



NANTON NOTIFIED

January — February 2025

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

Council Meetings

First and third Monday of the month @ THRC Council Chambers, 2nd floor, 7pm. Regular Meetings are open to the Public. First mtg will be on Monday, Jan. 20th due to the holiday.

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 area will be closed until further notice.
Dump Gump operates the Recycling Centre on Thursdays, noon to 5 p.m. Fees may apply. Contact them at 1-403-336-5012.

Licences

Dog & Business licences are **due** on or before January 31, 2025 to avoid late fees.

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

Office Closures

January 1, 2025
February 17, 2025

Dog License Fees - Bylaw #1352/21

Register your dog (s) on or before January 31, 2025 to avoid late fees.

Prices: **Sterilized** \$20.00 & **Unsterilized** \$35.00

Please remember to be a responsible pet owner. This includes picking up waste & maintaining control over your animal in public.

Business License Fees - Schedule D of Bylaw #1381/23

Business Licenses include: Resident, Non Resident, Direct Sales, Door to Door and Market. Rates can be found by calling our office at 403-646-2029 or by visiting our website: <https://www.nanton.ca/182/Business-Licensing>
All Business Licenses are **due** on or before January 31, 2025. Resident Fee Discount if renewal rendered by 31st day of January.

Non-Residential Assessment Sub Class - Bylaw #1339/20

Businesses and/or property owners who want to take advantage of the Small Business Property Sub Class or are eligible to be removed from the Vacant Non Residential Property Sub Class have until **January 31st, 2025** at the latest to submit a completed Statutory Declaration to the Town Office. Please contact us if you have any questions.

<https://www.nanton.ca/392/Non-Residential-Property-Tax-Changes>

Snow Removal Information

All Property Owners and/or Occupants are encouraged to review Section 18 of Bylaw #1327 regarding snow removal requirements.

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.

<https://www.nanton.ca/DocumentCenter/View/161/1327-Nanton-Traffic-Bylaw>

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.

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.

Sidewalk snow and ice clearance is a

property owner/occupant responsibility that

may be enforced by our Peace Officer.

For more information:

<https://www.nanton.ca/371/Snow-Removal>



SORRY, SON...THERE'S NO APP FOR THAT

Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

2025 is Municipal Election Year. Municipal Elections in Alberta take place every four years and the next Municipal Election takes place on Monday, October 20, 2025. The Town will be offering an information session to residents interested in potentially running as candidates in the spring, but please consider our door open if you're thinking about running in October but want to find out more about what the commitment of serving as a member of Council means in practice.

Snow and ice season brings with it a variety of public interactions. If you have a complaint or issue, it is often most effective to use the 'Report a Concern' feature on the Town website. Senior administration are copied on these submissions and staff are able to quickly direct a detailed concern to the right staff. Receipt will be quickly acknowledged.

The water taste and odour issues we have experienced lately have been as frustrating for our own staff as they have for you the user, but it is not harmful. Laboratory results show that it is once again caused by higher levels of geosmin/ MIB (compounds that are byproducts of algae and some bacteria), likely caused by the very warm fall in the reservoir. The algae and bacteria are treated by the plant, but these trace compounds - and the taste and odour they can cause - remain. We continue to tackle it with powder activated carbon at the plant, but results have so far been mixed.

Have a great New Year!

Neil Smith

Chief Administrative Officer

New Utility Rates – Effective January 1, 2025

These rates (included in the Fees and Rates Bylaw #1381/23) are part of the Town's 5-year plan to ensure the sustainability of the Town's water and wastewater infrastructure. The new rates that will come into effect are as follows -

Water Rates:

Residential

\$64 flat fee +
\$0 on 0 to 18 m³ consumption
\$2.25/m³ on 18 to 36 m³ consumption
\$2.75/m³ on 36 to 45 m³ consumption
\$2.95/m³ over and above 45 m³

Commercial/Industrial

\$64 flat fee +
\$0 on 0 to 18m³ consumption
\$2.25m³ on 18 to 36m³ consumption
\$2.80/m³ on 36 to 45 m³ consumption
\$3.00/m³ over and above 45 m³

Wastewater Rates:

Residential

\$79 flat fee +
\$0 on 0 to 18 m³ consumption
\$2.25/m³ on 18 to 36 m³ consumption
\$2.75/m³ on 36 to 45 m³ consumption
\$2.95/m³ over and above 45 m³

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Stormwater Rates \$4.47

Solid Waste Rates \$17.94

Recycling Rates \$13.66

Message from Nanton Chamber

As we set goals for the year, imagine if every one of us made a concerted effort to support the businesses in our own backyard. That can mean making a purchase, using services, spreading positive word of mouth, or engaging kindly and thoughtfully on social media. In a time when it's easy to order online, want the cheapest item out there, or to hide behind negative comments on social media, let's think twice about how we can make a positive difference to the businesses in town. These are your neighbours, friends, or family, and without them, Nanton wouldn't be the great place it is. Thank you to all the business owners who work tirelessly day in and day out to make Nanton a better community, and all the best in 2025.

How to Report a Bylaw Concern

If you have a concern that involves a bylaw infraction, you can submit a formal complaint to the Town through the appropriate channels—by phone, online, or in person. Make sure to provide clear details, including the location, date time and nature of the issue. Complaints are kept confidential to protect your privacy, but remember that enforcement actions are based on the information you provide; so the more specific, the better.

