

NANTON NOTIFIED

September-October 2024

Mayor: Jennifer Handley

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

Licences

Business Licenses & Dog Licenses <u>EXPIRE</u> December 31, 2024.

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
8:30 a.m. to 4:30p.m. Dump Gump operates the Recycling Centre on Thursdays, noon to 5 p.m.
Fees may apply. Contact them at 1.877.336.5012

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 3.

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Office Closures

September 2, 2024

September 30, 2024

October 14, 2024

Non—Approved Town Garbage Bins

For those residents that are not using the 64 gallon black garbage bins that the Town provided to property owners, we urge you to use them and not the larger bins that some residents have been using for their garbage. Bins larger than the 64 gallons are difficult for the arms of the truck to hold onto, especially in the winter. Some of these large bins end up in the back of the truck and the truck drivers can not retrieve them. These bins will **not** be replaced to property owners by the Town of Nanton or T & T Disposals.

** Do not place yard compost materials in the garbage or recycling bins, take to our yard waste area please! **

Recycling Yard Waste—19 Avenue

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

Hours of operation are: Monday—Sunday 8:30 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.

Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

Municipal enforcement services primarily focus on traffic compliance and enforcement, but we are here for other areas where we have regulations. As a small community, Nanton is generally 'complaint driven' for a variety of matters (e.g. unsightly premises, dog at large) but there are also times where we will take up the compliance initiative ourselves when staff or Council notice something amiss. The risk of being 'complaint driven' is that individuals sometimes think that they can use the municipal complaint process (and budget), in confidence, to further a private civil dispute with a neighbour, business or other organization they don't like. On the other side of that, the subject of the complaint can feel unfairly singled out by an unknown person and can rush to judgement about the complainant's identity and reasons. Outside of traffic, we will rarely ticket or fine someone without a formal warning having been issued first, providing an opportunity for amicable compliance through education and information.

The Town and its staff are not here to be a proxy or referee in civil disputes between parties. We don't tell your neighbour for you to prune their trees back to the fence line, for example. Before calling anyone, try talking things out with your neighbour to understand their point of view and find a solution. Don't burn a relationship over a few property line weeds or loud dogs /children if possible. If you need a lawyer, retain one. If a crime has been committed or threatened, contact Nanton RCMP with details.

Neil Smith

Chief Administrative Officer

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 CONTRIBUTION GRANTS OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES 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 2025. Please contact the Town Office if there is an 'ask' of Council for this year.

<u>Don't wait until April!</u>

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 <u>Jan 31, 2025</u>. 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

This year we have been working diligently on dealing with the cat population in Nanton. So far we have taken 34 strays into the shelter for vet care and rehoming (compared to 23 in total in 2023). We have been trying to trap ferals, vet them, and rehome them to barns. Unfortunately they are evading us this year and we have only managed to catch 6. Our House Cat Program has taken off this year, and we have assisted in costs related to spaying & neutering 10 cats. Please contact us for more information on any of our programs aimed at assisting with your pet's care.

Message from the Chamber of Commerce

It was great to see so many people out and about at events in Nanton almost every weekend this summer. By all accounts Round-Up Days was a huge success and the Chamber wants to thank everyone who participated and came out to the Chili Cook-Off in particular. Seeing Main Street packed with people was a sight to behold and the businesses in town reaped the benefits. With fall upon us less visitors are coming through, which means businesses are more reliant on local support. Even if you don't shop at all of them, supporting through likes and engagement on social media helps, as does word of mouth.



May your Thanksgiving weekend be full of your favorites!



Notice of application to be filed for approval to renew the natural gas franchise agreement between the Town of Nanton and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

Application summary

The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. to renew its franchise agreement with the Town of Nanton, following the submission deadline indicated below.

The franchise agreement will, subject to further renewal, continue to allow ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Nanton for approximately 20 years from the effective date of the franchise agreement.

The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain the same at 19% effective December 1, 2024. Including linear taxes, the average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer is forecast to remain at approximately \$10.26. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 105 gigajoules per year.

You may send your objections, concerns about, or support for the application in writing to the Town of Nanton or ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. on or before **September 16, 2024** to:

Town of Nanton, Clayton Gillespie, 1907 – 21st Avenue Nanton, Alberta, T0L 1R0 Phone: 403-646-2029; Email: finance@nanton.ca.

