



NANTON NOTIFIED

September-October 2023

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

Licences

Business Licences & Dog Licences **EXPIRE** December 31, 2023.

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 continues to be managed by the Town - Monday to Sunday 8 a.m. to 4:30p.m.

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

Council Meetings

First & third Monday of the month @ THRC Council Chambers, 2nd floor, @ 7pm. Regular Meetings are open to the Public. Regular Council Meeting is Tuesday, September 5.

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

Office Closures

Monday, September 4
 Friday, September 29
 Monday, October 9

Utility & Tax Accounts— **IMPORTANT**

When paying your utility and tax levies via your bank or etransfer, please ensure you have listed your **utility account or tax roll number** with the correct number of digits & your **municipal address** in the message section. This is important for us to identify which account to apply your payment.

Donation Program

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>

Reminders to Dog Owners

As per Bylaw 1237/11:

- The owner of a dog that defecates on property, other than his own, must remove, forthwith, any defecated material deposited.
- If an owner of a dog is on any public place or property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall have in his possession a suitable means of facilitating the removal of the dog's feces.



Recycling Yard Waste

Please be respectful in dumping of tree branches that are no more than 5cm in diameter & grass clippings only.

Hours of operation are: Monday—Sunday 8:00 am—4:30 pm

As per the Community Bylaw #1299/18 , Section 4.2 - "No person shall cause, permit or undertake any activity upon any Town property which is a nuisance." Fine of \$500 for first offence.

Security cameras are in place.

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!

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. Submit a completed Statutory Declaration to the Town Office by **Jan 31, 2024**. Please contact the Town Office if you have any questions.

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

PLEASE trim your hedges, trees & shrubs

People with mobility aids need full access to sidewalks. Back lanes must be sufficiently clear for vehicular traffic and RVs to navigate safely. It's important to remember that certain landscaping can encroach into sidewalks and lanes, partially impeding access or scraping the sides of vehicles. Those kinds of encroachments are violations under the Town's Community Bylaw. Please assess the front and rear of your property and determine if you need to trim or cut back any vegetation ahead of fall and winter, and take any necessary action. Please think of your neighbors and pedestrians in general, taking precautionary action annually. Yard waste from trimming can be deposited at no charge at the Town's facility on 19th Avenue.

For any hedges, trees & shrubs that are not maintained in a timely manner, Public Works staff will have to complete the trimming that are encroaching sidewalks. Fees may apply.

Message from NAPS

It has been a busy year for NAPS. Our focus has been feral and stray cats in town. We have dealt with about 40 so far this year, including multiple rehoming. To date in 2023 we have spent approximately \$10,000 on town feral and stray cats. These cats are an ongoing endeavor that we will continue to address. You can help by having your cats spayed and neutered and keeping them at home.

Message from the Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to the volunteers, community groups, businesses, and Town crew who pulled out all the stops for Nanton Round-Up Days. There was a palpable buzz all weekend with lots of people visiting from out of town. Did you know that the Chamber takes the lead in advertising and promoting Round-Up Days (in addition to organizing the Chili Cook Off)? It's a huge event for our town – and an important one – not only for community building, but for driving traffic to our local businesses. If you want to get involved next year let the Chamber or one of the many community groups involved know. Planning starts early!

Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

There has likely been some surprise at Level 2 mandatory water restrictions being put in place this summer. While we hope it will not become that overused term “the new normal”, there is definitely a chance that a combination of annual factors will mean that we need to ask you to take greater care with water use in the late summer/early fall. From October to April annually, we are unable to top up the Town’s reservoir as the Women’s Coulee Diversion is closed for the winter. This means that we need our reservoir at 100% capacity when the diversion closes as major water loss or waste during winter is one of our most serious concerns (as a water utility). Long term solutions to these challenges have been and are in development, but just like the rest of Alberta, we have endured a very hot and dry summer that has already been putting pressure on our resources for a while.

A new municipal notice board will be installed this fall beside the Post Office. As we move into a period of advertising and notices around a number of initiatives, particularly the Land Use Bylaw, it is as good a time as any to try and better engage everyone out there, especially with the loss of some hard copy news publications. Town staff have worked very hard on the “Mile 56” rest area beside the McEwan Schoolhouse this year and I would like to recognize their efforts and enthusiasm. We are slowly transforming that area into a vastly improved amenity for locals and visitors alike.

We are happy to see anyone new to Town at the office with questions about services or taxes. In particular, if you have moved from another province, there can be unexpected differences.

The 2022 Annual Report is available on the Town website. Please contact me directly if you would like an electronic copy e-mailed.

