



NANTON NOTIFIED

May-June 2023

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

Council Meetings

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

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

Licences

Outstanding dog licenses are **PAST DUE**. Please contact the Town Office for payment. If you no longer have your dog, let us know.

Follow us on Facebook

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

Office Closure

Monday, May 22

Have a fun & safe May long weekend!

Awareness of Common Tree Diseases

Black Knot



Cut about 8"-12" back from the lesion, dip your cutting tool in 3:1 bleach/water solution after each cut. Bag the debris & put in your black bin or take it to a landfill. It should not be composted. Black Knot is very contagious.

Fire Blight



It attacks soft new growth first, so you will notice dieback at top of the plant. Once discovered, prune off infected branches 1 foot below the diseased sections & burn them. Dip pruning shears into a 10% alcohol or bleach solution between each cut.

Ash Bark Beetle



Best control for this insect is prevention by keeping your tree healthy by regularly pruning to remove dead branches & ensuring tree receives enough water. Trees already infected should be pruned to remove the dead & heavily infested branches.

Development & Planning

Are you planning on building a new shed or garage? Putting up a fence or re-building your deck? Do you know where your property lines are? Before you start your project check with the Planning and Development Officer whether or not you require a Development Permit. Some older properties may have buildings and structures that met the required standards when they were built but are now considered to be "non-conforming" - which means replacements need to be relocated or require a relaxation of the current standards. Getting a Development Permit also means that your project was given "permission" - and so if the bylaw regulations change or you need a compliance certificate as part of a property sale - you won't have to "beg for forgiveness" later as the old saying goes!

Message from the Chamber of Commerce

Spring is in the air and that means there's lots going on in Nanton! With the warm weather, it's a great time to walk around town and see what's happening in Nanton's business community. Some have relocated to new spots, new ones have opened up, others are revamping under new names, and others have expanded their hours and opened up their patios. What hasn't changed is their need for your support; whether you're buying something or want to leave a great review or like a social media post, every bit of engagement helps.

Spring Cleanup (Large item drop-off)

Starting Thursday, May 11 and running until the afternoon of May 13 dumpsters will once again be available for your spring cleanup needs. Located at the recycling center, residents will be able to drop off large items normally destined for the landfill. The Town is requesting one pickup load per household only and certain items will be restricted - **no hazardous goods, fridges, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers or construction waste**. Items must be placed inside the bins and once the bins are full, access to the bins will be closed. [Please be considerate and follow the rules!](#)

Hours are as follows: (Subject to change – check the Town's website and Facebook page)

May 11: 5pm—8pm (or until bins are full)

May 12: 12pm—5pm (or until bins are full)

May 13: 9am—2pm (or until bins are full)

In conjunction with the spring cleanup, **NANTON FREE-CYCLE** is also back! Your unwanted items could be someone else's treasure! Place your items in your front yard or on your boulevard (not on the sidewalk please), starting May 11. Just be sure to have your yard and boulevard cleared of any items by the end of the day on May 14.

Message from Nanton Animal Protection Society

The 2023 SMILE COOKIE PROGRAM will run the week of **May 1-7** this year! Last year over \$15M was raised across Canada, which was a record, with 100% of proceeds going straight back into the community through our Charity Partners. This year's Charity Partner is Nanton Animal Protection Society. Stop in and purchase a Cookie or two for a great cause.

Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

This year and next are going to involve busy capital programs for the Town around utilities. There will be multiple water valve replacements this spring and we shall be relining the entire sewer main on 19th Street. Our biggest project this year, however, is the provincially supported aeration and activated carbon filtration project at the raw water reservoir. It represents a significant step forward for improved water quality in terms of taste, odour and overall safety. This came ahead of the additional announcement this month that the Province was going to contribute 60% funding toward the badly required sludge handling/ dewatering enhancements at the Wastewater Treatment plant. As was the case last year, tackling hard-to-find leaks in our water distribution system and infiltration challenges in our sewers remain a high priority for the foreseeable future.

A number of other big ticket proposals around buildings and parks hinge on federal grants being approved, but we will keep the community and stakeholders appraised.

We will shortly be welcoming a new Community Peace Officer, Jesse Steele, to our staff as we bid adieu to Adam Reiter. The Town looks forward to maintaining the elevated level of service in compliance and enforcement.

Let us know if there are particular types of information you would like to see in the Newsletter or on our electronic media going forward.

Neil Smith

Chief Administrative Officer

Visit the website to find out more and sign up for water alerts



2023 Pool Season

Summer is coming and the staff at the Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre are working hard on getting the pool ready to open in late May (weather dependent). Keep your eyes open to the THRC Facebook page and Town of Nanton website, www.nanton.ca. All schedules and activities will be online along with printable registration forms, program schedules & events.

A blue box containing a notification bell icon, the text 'NOTIFY ME', a QR code, and the text 'SCAN ME'. Below the QR code, it says 'Sign up for cell or e-mail alerts at www.nanton.ca'.

Spring is here!

