




# NANTON NOTIFIED

## November-December 2023

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

Licenses	
Business Licenses & Dog Licenses <b>EXPIRE</b> December 31, 2023.	<b>Utility &amp; Tax Accounts — IMPORTANT</b> When paying your utility and tax levies via your bank or etransfer, please ensure you have listed your <b>utility account or tax roll number</b> with the correct number of digits & your <b>municipal address</b> in the message section. This is important for us to identify which account to apply your payment.
<b>Town Office</b> OPEN 8:30am-4:00pm Monday to Friday 1-877-365-3901 Closed on statutory holidays	
<b>Website</b> www.nanton.ca	<b>Kosy Korner Senior Centre</b> Kosy Korner Senior Centre invites all ages to come and visit new and old friends at the coffee hour every Friday morning from 10:00 am —11:30am. For more information, call 403.646.2384. Kosy Korner is located at 2211-20 Street.  Also, if you are 55+, here's what you can enjoy at the Kozy Corner for \$30 per year: Pool/Snooker, Darts, Work-out Exercise equipment— all of these run am/pm daily. Plus they have certain dates/times of the week where one can play spades, crib, shuffleboard, canasta, bingo & bridge.
<b>Garbage &amp; Recycling</b> Monday mornings	
<b>Yard Waste</b> Yard Waste area is closed for the winter season as of October 31, 2023. Dump Gump operates the Recycling Centre on Thursdays, noon to 5 p.m. Fees may apply.	
<b>Council Meetings</b> First & third Monday of the month @THRC Council Chambers, 2nd floor, @ 7pm. Regular Meetings are open to the Public.	<b>Snow Removal Information</b> All Property Owners and/or Occupants are encouraged to review Section 18 of Bylaw #1327 regarding snow removal requirements. <b>Section 18.4:</b> A person shall not deposit snow, ice, debris or other materials upon any Highway, Town property or any property that is not their own. (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.
<b>Follow us on Facebook</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TownofNanton/">https://www.facebook.com/TownofNanton/</a>	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.
<b>Office Closures</b> November 10, 2023 December 25, 2023 December 26, 2023 January 1, 2024	Sidewalk snow and ice clearance is a <b>property owner/occupant responsibility</b> that may be enforced by our Peace Officer. <b>For more information on snow removal:</b> <a href="https://www.nanton.ca/371/Snow-Removal">https://www.nanton.ca/371/Snow-Removal</a>

# ANNUAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Budget deliberations for Capital & Operating budgets for next year take place during the Fall and Winter. Contact the Town Office if you wish to make representations or submit written ideas to Council or the Finance Committee on the following matters:

**TAX & UTILITIES POLICY**

**CAPITAL PRIORITIES**

**OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES**

**LOCAL SERVICES**

**CONTRIBUTION GRANTS**

**ASSETS AND RESERVES**

**IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S TAXES OR BUDGET,  
DON'T WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR TO LET US KNOW!**

**NANTON**



We're approaching the time when we really need to hear from our clubs, societies and service organizations about any requests pertaining to the operating or capital budget for 2024. Please contact the Town Office if there is an 'ask' of Council for this year.

**Don't wait until April!**

## Remembrance Day

A ceremony of Remembrance will be held at the Nanton Cenotaph commencing at 10:55 am on Saturday, November 11, 2023 *only*. There will not be a program presented in the Nanton Community Centre. Remembrance wreaths will be presented/placed by the various groups/clubs as in pre-pandemic times. The Nanton Legion has again secured euroPRODUCTIONS—David Gale to video/live stream this service to the Nanton Legion Facebook page; the Town of Nanton Facebook page; and the Bomber Command Museum of Canada Facebook page. You are welcome to attend the service in person or from the comfort of your home.