Before I sign off, I want to encourage each and every one of you to participate in the Land Use Bylaw review process when the public portion starts soon. It is critically important to let us know what you like, don’t like and don’t understand. You may not be familiar with the current iteration of the bylaw or understand how the new bylaw will change things. The key questions to ask are always:

“How will this impact my interests as a property owner ? How will this impact the community overall?”

Have a great fall season.

Neil Smith

Chief Administrative Officer

Land Use Bylaw Update

The Town has completed the first draft of the new Land Use Bylaw (LUB)!

Thank you to those who participated in phase 1 engagement, your feedback, along with technical information and best practice data, was used to inform the first draft of the updated LUB.

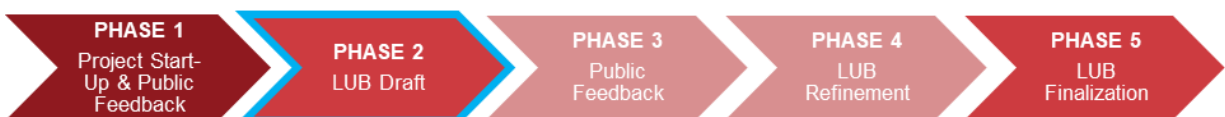
Now we’d like your feedback on the updated LUB to let us know if we captured the feedback you provided in phase 1 accurately, as well as to help identify anything we may have missed. Your feedback will help to refine and finalize the updated LUB in phase 5 to ensure it best meets community needs.

Stay Tuned!

In the fall of 2023, the Town will be offering opportunities for the public and key stakeholders to review the updates we’ve made to the LUB and provide their input. More information will be available in September on the Town’s website.

If you have any specific questions or would like to be notified of future engagement events or milestone notices, please contact: develop@nanton.ca

Project Timeline:



WE ARE HERE

Message from the Mayor

As September approaches, many of us are gearing up for the back-to-school season, the revival of sports teams, and the initiation of the 2024 budget planning for Council. Over the years, we've encountered several common inquiries, and we're here to address them in the hopes that they'll be of assistance.

Got an idea or concern you're eager to present to the Council? We're all ears! Whether you're an individual or representing an organization, if you have an initiative, a need, or a concern, don't hesitate to get in touch with any Council member or our Chief Administrative Officer, Neil Smith (cao@nanton.ca). They can guide you on how to bring your matters to the table for discussion and consideration. If your proposal involves potential budget implications, it's crucial to present it before November to be considered for the 2024 budget.

Curious about connecting with people in Nanton? Volunteering is a fantastic way to make connections, and the best part is, you decide how much time you invest. Whether it's coaching teams, caring for cats at NAPS, restoring airplanes at the Bomber Museum, assisting the Grain Elevators with events, delivering meals for Meals on Wheels, participating with Citizens on Patrol, joining a society, and much more – there's something tailored for every interest and skill set. Explore the Nanton Quality of Life for volunteer opportunities. You can also meet people by joining sports teams, hobby groups, or attending events like coffee gatherings at the Kozy Korner or Wednesday night music jams at the Community Center during winter and at the campground during summer.

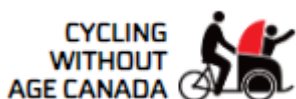
Heard a rumor or discussion about a Council decision or project around town? Wondering about the details or have concerns about the information you've heard? Maybe you've been approached to sign a petition but want to ensure you have the full story. We encourage you to get accurate information straight from the source by reaching out to any Council member or directly contacting the town with your questions. Once you've gathered accurate information and still have concerns, formalize them so they can be officially documented. We're always open to receiving your feedback.

Remember, Council and administration are here to collaborate with and serve you. In our close-knit community with limited resources, engagement, and informed participation from residents like you play a vital role in our collective progress. As they say, knowledge is power. If you stumble upon something noteworthy or have an idea for enhancing efficiency, please share it with us!

Mayor Jennifer Handley

Cycling Without Age Canada – New Nanton Chapter Welcomes our Trishaw Bike

The Nanton Quality of Life Foundation welcomes our Trishaw bike! A wonderful community gift from the High River District Health Care Foundation and the Longview 4H Beef Club. We are currently looking for volunteer “pilots” for the bike and are working on a scheduling program for bike rides within the town. While initially targeted at seniors, especially seniors in care, all community members will be able to benefit from this gift once the program is fully implemented. Call the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation at 403-646-2436 for information on volunteering as a driver or for program scheduling details.



**May your
Thanksgiving weekend
be full of your
favorites!**