEN 8:30am-4:00pm Monday to Friday 1-877-365-3901 Closed on statutory holidays | Business License Fees - Schedule D of Bylaw #1381/23 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, 2026. Resident Fee Discount if renewal rendered by 31st day of January. |
| Website www.nanton.ca | 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, 2026 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 |
| Garbage & Recycling | |
| Monday mornings | |
| Yard Waste | |
| Yard waste area will be closed until further notice. Dump Gump operates the Recycling Centre on Thursdays, noon to 5 p.m. Fees may apply. Contact them at 1-403-336-5012. | 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. |
| Licences | |
| Dog & Business licences are due on or before January 31, 2026 to avoid late fees. | |
| Follow us on Facebook | |
| https://www.facebook.com/TownofNanton/ | |
| Office Closures | |
| January 1, 2026 | |
| February 16, 2026 | For more information: https://www.nanton.ca/371/Snow-Removal |



Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

As I prepare to transition to a new role with a municipality in Manitoba, I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Town of Nanton, our Council, and the dedicated municipal staff for the privilege of serving as your Chief Administrative Officer since January 2019.

Working in Nanton has been a great experience, both professionally and personally. Over my time here, I have witnessed firsthand the passion and pride that residents and staff bring to every initiative and aspects of our community. It has been an honour to contribute to projects that strengthen our infrastructure, enhance services, and support the long-term vision for Nanton's success. Improving highway safety with our own Community Peace Officer service since 2022 while strengthening our partnership with the local RCMP detachment has been particularly gratifying, but that is just one example.

I want to thank our Mayor and Council for their leadership and trust. I am proud of the work we have accomplished together and will be excited to see how several initiatives continue under my eventual successor's stewardship. The dedication of the municipal staff I have worked with has been fantastic. The number of bumps encountered on the road have been few and far between.

To the residents of Nanton, thank you for welcoming my family for the last seven years. While we are excited about the opportunities ahead in another province, leaving this place is bittersweet. I am confident that Nanton's future is bright, and I look forward to seeing the community continue to prosper.

Thank you once again for the privilege of serving as your CAO.

Warm regards,
Neil Smith
Chief Administrative Officer

New Utility Rates – Effective January 1, 2026

These rates (included in the Fees and Rates Bylaw #1381/23) 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

\$66 flat fee +
\$0 on 0 to 18 m³ consumption
\$2.30/m³ on 19 to 36 m³ consumption
\$2.80/m³ on 37 to 45 m³ consumption
\$3.00/m³ over and above 45 m³

Commercial/Industrial

\$66 flat fee +
\$0 on 0 to 18m³ consumption
\$2.30m³ on 19 to 36m³ consumption
\$2.85/m³ on 37 to 45 m³ consumption
\$3.05/m³ over and above 45 m³

Wastewater Rates:

Residential

\$81 flat fee +
\$0 on 0 to 18 m³ consumption
\$2.30/m³ on 19 to 36 m³ consumption
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Stormwater Rates \$4.70

Solid Waste Rates \$18.39

Recycling Rates \$14.00

Heritage Building Project Update

We invite community members and property owners to join us at an upcoming Open House Wednesday January 14, 2026 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Kozy Korner (2211 20 Street). The 13 sites chosen from the 24 candidates can be found on the town's website <https://www.nanton.ca/community/culture-and-heritage/heritage-building-project>.

Community Design Strategies Inc. (CDS) has completed a heritage survey for each site to update Alberta's Heritage Resource Management Information System (HeRMIS). Each resource has been evaluated for eligibility, significance and integrity to determine suitability for future designation. Successful evaluations have proceeded to Statements of Significance (SoS), which detail heritage value and character-defining elements – essential for formal designation.

This information will be presented to the community at the Open House at 6:15 pm followed by an opportunity to ask questions and get more information, and to provide comments. Please join us and share your input!

Message from Nanton Chamber

Thanks to everyone who supported local by shopping at Nanton businesses this past holiday season and for participating in the holiday passport promotion. Watch for 2026 Chamber member information coming out with your Town business license invoices in January, and opportunities to join the Chamber board of directors at the AGM in February.

For details, email info@nantonchamber.com.

How to Report a Bylaw Concern

If you have a concern that involves a bylaw infraction, you can submit a formal complaint to the Town through the appropriate channels—by phone, online, or in person. Make sure to provide clear details, including the location, date time and nature of the issue. Complaints are kept confidential to protect your privacy, but remember that enforcement actions are based on the information you provide; so the more specific, the better.

