



NANTON NOTIFIED

March-April 2026

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

Council Meetings

First and third Monday of the month @ THRC Council Chambers, 2nd floor, 7pm. Regular Meetings are open to the Public.

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 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.

Licences

Dog & Business Licenses are now **past due**. If you no longer have your dog or don't require your business license please call the Town Office at 403.646.2029.

Follow us on Facebook

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

Office Closures

April 3, 2026

Water Conservation

When we enter the March/ April period, we are always cognisant of how our reservoir levels are doing and any anticipated raw water supply issues when the Highwood Diversion re-opens and pumping from Mosquito Creek resumes. Please visit:

<https://www.nanton.ca/government/plans-and-projects/waterconservation>

to re-acquaint yourself with our conservation levels and restrictions. When we reach Level 2 or 3 restrictions, we do rely upon all users to work with us to get consumption down.



E-Send for Utility Levies

For the utility bill, we are to email you your utility bills. To take advantage of this option, please fill out the required form. Forms are accessible on the Town website or at the Town office. If you want to continue with your paper copy, there will be a \$1.50 surcharge added to your bill. Contact the Town office for more information.

Utility & Tax Accounts

***** IMPORTANT *****

Please contact our office to ensure we have your current phone numbers and mailing address on file. When paying your utility and tax levies, please ensure you have listed your correct account number. This is ***important*** for us to identify which account to apply your payments.

Snow Removal

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

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

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

Save the Date!!

Nanton School Enhancement Committee Corn Hole Tournament June 27

Chinook Singers & Players - The Adams Family

Chinook Singers & Players Proudly Presents:

The Addams Family - A New Musical Comedy

Dates: April 15-18, 2026

Where: Nanton Community Centre

Times: Evening performances April 15-18 @ 7:00pm & Matinee performance April 18 @ 1:00pm

Tickets can be purchased at : <https://www.chinooksingersplayers.com>

Please check our Facebook page for information:

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

Heritage Building Inventory Project Report

The Final Report for the Heritage Building Inventory Project, including 13 Statements of Significance, is available on www.nanton.ca/community/culture-and-heritage/heritage-building-project. This project was funded in part by the Government of Alberta and was conducted by Community Design Strategies Inc. Recommendations within the report will be considered by council at an upcoming meeting.

Question of the Month:

What is a “Change of Use” permit? New or relocating businesses may not realize that the building or space it is intending to occupy is not approved for that type of use. For example, a change of use from a retail store to a restaurant would require both development and building permit approvals prior to starting renovations. Changes of use can require a change in the classification of the building under the building code (i.e. Group E – mercantile to Group A - assembly in the previous example) and the requirement for professional involvement (architect or engineer), adding both time and expense to the approval process. So, prior to converting land or buildings from one “use” to another, businesses should always make sure to review both Land Use Bylaw *and* building code regulations.

Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

To Everyone in Nanton,

As my ‘watch’ as Chief Administrative Officer ends, I want to recognise the rewarding time I’ve experienced since joining the Town in January 2019. Saying goodbye is bittersweet, particularly when it comes to the wonderful staff, dedicated Mayor and Council with whom I’ve worked. Manitoba will bring new challenges for my family and I, but it is sad to be leaving this wonderful community - just as Barr’s Irn Bru became available at the candy store (any Scottish expat reading will understand that frustration – I encourage you all to try it).

I am immensely proud of the accomplishments of the Town during this period—from refining our long-term infrastructure planning and development strategies to strengthening the systems that keep our town running smoothly. Any CAO’s goal is to provide a steady hand at the tiller, ensuring that Mayor and Council can focus on the long-term questions. Nanton has been a special place to call home, and it has been an honour to serve. I will miss its wonderful walkability and accessibility to so many places in Southern Alberta.

As Tara Vandervalk begins her watch on the municipal wall from March 4, I depart with full confidence in the internal capacity and momentum we have built. I know that Nanton’s future is bright, and I look forward to seeing you thrive in this quickly changing world. Thank you and Tìoraidh!

Sincerely,

Neil Smith

Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Nanton

New Utility Rates—Effective Jan 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
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Stormwater Rates \$4.70

Solid Waste Rates \$18.39

Recycling Rates \$14.00

Spring is on its way!