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., Franchise Coordinator, 5302 Forand Street S.W. Calgary, Alberta, T3E 8B4 Phone: 310-5678 or 1-888-511-7550; Email: franchisecoordinatorgas@atco.com

Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

For more information on franchises or to receive a copy of the franchise agreement please contact either ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. or the Town of Nanton at the addresses listed above.

For more information:

For more information about the AUC or its approval process associated with franchise applications, please contact the AUC directly at 310-4AUC or at info@auc.ab.ca.

Message from the Mayor

"Nanton is one of those adorable small towns that makes you feel like all is right in the world." This recent quote from Narcity.com perfectly captures the sentiment that drew me to our wonderful town nearly 20 years ago, and it's a feeling that has only grown stronger over time. Nanton is a place where community spirit runs deep, where neighbors support one another, and where our collective efforts create the vibrant, welcoming environment we all cherish.

In Nanton, you can be as anonymous or as involved as you choose, but it's our spirit of togetherness and the willingness of so many to volunteer that truly defines our town. This spirit is something we must continue to nurture. Whether you've recently joined our community or have called Nanton home for many years, there is an opportunity for everyone to contribute. Volunteering not only enriches our town but also offers a unique chance to connect with others, share experiences, and build lasting friendships and projects. Without our volunteers, we wouldn't have the events, fireworks, sports teams, playgrounds, historical sites, and so much more that makes Nanton special.

Even the simple act of shoveling your neighbor's sidewalk or picking up garbage on your walks makes a difference in our town. Every small gesture contributes to the well-being and beauty of our community.

However, I must also acknowledge that many of our current volunteers are feeling the strain. They are often serving on multiple boards and committees, giving their time and energy across various roles. These dedicated individuals are the backbone of our community, but they need your help. Whether it's simply lending a hand at one of their events on a casual basis or taking on a larger role by joining one of our local boards, your involvement is invaluable. These opportunities allow you to make meaningful contributions while also giving you a chance to meet your neighbors, learn new skills, and contribute to the vitality of our town.

We are stronger together, and our town thrives when everyone contributes in their own way. Whether you have a little time to spare or are ready to take on a bigger commitment, there is a place for you to make a difference. Together, we can ensure that Nanton remains the vibrant, inclusive, and supportive place we all know and love.

To help you get started, I've included a list of just some of our organizations that are always looking for extra hands. For a more comprehensive list, please reach out to the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation.

Schools and sports teams are always looking for coaches, board members, fundraising support and event support - contact the schools or any of our sports teams.

Nanton Children's Society - Events and board members - nantonchildrensociety@gmail.com

Nanton Lancaster society - Events, fundraising, board members, expansion plans and historical airplane preservation - wendykennelly@gmail.com

Canadian Grain Elevator Society - Events, fundraising, preservation of the elevators -info@nantongrainelevators.com

Mosquito Creek Music / Community centre - Events, concerts and fundraising for the community centre - jonicooper@icloud.com / text 587-582-7557

Nanton Lions/ Leos - For all ages of volunteers - events, service to the community, fundraising for projects - nantonlions@gmail.com

Nanton Handi-van society - drivers and board members - nantonhandivan@gmail.com

Nanton Chamber of Commerce - Do you own a business be it a home business, commercial or industrial your perspective and time is valued to help build up and promote businesses in Nanton- info@nantonchamber.com

Nanton Animal Protection Society (NAPS) -provide food, shelter, and medical services to the lost and abandoned animals in Nanton and the surrounding area Fundraising, shelter help, board members - info@nantonanimalprotection.ca

Town and Country Kozy Korner - Seniors events and fundraising - 403-646-2384

Nanton Citizens on Patrol- farmers market crossing, patrolling the community in the evening, board members - 403-603-8907

Nanton Boosters - Men's service group that hosts events and fundraises for the community -rflitton@twinvalleyfarms.com

Nanton Promoters - Men's service group that hosts events and fundraises for the community -

nantonpromoters@gmail.com

Nanton Community Broadcasting Association - Providing radio services, information and events to our town - info@euroradio.ca or nantonradio.ca

Nanton Agricultural society - rodeos, events and fundraising -nantonagsociety@gmail.com

Nanton Legion/ Auxiliary - 403-646-6243

Nanton food bank- 403-601-4201

Nanton Volunteer Fire Department - Fire fighting, events and fundraising - fire@nanton.ca

As you can see there is likely something for everyone to help build up our Town.

Mayor Jennifer Handley