Municipal Enforcement number is: 1-403-601-3639.



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 Located at 2211 20 Street |
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| 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

Every year I choose a single word to set the tone for the year ahead. This year, that word is **Perseverance**.

Last year's word was **Implement**, reflecting our intention to move a number of major projects from planning into action. Some of those projects have not yet been implemented, largely due to factors outside our direct control. That is exactly why this year's focus must be perseverance: steady persistence despite obstacles.

As a community, we have several significant projects at the forefront of our work, and a few more in the pipeline.

Medical Clinic

The new medical clinic has become something of a political "ping-pong ball" between Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the provincial government. This project has been on the table for nearly 30 months and we have had numerous meetings and conversations with the province and AHS. The three municipal partners, the Town of Nanton, the MD of Willow Creek, and the MD of Ranchlands are ready to go to tender as soon as the lease for the renovations is signed by AHS and/or the Province.

Every delay from the provincial side brings increased construction costs. Council and administration remain determined to move this project forward in 2026. With the Province's new health governance structure now in place, we are hopeful there will be greater clarity and confidence at the provincial level so that they can finally commit to this project.

RCMP Detachment and Town Office Relocation

A second key project is the proposed move of the RCMP into the existing Town of Nanton office, and the relocation of the Town administration to the upper level of the THRC.

We will not proceed with this work without a firm commitment from the RCMP. Any decision must make sense for public safety, for the long-term use of our facilities, and for the taxpayer. If it does proceed, this project can help us right-size our spaces, improve access, and make more efficient use of the buildings we already own.

Treated Water Line from High River

The treated water line from High River remains at the design and viability stage. Early in the new year, we will be meeting with the Town of High River to review the latest details and work through questions and concerns on both sides.

From Nanton's perspective, we must clearly understand:

The total capital cost of the project; Confirming land requirements; Ongoing maintenance responsibilities and costs; The impact on monthly bills for Nanton residents; How this project fits alongside our ongoing work to find and repair local water leaks and reduce water loss

From High River's side, they must be confident about how much water they can reliably provide, and on what cost-sharing basis.

This is a complex, long-term decision about water security for our community. We will not rush it. Perseverance here means doing the work properly, asking hard questions, and only moving ahead if the numbers and the risks make sense for Nanton.

Residential Development and Infrastructure

We are effectively out of fully serviced residential lots. We know that, to grow, Nanton needs additional housing. However, the cost of servicing new land is high, and any development must make financial sense.

Ideally, the Town does not want to be the developer. Our role is to make it viable and attractive for private developers, while ensuring that long-term infrastructure costs remain fair and manageable for residents.

We have applied for a federal grant that could cover up to 50% of the cost of certain infrastructure upgrades required to support residential growth. It is prudent to wait for the outcome of that application, as starting upgrades now would likely disqualify us from that funding. In the meantime, we are using this time to plan carefully so that, if we are successful, we are ready to move, and if we are not, we still have a clear path forward.

Wastewater and Infiltration

Another priority for 2026 will be managing and reducing the inflow and infiltration that contribute to overloading our wastewater treatment system. Heavy rain and groundwater entering the system through potentially damaged infrastructure and other undetermined ways increases operating costs and shortens the life of our assets.

We will continue to focus on identifying problem areas, working with property owners where necessary, and planning upgrades that protect both our environment and our ratepayers.

Industrial Area and Economic Development

We will also be working on upgrades to our industrial area roads and underground services. These upgrades are important to:

Support existing major industries and the heavy truck traffic they generate; Encourage new industrial and commercial investment; Protect the underground infrastructure that serves those businesses

Economic development is not only about attracting new businesses; it is also about making sure the ones we already have can thrive.

None of these projects are simple, quick wins. They require funding and commitments from other levels of government, coordination with multiple partners, and careful consideration of long-term operating and maintenance costs. They also require us to be honest with ourselves and with you about timelines, risks, and trade-offs.

That is why the word for 2026 is Perseverance.

As a Council, and as a community, we will need to keep showing up, asking difficult questions, pushing for fair treatment from our partners, and making decisions that protect Nanton's future, even when that takes longer than any of us would like.

Thank you for your continued patience, engagement, and support. We remain committed to clear communication and to keeping you informed as these projects move through each stage.

On behalf of Council and administration, I wish you and your families a healthy and steady 2026.

Mayor Jennifer Handley