



NANTON NOTIFIED

November-December 2022

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

Licenses	
Business Licenses & Dog Licenses EXPIRE December 31, 2022.	Utility & Tax Accounts— IMPORTANT
Town Office	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.
OPEN 8:30am-4:00pm Monday to Friday 1-877-365-3901 Closed on statutory holidays	Recycling & Garbage
Website	Please do not place organic or composting/yard materials in the recycling & garbage bins. Please remember to place bins 1 meter apart , especially around vehicles.
www.nanton.ca	Recycling Yard Waste
Garbage & Recycling	The season for the yard waste area has been extended to Sunday, November 20 th in recognition of the late Fall. It will re-open on April 1, 2023.
Monday mornings	Snow Removal Information
Yard Waste	All Property Owners and/or Occupants are encouraged to review Section 18 of Bylaw #1327 regarding snow removal requirements.
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.	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. (nanton.ca/DocumentCenter/View/161/1327-Nanton-Traffic-Bylaw).
Council Meetings	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.
First & third Monday of the month @THRC Council Chambers, 2nd floor, @ 7pm. Regular Meetings are open to the Public.	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.
Follow us on Facebook	
https://www.facebook.com/TownofNanton/	
Office Closures	Sidewalk snow and ice clearance is a property owner/occupant responsibility that may be enforced by our Peace Officer.
Friday, November 11 Monday, December 26 Tuesday, December 27 Monday, January 2, 2023	For more information on snow removal: https://www.nanton.ca/371/Snow-Removal

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 2023. 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 Friday, November 11, 2022 *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 gets under way in November with lots of activities, promotions, and advertising to invite Calgarians, Foothills residents, and those south of us to shop and visit Nanton during the holiday season. Watch for the Nanton Lights the Way landing page at www.visitnanton.com where we'll post all the goings on. 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 the Chamber and our businesses, and happy 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 11 — CLOSED

Remembrance Day.

December 26 & 27 — CLOSED, **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

January 2 — CLOSED, **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Get Notified

Feel like you're always the last to know? If you'd like automated e-mails or text messages to let you know when there are updates to the Alert Centre, Newsflash, or Event Calendar without always visiting our website, sign up for this existing feature. Go to our website, www.nanton.ca and underneath the Town Calendar click on **Consider signing me up for "Notify Me"** and follow the prompts.

Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

The recent imposition of Level 1 water restrictions may have come as a surprise to many residents and businesses. It was caused by an unfortunate combination of one or more serious leaks in the water distribution system and the seasonal closure of the Women's Coulee Diversion that feeds Mosquito Creek (September 30th annually). We strive to go into winter with our reservoir at optimal levels to get the Town through to April, when the diversion re-opens each year.

In the past, the Spring Line groundwater source (15% of the Town's water allocation from the Province) could be depended upon to flow during winter months, keeping our raw water supply in a stronger position with some incremental replenishment. For two years running now, that source has been unavailable and that places a lot more importance on our reservoir being at optimal levels every fall. The imposition of the restrictions was intended to curb excessive outdoor watering activity while Operations sought to locate and repair as many leaks as possible and build reservoir winter storage. The Town has been successful in locating and repairing a number of leaks and building up the level of the reservoir.

While we continue to have no flow from the Spring Line, it may be that restrictions have to be imposed every fall going forward for about 1-2 months while reservoir winter storage is optimized. I hope that our users are able to help us in this endeavor when it is needed. The importance of reporting surface leaks, busy basement sumps and sudden water pressure drops remains truly important and the Operations Department want to hear from you. They have more leak detection capability than they had one year ago and tracing water loss is critical to reducing the need for water restrictions. Some leaks can take months or years to trace, even with professional assistance, but knowing about them is key to long term conservation.

Neil Smith
Chief Administrative Officer

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, 2023 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>

Donation Wall and 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>



Planning and Development

Bylaws #1361-22, to amend the Neighbourhood Commercial land use district in the Land Use Bylaw, and #1362-22, to adopt the Westview Area Structure Plan, were adopted by Town Council October 17. Construction is booming in Westview this fall as seven new dwelling unit permits have been issued so far this year. Thinking about building? There are 20 lots still available to purchase. To find out what permits are pending, and what's been recently issued, check out the Public Notices page on the town website. There is also an online feedback feature to make it easier to submit comments. Have questions about an upcoming change to your property or plan to start or expand a business? Contact the Planning and Development Officer about possible permit needs.

Message from the Mayor

Winter water conservation.

We typically do not require water conservation throughout the winter months, however this year we all need to be aware of our water use. The town has a 40-million-gallon reservoir that supplies all of our water from October to April. In the past, this has been more than enough water to meet our needs. However, this year is extremely different.

Over 90% of our water allocation comes from Mosquito Creek. 8% comes from the Spring Line west of town, which is shared with 12 other users and 2% from the Jackson well. Throughout the fall our staff continuously pumps water from Mosquito Creek into our reservoir until the Highwood diversion is closed. As the reservoir gets lower during the winter we would then top it up with the water from the Spring Line. This year the Spring Line flow is critically low and not producing the allocation amount so is no longer available to us for that “top-up” option.

Additionally, a significant leak in our distribution system has been observed which is losing approximately 1-1.5 litres per second. This could add an additional degree of risk to our reservoir levels over the next few months.

In early September we brought in a leak detection specialist to assist with locating the water leak, through sustained step pressure testing and acoustic analysis. You may have noticed some digging over the last few weeks on 20th street which was identified as the likely location of the leak. A leak was found and repaired, however, at this time we can not be certain that this was the only leak and must proceed with an abundance of caution and conservation until we have more certainty.

For that reason, unfortunately, this year we will not be able to have the outdoor skating rink in Westview that we know has been enjoyed by the community. We will continue to monitor the water levels in the reservoir and will be working with Alberta Environment closely. We ask you to help us by being acutely aware of your water use and if you detect a leak on or in your property to promptly repair it. Equally, if you observe a leak on town property we need you to report it immediately to the Town.

We appreciate your assistance with this situation and thank our new Operations Manager Bill and his team for all of their work and dedication to resolving this problem.

Mayor Jennifer Handley

Emergency Management

On October 4, 5, and 6 the Town of Nanton staff participated in an Emergency Management mock disaster exercise with the MD of Willow Creek, Town of Fort Macleod, Town of Claresholm and the Alberta Emergency Management Agency. The Exercise involved taking part in a mock scenario on October 5 in the Town of Nanton and joining our municipality partners in the Town of Fort Macleod on October 6 for a unified command scenario. With participation in training and exercises we will be better prepared in the event of an emergency.



MERRY CHRISTMAS