## Nanton Lights the Way

Nanton Lights the Way – the theme for Nanton's holiday season festivities – starts up in November with lots of activities, two holiday markets, and promotions to invite residents, Calgarians, and other area visitors to shop and visit Nanton during the holiday season. Check the Nanton Lights the Way page at [www.visitnanton.com](http://www.visitnanton.com) for details or follow the Nanton Lights the Way Facebook page. We encourage you to be a visitor in your own town by shopping local this season. From all of us at the Nanton Chamber, thanks for your support of our businesses, and all the best over the holidays!

Here's to Christmas...  
A time of Remembering.  
A time of Loving.  
A time for Giving.  
A time of Believing.  
A time of Gratitude.  
A time to Slow Down  
A time to Simplify.  
A time of Magic.  
A time of Peace.

## OFFICE CLOSURES AND HOLIDAY HOURS

**November 10** — CLOSED

Remembrance Day.

**December 25 & 26** — CLOSED, **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**January 1** — CLOSED, **HAPPY NEW**

## Visit Nanton Promotional Video

Check out the promotional video of Nanton:  
<https://youtu.be/-rEttOau6YA?feature=shared>

## Town of Nanton LUB Update—Project Update - September & October 2023

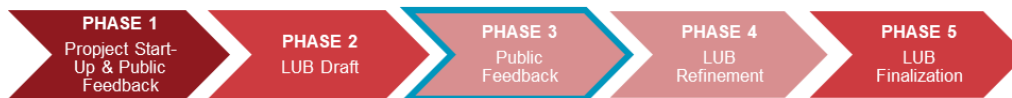
You're Invited!

If you participated in the first round of engagement or took the time to join the conversation at the recent Community Open House, thank you for your input! If you haven't participated, but still want to have a say, all community members are welcome to review the draft LUB and provide your feedback by:

Learning more about the project by visiting the Virtual Open House and taking the Online Survey

- The virtual open house and survey will be open from October 16 until November 17
- Hardcopies of the survey are available at Town Office
- The deadline for survey submissions is November 17, 2023

For more information visit [www.nanton.ca/414/Public-Participation](http://www.nanton.ca/414/Public-Participation) or contact [develop@nanton.ca](mailto:develop@nanton.ca).



### Non-Residential Assessment Sub Class

Businesses and / or property owners who want to take advantage of the Small Business Property Sub Class are eligible to be removed from the Vacant Non Residential Property Sub Class have until **January 31st, 2024** at the latest to submit a completed Statutory Declaration to the Town Office. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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

### New Utility Rates – Effective January 1, 2024 \* subject to change \*

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

\$61 flat fee +  
\$0 on 0 to 18 m<sup>3</sup> consumption  
\$2.25/m<sup>3</sup> on 18 to 36 m<sup>3</sup> consumption  
\$2.75/m<sup>3</sup> on 36 to 45 m<sup>3</sup> consumption  
\$2.95/m<sup>3</sup> over and above 45 m<sup>3</sup>

##### Commercial/Industrial

\$61 flat fee +  
\$0 on 0 to 18m<sup>3</sup> consumption  
\$2.25m<sup>3</sup> on 18 to 36m<sup>3</sup> consumption  
\$2.80/m<sup>3</sup> on 36 to 45 m<sup>3</sup> consumption  
\$3.00/m<sup>3</sup> over and above 45 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Wastewater Rates:

##### Residential

\$77 flat fee +  
\$0 on 0 to 18 m<sup>3</sup> consumption  
\$2.25/m<sup>3</sup> on 18 to 36 m<sup>3</sup> consumption  
\$2.75/m<sup>3</sup> on 36 to 45 m<sup>3</sup> consumption  
\$2.950/m<sup>3</sup> over and above 45 m<sup>3</sup>

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\$2.25/m<sup>3</sup> on 18 to 36m<sup>3</sup> consumption  
\$2.75/m<sup>3</sup> on 36 to 45 m<sup>3</sup> consumption  
\$3.00/m<sup>3</sup> over and above 45 m<sup>3</sup>

Stormwater Rates \$4.36

Solid Waste Rates \$17.94

Recycling Rates \$13.33

## Message from the Mayor

Did you know...