The Town of Nanton has a donation program for the purpose of enhancing your public places such as park spaces, playgrounds and pathways. Contributions may be used for the purchase of trees, playground equipment, benches, etc. and will be acknowledged with a plaque placed on the donation wall located in the southeast corner of the Westview park. For further information, please contact the Town office or visit <https://www.nanton.ca/355/Sponsor-or-Donate>

Message from the Nanton Chamber of Commerce

It's hard to believe spring is right around the corner. The shoulder seasons can be a slower time for many businesses; show your support and help lift their sales by shopping local. We're surprised sometimes by how many residents are completely unaware of all the great businesses in town. Take some time this spring to check out what's here and go to www.visitnanton.com for more information on many of the businesses.

Waste Reminder

Bylaw 1293, sect. 6.5 states that; All waste shall be bagged prior to depositing in an automated collection container. No loose waste is to be placed in waste collection carts. One main reason for this is when a cart of loose waste is being emptied in windy conditions, the loose waste is then blown away which is not controllable by the Waste truck operator. [**Remember to have your recycling & waste bins out by 7am Monday mornings**](#)



Message from the Mayor

Much has happened since our last water-bill update. As we enter budget season and prepare for strategic planning, we have a lot to discuss and it's always a two-way conversation. If you have questions about anything, please reach out to me or any member of Council.

CAO transition

Council has appointed Tara Vandervalk as Nanton's next Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), effective March 4, 2026. Tara brings more than 14 years of experience with the Town of Claresholm, along with a strong background in planning, development, and municipal operations.

We also thank Neil Smith for eight years of dedicated service. Neil's last day with the Town is February 20. We wish Neil and his family all the best with their move to Virden, Manitoba, where Neil will be the Town's new CAO.

Budget season and policing costs

We've entered budget season, and Council is reviewing operating needs and capital priorities. The Province has notified the Town that Nanton's provincial police funding requirement will increase to \$177,200 this year, up from \$129,388 in 2025 an increase of \$47,812 (about 37%). This cost flows directly into the municipal budget and the property tax requirement.

For context, a 1% change in our budget is just over \$30,000. This year's policing increase alone is roughly equivalent to about a 1.6% impact so before we even begin setting this year's budget priorities, there is already built-in pressure on the property tax requirement from policing alone.

There is always a lot to balance in any budget. Some costs are within Council's control, and some are not. Police funding is outside local control, and the Province has indicated it will continue to increase incrementally reaching \$458,701 by 2030. As we go through budget deliberations, Council will be looking closely at what we *can* control and whether there are opportunities to offset or absorb part of this increase elsewhere, while still protecting core services and maintaining the Town's financial stability.

Wastewater inflow and infiltration monitoring

Council approved hiring RH Borden to install sensors in sanitary manholes to identify groundwater inflow and infiltration entry points. This town-wide, data-driven work will give us valuable insight into the sanitary system and help target repairs effectively, with the goal of reducing strain on the wastewater system.

Clinic project

We continue to engage with provincial authorities to confirm who has authority to commit to the lease and how the project will be funded. We remain ready to proceed to tender once funding is approved, and we remain on standby to meet directly with the Minister of Health for clarification and direction.

RCMP relocation and Town Office move

Council has approved relocating the RCMP to the current Town Office, with the Town Office moving to the Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre (THRC). Final costing and timelines will be reviewed by Council in the coming weeks, including the February 17 meeting.

High River-Nanton waterline

Design work continues. Initial updates are expected in upcoming meetings between High River and Nanton, with final design and viability assessments anticipated by early summer.

Permits: check before you build

Permits are not something you should dread or avoid they're a simple check that helps protect your investment, the people using the space, and your neighbours. Please contact the Town early if you're building, renovating, changing how a space is used/occupied, or moving utilities.

For homes and businesses, permits confirm the work meets safety rules, land-use bylaws, and fire requirements. That helps avoid stop-work orders and expensive rework, and it protects you when it matters most: your insurance coverage, bank financing or refinancing, and resale.

Strategic planning: setting priorities

Council is preparing for strategic planning at the end of May. If you have ideas or recommendations for priorities over the next four years, please share them. We also welcome solutions and ideas raised during the election, and invite those who spoke about alternative approaches to share them so they can be evaluated alongside current work.

Reach out to any member of Council, contact Sara-Lynn to be added to a Council agenda as a delegation, or bring your suggestions directly to the relevant department heads.

Mayor Jennifer Handley