



NANTON NOTIFIED

May-June 2024

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 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dump Gump operates the Recycling Centre on Thursdays, noon to 5 p.m. Fees may apply. Contact them at 1 -877-336 -5012.

Licences

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

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

Office Closure

May 20, 2024

Emergency Preparedness Week

ARE YOU PREPARED? DO YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN?

Please join The Town of Nanton in partnership with the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation for Emergency Preparedness Week, May 5-11, 2024.

An Emergency Preparedness Information Session will be held on **Thursday, May 9, 2024 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm** at the Nanton Quality of Life office (Log cabin beside the Bomber Museum).

- * What to do before, during and after an emergency
- * Making an emergency plan
- * Pet preparedness
- * Sheltering in Place
- * Evacuating
- * Building an emergency kit and gathering supplies
- * Hazard specific information

BE PREPARED:

Know the Risks: Knowing the risks and hazards can help you and your loved ones prepare for the unexpected

Make a Plan: A plan will help you cope with the stress of an emergency or disaster.

Build a Kit: By taking few simple steps you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies.

For more information visit Alberta.ca/Be Prepared

Important information for 29th Ave residents

This winter, the Operations department uncovered four leaking service lines on 29th Avenue in Westview. None had resulted in a loss of water service to the users or an increase in metered consumption, making their detection very difficult. The Town has saved 120m3/day in treated water since these lines were repaired. It has become apparent that most of the copper service lines between the main and curb stop on this particular street will have to be replaced over the next couple of years – the assumption is that they are all progressively failing. There are more leaks to find and that will necessitate a great deal of road surface excavation. The road area will be fully resurfaced when this replacement work is complete, but residents are advised to expect a temporary road surface for a while once work gets underway. Do not hesitate to contact the Operations department if you have questions.

Spring Cleanup (Large item drop-off)

Starting Thursday, May 9 and running until the afternoon of May 11 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 9: 5pm—8pm (or until bins are full)

May 10: 12pm—5pm (or until bins are full)

May 11: 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 9. Just be sure to have your yard and boulevard cleared of any items by the end of the day on May 12.

Gophers

In order to help mitigate gophers on your personal property here are a few things that you can do:

Straightforward Measures: dense shrubs on the border of property; ¼” mesh in ground around border; live traps; snap traps; predator urine; trapping and flooding the burrow; & call a pest control company.

Caution if there are household animals present in the area: ultrasonic animal repellent & critter ridder granular (FYI: Both of these ideas are not great for house animals).

Please use all safety precaution: sulfur bombs; pepper spray on fence lines and plants that they are eating; carbon monoxide

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

The Nanton Quality of Life Foundation is gearing up to start its TriShaw bike program for 2024.

Recreational bike rides with our volunteer “pilots” can be booked starting mid-May by calling 403-646-2436. We are excited to launch this new program once again in our community.



2024 Tax Assessment Notices

The 2024 Tax Assessment Notices will be mailed out to property owners on Monday, May 15. Due to Land Titles being 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 2024 Property Taxes by June 30th, 2024 to avoid penalties, except those that are on TIPP.**

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



2024 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.

Sign up for cell or e-mail alerts at www.nanton.ca

2024 Projects

Sidewalks: The 2024 sidewalk repair and replacement program for approximately 15 locations throughout the community will begin soon, contingent on weather.

Pavement Repair: The Town will begin its asphalt repair program for the 2024 year. Paving crews are booked to begin in May to complete paving patches on valve replacement and or water break areas that were completed in the fall or winter of 2023. Crews will return at the end of August to repair any valve or water breaks areas that were completed in the summer.



Spray Patching: Spray patching is a method of road maintenance that involves the mechanical introduction of an asphaltic emulsion and gravel mixture to the roadway to seal the damaged areas and rejuvenate the pavement surface. Town has hired Read on Roads to complete our spray patching work this year. This will take place in various locations throughout the town beginning in May. Please be mindful of crews working and pay attention to all signage.

Line Patching: Crosswalk and Line Painting will begin in May crews will start with crosswalks then move to curb, parking stalls in the downtown area and handicap spots. Please be mindful of intersections with lane closures, give crews room to work and stay off the wet paint.