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>

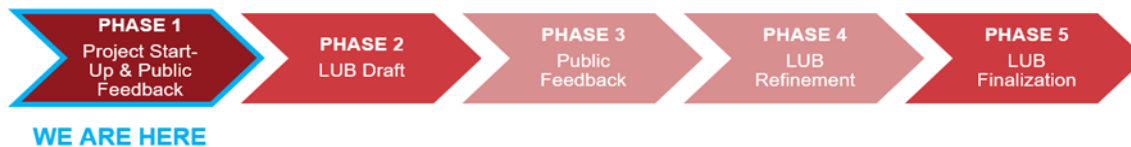
2023 Tax Assessment Notices

The 2023 Tax Assessment Notices will be mailed out to property owners on Monday, May 15. Due to Land Titles being over 2 months behind, new property owners may not receive their tax assessment notices. If you don't receive your notice by end of May, please contact our office. **Pay your 2023 Property Taxes by June 30th, 2023 to avoid penalties, except those that are on TIPP.**

Land Use Bylaw Project Update

Thank you to those who participated in the community workshop and responded to the online survey. Your feedback is invaluable in the process of developing a new Land Use Bylaw that better meets community needs.

Over the summer the project team will develop a draft Land Use Bylaw and in Fall 2023, the Town will present the draft and gather public and stakeholder feedback to refine the new bylaw.



The Land Use Bylaw – Want to Stay in the Know?

For more information on the Town's ongoing Land Use Bylaw update, please visit the Town's Municipal News Centre or contact the Town Office.

Thank you to the various members of the public who responded to the 'mud wagon' inquiry (pictured). It was transferred as an asset to the Grain Elevator Society in 2006 and we wish their Board well in determining its future.



1980: The "mud wagon" was a reproduction built for Alberta's 75th anniversary and presented to the community. It was built by Vernon Macleod and Harold Andrews (both pictured). Picture kindly shared by Darlene Anderson.

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 via your bank or e-transfer, please ensure you have listed your account number with the correct number of digits. This is ***important*** for us to identify which account to apply your payment to.

Water Conservation

Watering Schedule during the hours of 6-9 am & 7-11 pm

Odd House #'s: Thursday & Sundays

Even House #'s: Wednesdays & Saturdays

Message from the Mayor

On May 15th, the property tax bills will be mailed out, and I thought this letter would be a good opportunity to break down the 2023 budget and Mill Rate ahead of time so you have an idea of what to anticipate.

The total residential Mill Rate for 2023 is 12.0919. In 2022, the Mill Rate was 12.7846. This rate includes the school and Mosquito Creek Foundation requisitions.

This year's operational budget (the budget that determines the Mill Rate) is \$4,123,145. This number includes \$844,551 for the school requisition, \$129,607 for the Mosquito Creek Foundation and \$136,493 for the Provincial police tax. \$2,910,476 is the Town of Nanton portion of the budget.

The 2022 operational budget was \$4,019,701- a total increase of \$103,444. \$840,605 for the school requisition, \$127,049 for the Mosquito Creek Foundation and \$90,930 for the Provincial police tax. \$2,860,232 was the Town of Nanton portions of last year's budget.

The largest budgetary increase is \$45,463 from the Alberta Provincial Government RCMP Police tax.

Insurance costs have gone up by 13%.

The budget includes a 2.5% increase for inflation.

\$565,000 will be contributed to reserve funds (20%).

\$27,000 in community organizational grants and supports.

\$565,400 for utilities (up \$55,000 from last year). This is for natural gas and electricity.

\$2,089,291 in 2023 in wages and salary increases (up 3% from last year). Council did not take an increase.

Some of the major projects for this year include:

- Aeration unit installation in the raw water reservoir (grant already awarded)
- Valve replacement to allow for broader line flushing and leak detection
- Pathway upgrades, update to some playground equipment
- Upgrades to the VIC area, including the addition of many trees (grant dependent)
- Electronic billboard by the post office
- Land use bylaw update
- Continued road, sidewalk and infrastructure maintenance
- New boards and penalty box movement for the Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre
- Additional electronic speed sign
- Rain garden at the library (grant dependent)
- Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre elevator (grant dependent)
- New Olympia ice re-surfacer (grant already awarded & set to arrive in 2024)

With all the inflationary increases, carbon tax increases and police tax increases, (which are beyond the Town's control), Council is extremely proud that we were able to maintain our current levels of service, with a continued focus and importance on preventative maintenance and reserve fund contributions for future projects and needs.

For the average household assessed at \$260,315, you will find a modest increase to your property tax bill of roughly \$39.00

Thank you to all of our staff for working with Council to keep the budget realistic and manageable during these tough and unpredictable economic times.

Mayor Jennifer Handley

2022 Financial Statements

2022 Audited Financial Statements prepared by BDO and approved by Council are now complete and available. The statements are available on the Town website and as well as at the Town office for viewing or copies are available.

Alberta Traffic Act

A trailer must be safely parked & cannot project onto the sidewalk, street, or alley. Throughout the year, a trailer can be parked on the street for up to 72 hours, as long as it is attached to your vehicle & doesn't violate any other bylaws or the Alberta Traffic Safety Act.