



NANTON NOTIFIED

May-June 2022

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 Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 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 23, 2022

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 die-back 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!

2021 Financial Statements

2021 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.

Spring Cleanup (Large item drop-off)

Starting Thursday, May 12 and running until the afternoon of May 14 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:

May 12: 6pm—9pm (or until bins are full)

May 13: 11am—4pm (or until bins are full)

May 14: 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 12. Just be sure to have your yard and boulevard cleared of any items by the end of the day on May 14.

2022 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.

Message from the Chamber of Commerce

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have announced funding for staffing the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) this year. With COVID restrictions lifted, we are expecting a lot of Albertans and other travellers to Nanton this spring and summer. If you operate a business make sure you get your information to the VIC so we can let visitors know what you have to offer. With warmer weather comes longer hours and patios open; take the time to be a visitor in your own town and check out the great offerings that our businesses have. Watch for projects that the Nanton Chamber is working on this year – and for info on all the new and established businesses in town – by going to www.visitnanton.com.

Planning and Development OPEN HOUSE: Tuesday, May 10 at the Curling Club Lounge (6 pm to 8 pm)

All public and stakeholder groups are invited to a joint Open House to review two planning projects that are being considered: the Westview Area Structure Plan (ASP) and the Visitor Information Centre Open Space Plan. An ASP provides context when planning a large development area. It shows road patterns, future land use, park and recreation areas and servicing requirements. The vision of the ASP is also implemented through specific objectives and associated policies. An Open Space Plan is more of a conceptual design plan which can include landscaping, amenities, and the future use and layout of a particular area. The Open House format will allow the public to get information, ask questions, and provide feedback to the town's consultants and staff members. Further information

may be posted on the town's website or social media platforms closer to the date.

To get a "sneak peek" at the Westview ASP and to participate in the online survey you can also go to the Public Participation page on www.nanton.ca or use the QR code shown here for a direct link.



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>



2022 Tax Assessment Notices

The 2022 Tax Assessment Notices will be mailed out to property owners on Friday, May 13th. Due to Land Titles being over 8 weeks 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 2022 Property Taxes by June 30th, 2022 to avoid penalties.

Water Conservation in Nanton – Bylaw 1283/17

Primary Strategy	<p>All outdoor water use, including watering lawns, washing cars, sidewalks, pads, exteriors of buildings, recreational use of sprinklers and like water toys, is permitted; however, the civic address of a premises shall determine the days on which watering may be conducted.</p> <p>(a) Addresses ending with an odd number may water on Thursdays and Sundays.</p> <p>(b) Addresses ending with an even number may water on Wednesdays and Saturdays.</p> <p>Outdoor water use may only occur between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., in accordance with bylaw.</p>
EMERGENCY LEVEL 1	<p>If there needs to be reduced water usage, for any reason whatsoever, the Town may impose an Emergency Water Restriction - Level 1, prohibiting all outdoor water use (e.g. washing cars, sidewalks, pads, exteriors of buildings and lawns), excepting:</p> <p>Flowerbeds and vegetable gardens may be watered by hand, at any time, using a watering can or a hose with a nozzle with a trigger shut off to restrict water flow.</p> <p>Requests for site and condition specific watering by commercial or industrial operations using metered hand watering or continually monitored systems for the establishment and protection of new plant material, including trees, may be approved by the CAO.</p>
EMERGENCY LEVEL 2	<p>In the event that conditions arise that imperil the municipal water supply or its distribution, the Council or the CAO may impose an Emergency Water Restriction – Level 2, whereby, without exception:</p> <p>All outdoor water use is prohibited.</p> <p>Household and non-residential use is controlled through district flow restrictions (reduced pressures subject to Fire Services review and approval).</p> <p>The CAO will seek agreement on reduction of water consumption with major non-residential water consumers.</p>
ENFORCEMENT	<p>Fines: 1st Offence: \$250, 2nd Offence: \$500, Subsequent Offence: \$1000 Shut-off to a specific property can be ordered for serious non-compliance. Report Offences: 403-646-2084</p>

Message from the Mayor

Council has been extremely busy since the by-election which was held on Feb 28, where we welcomed John Dozeman back to Council. On March 8th & 9th Council met for our strategic planning sessions, where we developed our plans for the next 3.5 years. These plans can be found on nanton.ca. As we just came off of two municipal elections, we had lots of feedback from the community to build our strategic plan. We certainly heard and have been discussing how we can expand how we communicate. As it stands now, we communicate using the website, social media, Nanton News, radio interviews, electronic billboard, recording our council meetings, liaison roles with our service groups and the utility bill newsletters. Council has also resumed the coffee with council meetings which can be attended in person or virtually. They are held the third Wednesday of every month from 12-1pm at the THRC multi-use meeting room/Council chambers and live on the town of Nanton Facebook page. We are also planning to restart our Council table at the United Church Farmer's Market. Please know, that if you ever have any questions or concerns you can always reach out to us over email or phone. If you have additional suggestions for how to expand our communication efforts please let us know!

This year council has a couple of key capital projects we will be working on. One being public washrooms on the North bound highway by the Visitor Information Centre. Thanks to a federal grant, this also includes infrastructure which will expand our water and wastewater lines on the East side of 20 Avenue. A new columbarium will be added at the cemetery, continued sidewalk, road upgrades and valve and hydrant replacements.

We will also be doing a water study with the Town of High River, exploring long term options for treated water from High River to Nanton. As you may know Nanton's primary source of water is Mosquito Creek (90% of our allocation) . This is not a sustainable source, especially after several years of near drought conditions. Given how little moisture we have had this winter, we anticipate more water restrictions this year and encourage conservation and awareness of your water consumption.

Although we have a relatively new waste water treatment plant, we need to remind people to be aware of what they are putting down their drains and flushing down their toilets. Please avoid putting grease, hair, dental floss, those "flushable" wipes that are not actually flushable, paper towel, facial tissue, tampons and applicators, cotton swabs, condoms, cosmetics. All of these items add to the wear and tear of our plant and our wastewater lines. They do not breakdown and can create major problems and blockages.

Take time to enjoy the Spring air and all that our town has to offer!

Mayor Jennifer Handley

Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

Council's new Strategic Plan can be found here: <https://www.nanton.ca/386/Strategic-Priorities> It largely continues the work of the last Council, but is this time more focused around department-led priorities, with a substantive focus on planning, development and infrastructure needs.

We are going through a touch of spring renewal on staff with a current vacancy in the Manager of Operations position and the promotion of Shellah Petersen to Lead Hand-Public Works. We appreciate the patience of the public in times of transition, but are no less committed to responding to reported problems and issues around Town.

We still have a few administrative hoops to go through before the new Community Peace Officer program can be fully launched after a seven year gap. However, Adam Reiter will be patrolling Town in a more limited bylaw enforcement capacity until the required provincial authorities are provided. Please do make reports to the Town as you normally would.

It is possible that the Town may have to implement Level 1 water restrictions at some point this year. We are dominantly reliant upon pumping from Mosquito Creek. Last summer was a hot one and precipitation thus far in 2022 has been poor. The Highwood diversion (that feeds the creek) is slated to open May 1st, enabling the reservoir to begin replenishing properly.

If you are a recent new property owner in town, please contact or pop into the Town office to check that we have your details ahead of tax time. Municipalities rely upon the Land Title Office to provide property transfer information and it is a few months behind with processing at present. This means that the former owner/ seller could get your tax bill – June 30th is the deadline to avoid late penalties.

Have a great spring.

Neil Smith
Chief Administrative Officer