Street Sweeping: Street sweeping will run from the end of April (weather permitting) until beginning of May to clear all the sand, dirt and rock chips left on the streets from the winter season. New this year, the Town has hired a street sweeping company to sweep in neighborhoods, Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. Signs will be placed in your area before street sweeping is scheduled in your specific neighborhood. It takes sweepers approximately one to two weeks to clear residential roads. For maximum efficiency, the sweeper does an area once and moves on to the next area - it does not come back to do spots missed because vehicles weren't moved.



HOW TO PREPARE FOR SWEEPING IN YOUR AREA:

- Watch for signs with dates for sweeping in your area. These are posted at least 24 hours in advance.
- Move any parked cars.
- Sweep any dirt or debris on your driveway or sidewalk into the gutter in advance.
- Remove rubber driveway mats and any other on-street obstructions.
- Do not park on the street until the signs at the neighborhood entrances have been removed.

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.

Water Conservation

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

Odd House #'s:

Thursday & Sundays

Even House #'s:

Wednesdays & Saturdays

2023 Financial Statements

2023 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.

Message from the Mayor

As I sit down to write this letter, snow is swirling outside my window, as much as I want a Spring to begin and I'm so over snow, I find solace in the moisture it brings, especially considering the potential droughts predicted for 2024.

I'm thrilled to share some exciting developments since my last water bill letter with you. Among them is the full funding announcement from the Province for two new schools in our town! We anticipate the construction of our K-6 A.B. Daley School and the modernization of J.T. Foster School within the existing A.B. Daley premises to be begin Spring of 2025. Following completion, the current J.T. Foster School will be demolished. Further details on the decanting of A.B. Daley and final design specifications will be coming from the school division in the coming months. Keep your eyes open for fundraising and sponsorship opportunities for upgrades to these school from The Nanton School Enhancement Committee.

You may have noticed ongoing roadworks in Westview and throughout town. These efforts are part of our ongoing initiative to address water loss and infiltration issues, particularly in our wastewater treatment plant. Currently, the treated water output is significantly lower than the water intake at the waste water treatment plant due to these challenges. This remains Council's top priority. So when will the roads be repaired? Road repairs in Nanton occur once or twice a year with our contracted paving company. This saves us mobilization costs each time we have to tear up a road.

Gophers continue to pose a challenge, and we have allocated funds to manage their population. Given our proximity to agricultural fields, managing this issue requires practical solutions aligned with budget constraints. We also encourage property owners to employ safe methods on their own premises.

Property tax bills will be mailed out on May 15th and accompanied by a detailed breakdown of this year's budget. The municipal portion of the budget has seen a 3.4% increase, equivalent to \$99,560. It's worth noting that a 1% budget increase represents just \$30,000. The approved increase reflects our Council's focus on infrastructure, particularly addressing water leaks. There are no extras in this budget. The average household assessed at \$307,000 will see around a \$64 increase in the municipal portion of their property tax and a \$55 increase in the Provinces portion of the property tax. So roughly \$115 annual increase or \$10 a month.

In addition, on April 16th, Council approved a revised land use bylaw, condensing it from nearly 200 pages to a more manageable and user friendly 92 pages. This revision aims to streamline approval processes, simplifying and fast tracking development applications.

Furthermore, we've introduced a new tax incentive program for commercial and industrial businesses that enhance, expand, or build new facilities and occupy them.

Finally, regarding our health centre, we eagerly await approval from AHS for the designs of our new clinic. Once approved, we'll proceed to tender immediately. These designs have been waiting for approval from AHS since October of 2023.

Mayor Jennifer Handley

Message from Chamber of Commerce

Tourism Week (April 15-19) is behind us but the visitors don't stop coming to Nanton, especially as the weather warms up. Tourism benefits the local economy and enhances the quality of life for residents in a community. Operating the Visitor Information Centre in the MacEwan School House on Hwy 2 north is one of the key tourism initiatives of the Chamber as we look to drive more tourist traffic here and get them to stay and spend in our community.

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 etransfer, 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.