What Happens After You Report:

Once your complaint is received, the Town will investigate the issue to verify if a bylaw has been violated. Our priority is to resolve issues through education and communication. In most cases, the person or business will be given a formal warning, with time to correct the issue voluntarily. Tickets or fines are rarely issued without first giving the offender a chance to comply, unless the violation is severe or poses a safety risk as with traffic violations. Follow-up will be given to the complainant in due course, but detailed blow-by-blow accounts of enforcement and compliance actions should not be expected – the subject of the complaint is also entitled to a measure of confidentiality.

Understanding the Process:

It's important to know that the Town's bylaw services are not intended to intervene in private disputes between neighbours or businesses. Bylaw enforcement isn't meant to serve as a tool for escalating personal conflicts, but to resolve matters of community safety and other regulatory standards. The Community Peace Officer has independent discretion when it comes to taking action – they are not obligated to act in line with the expectations of a complainant.

When making a complaint, please keep in mind that the person subject to the report may feel targeted and speculation about who filed the complaint can lead to tension and accusations. If possible, a conversation with the other party may be the quickest path to resolving the issue without involving formal enforcement.

Next Steps:

If the issue persists after warnings have been issued, further enforcement measures may be taken, including fines or orders to comply. However, our goal is always to resolve municipal enforcement matters amicably when possible. For more serious concerns involving criminal behavior or threats, please contact Nanton RCMP directly.

By understanding how the bylaw process works and approaching neighbourly issues with communication first, we can maintain a cooperative community atmosphere.



Kozy Korner— for ages 55 +

Day of Week	Game	Time Played	Here's what you can enjoy for \$30 per year: <u>SOCIAL ACTIVITIES</u> *POOL/SNOOKER – AM/PM DAILY *DARTS - JOIN A NEW GROUP - AM/PM DAILY *WORK OUT ON EXERCISE EQUIPMENT - AM/PM DAILY Located at 2211 20 Street
MONDAY	SPADES	1:00 PM	
	CRIB	7:00 PM	
TUESDAY	SHUFFLEBOARD	9:30 AM	
WEDNESDAY	CANASTA	1:00 PM	
THURSDAY	SHUFFLEBOARD	9:30 AM	
	BINGO	1:45 PM	
FRIDAY	COFFEE/TEA COME & VISIT NEW & OLD FRIENDS- 'BRING A GUEST'	10:00-11:30 AM	
FRIDAY	BRIDGE	1:00 PM	

Message from the Mayor

At the start of each year, I select a word to set the tone for the year ahead. In 2024, the word was ***momentum***—and indeed, we were a fast-moving train! Several long-standing projects gained approval, paving the way for significant transformations in Nanton.

For 2025, the word is ***implement***. After years of planning and advocating, many of our initiatives will finally come to life:

New A.B. Daley School and a modernized J.T. Foster School

In March 2024, these much-anticipated projects were approved! Since then, Nanton's administration, Council, and the LRSD have worked closely on the school design process. Construction is slated to begin in July 2025, with completion expected by September 2027. For those interested in supporting or donating to school enhancements be sure to reach out to the Nanton School Enhancement Committee or visit the Town Office for more information.

Treated Waterline from High River

In May, we secured a \$1,068,249 grant to design a regional water system in collaboration with High River, Foothills County, and the M.D. of Willow Creek. We also received \$13,650,000 for the waterline's construction. Once the design phase is completed, details such as costs, water allocation licenses, and potential impacts on water rates will be clarified. Nanton and High River's approval of the final proposal will be the next step in advancing this project.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

The design phase for the sludge dewatering process has been completed, and installation is planned for early summer. This upgrade will enhance plant efficiency and reduce overall sludge hauling costs.

Nanton Community Health Centre

We are ready to break ground on the new Nanton Community Health Centre and have been for nearly 18 months. In 2024, we worked extensively with our partners, including the M.D. of Willow Creek, the M.D. of Ranchlands, Alberta Health Services (AHS), MLA Chelsea Petrovic, Rural Health Parliamentary Secretary Martin Long, and Minister LaGrange to secure funding approval. Despite delays caused by recent AHS changes, we were notified in November that the Nanton clinic has been prioritized for Capital Health Facility Infrastructure funding. An announcement is expected in February 2025, and all three municipalities are optimistic about a positive outcome.

Development

As of December, all residential lots in Westview have been sold! We are now preparing for the next phases of development, as well as supporting privately-owned land development. Work completed to move development in Nanton forward includes:

- Completion of an Area Structure Plan for Westview.
- Finalization of an Offsite Levy Plan to offset infrastructure costs.
- Updates and streamlining of the Land-Use Bylaw.
- Costing of infrastructure requirements for residential and industrial development.

Over the summer, we issued an RFP seeking developers for the next phases of Westview but received no submissions. Since then, discussions with local developers have resumed, and we are exploring various and collaborative options, including the possibility of in-house development by the Town, if needed.

Looking Ahead to 2025

In addition to ongoing projects, we are focused on developing shelf-ready plans for future grant opportunities, including:

- Potential relocation of the Town Office to the THRC.
- Planning upgrades and expansions for Silver Willow Lodge.
- Expanding the Firehall and acquiring a new firetruck.
- Replacing curb stops on 29 Ave to identify and address water leaks.
- Upgrading the Visitor Information Centre and creating a parking area connected by a pathway to the grain elevators. Recently, the Canadian Grain Elevator Discovery Center was awarded funding for a boardwalk pathway with informational plaques leading to the Visitor Information Centre.

As we shift from planning to implementation, 2025 promises to be a transformative year for our community. Together, we'll turn vision into reality and continue building a bright future for Nanton.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season!

Mayor Jennifer Handley