On your natural gas and electricity bills, you will find a line item labeled the "local access fee," which is paid to Nanton, or possibly a "franchise fee." The franchise fee is a charge imposed by the municipality on utility companies in exchange for the privilege of providing utility services within the municipality and for the placement of distribution facilities on municipally-owned lands. We review the rate annually, maintaining it at the average of what other municipalities charge. Our policy also ensures an annual contribution of \$20,000 to support community groups and \$40,000 for beautification reserves, also known as the public realm reserve. These reserves were established to address the growing needs within our community, making it challenging to find additional funds in the budget for supporting community groups and beautification projects, including public art, playground equipment, signage, and more.

In collaboration with the M.D. of Willow Creek and the M.D. of Ranchlands, we are actively working to modernize our medical clinic. If all goes according to plan, construction will commence in the spring. Councillor Miller and I have been attending these meetings regularly for the past two years.

We also participate in an advisory committee with the school division, along with the M.D. of Willow Creek and the M.D. of Ranchlands. They are currently working with architects to draft plans for new schools, with the aim of being prepared for the next budget announcements. The main challenge we face is determining if the community desires a larger gymnasium in the new elementary school. The Province only covers the cost of a 430 sqm gym, but if we want two large gymnasiums in our town, we need to make a quick decision and begin fundraising for the additional square footage. The larger gymnasium could be similar in size to the one currently at A.B. Daley, measuring 550 sqm. The school division will initiate community feedback programs on this issue shortly, but it will require a community group or groups to take the lead on fundraising if this addition is to become a reality. If you believe a larger gymnasium is needed, please contact Councillor Miller or me for more information.

Our focus remains on maintaining our underground infrastructure, and under the leadership of our operations manager, Bill Woytiuk, we've had a successful year of leak detection. Notably, we discovered a 4-inch hole on 23rd Street and Highway 2. This will continue to be a priority for Council in 2024.

Branch and compost collection will cease at the end of October and will remain closed until we have a viable plan for disposal and managing misuse of this service. We will explore options throughout the winter and aim to have a solution in place by spring.

Did you know that public skating is now FREE and is a service provided by The Town of Nanton?

The speed signs on Highway 2 North and South serve a dual purpose—they collect traffic data and record passing speeds. This data is crucial for advocating safer traffic control measures with Alberta Transportation and the RCMP. Additionally, in 2024, we will explore lobbying efforts with the Province to allow speed cameras in municipalities located on main highways, as they are currently not permitted.

We are currently collaborating with Alberta Environment and the Town of High River on a treated water pipeline from the Town of High River. Have you noticed an improvement in the quality of your tap water? I have. This is due to years of work at our water treatment plant and the addition of a new aeration unit and charcoal filtration system.

As you can see, there are many exciting developments happening in town right now, and we look forward to what 2024 may bring!

*Mayor Jennifer Handley*

## Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

Thank you to all those who took our being in Level 2 Water Restrictions to heart this Fall and cut back voluntarily – it really makes a difference to our efforts to top up the reservoir at a critical time of year. I want to also acknowledge the great work of the Operations Department in terms of leak detection. While we still have a long way to go, we have made solid progress this year in tracking down leaking mains and service lines in some areas of town, particularly near HWY 2N. We also appreciate the patience of residents at the intersection of 20<sup>th</sup> Street and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Westview – the source of the groundwater that continues to plague some sumps in that area is still a mystery – step pressuring testing are also now relatively healthy which means we cannot even be certain that there is a leaking main or service line nearby. Our investigations into this will continue further before we fully patch up that section of roadway, but we are as frustrated as anybody that a solution remains elusive. We really need residents to continue to report busy sumps, changes in water pressure or any observed standing water to help us in our work.

**Neil Smith**

**Chief Administrative Officer**