



AGENDA

Monday, November 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers at the Tom Hornecker
Recreation Centre, 2nd Floor, 2122 – 18 Street

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER & ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1 Citizens On Patrol – Kirk Jensen

3. REPORTS:

3.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

3.1.1 Status Report – E

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

4.1 ADOPTION:

4.1.1 Council Organizational Meeting October 16, 2023 - E

4.1.2 Regular Meeting of Council October 16, 2023 – E

4.1.3 Committee of the Whole of Council Meeting October 23, 2023 - E

4.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

5. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Requests for Decision):

5.1 Information Brief: Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation (COPTER)

5.2 Property tax exemption Bylaw No. 1379 (for non-profit organizations)

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

6.1 FOR ACTION:

6.1.1 Calgary Climate Action Hub: Moratorium on Logging in Southern Alberta for updated Forests Act.

6.2 FOR INFORMATION:

6.2.1 Arena User Groups Notice (October 13th)

6.2.2 ANDVillages Regional Solution Response from Minister Nixon (October 24th)

7. CLOSED CONFIDENTIAL SESSION:

7.1 Canadian Grain Elevator Discover Centre: FOIP Section 24 Advice from Officials

7.2 Notice to Bargain (CUPE LOCAL 37): FOIP Section 24 Advice from Officials

8. ADJOURNMENT:





Delegation / Presentation Registration Form

Agenda Item: _____

Date of Meeting: _____

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- Please see the current Council and Committee Procedures bylaw for further information and guidelines.

Subject: This page only will be included in Public Agenda Package

Preferred Date of Presentation	November 6, 2023
Name of Presenter(s)	Kirk Jensen
Organization Represented	Citizens On Patrol
Topic	COP Presence in Nanton
Details of Presentation	To introduce the service provided to our Community
Action Being Requested of Council	Will submit application for financial support for 2024 budget process.

Are you providing any supporting documentation (i.e.: written/PowerPoint)? Yes No

Electronic Equipment Required? If so, state needs:

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TOWN OF NANTON

(in person)



STATUS REPORT

Meeting: November 6, 2023
Agenda Item: 3.1.1

Completed = C Under Review = UR In Progress = IP No Further Action = NFA On Hold - HOLD

CAO = Chief Administrative Officer
DO = Development Officer

CS = Corporate Services
LS = Legislative Services

OP = Operations Manager
OTHER = Staff/Contractor/etc.

COMMITTEES: **GOV** = Governance **FIN** – Finance **SERV** = Services **REC** = Recreation & Culture
ECD = Economic & Community Develop **CW**= Committee of the Whole

Items will move to “DEPARTMENT” or “COMMITTEE” after first reporting to Council.

COMMITTEE

Res #	Description	Notes	Status	FWD
Regular Meeting October 16, 2023				
23/10/16	Notice of Motion – Funding public skate	Reg 23/11/06	IP	CAO
303-23/10/16	ATCO 19% & Fortis 9% Franchise remain same 2024		C	CS
304-23/10/16	Gopher Control Policy approved		C	LS
305-23/10/16	Municipal Digital Signage Policy approved		C	LS

COUNCIL

Res #	Description	Notes	Status	FWD
Committee Recommendations				
3-23/09/21 – 13	CAO to explore contracted street sweeping/janitorial	2024 budget		
23/10/16	Organizational Meeting – letters required for Council representation		IP	LS

DEPARTMENTS

Res #	Description	Notes	ST	fw
243-21/09/07	Heraldic emblem project updated – mailed w/final changes 23/10/04	Preview 23/09/05	IP	LS
149-22/05/02	RFD re: STARS \$2/capita request	Deferred for new reserve 2024	IP	CS
174-22/05/16 250-22/08/15	CAO to draft lease agreement for the Canadian Grain Elevator Discovery Center	Ready for finalization 06/05	IP	CAO/DO
394 - 22/12/12	Defer off-site levy in lieu of legal advice		IP	CAO
67 - 23/03/06	CAO to review Bylaw 1160/04, (Development Levy Bylaw) for off-site levy and utility fee discussions.	May 15th	IP	CAO
76 - 23/03/06	CAO find options re: pension programs and planning.		IP	CAO
148-23/05/15	Wastewater Plant upgrade – Town funding \$581,900 borrowing & \$581,900 reserves	Borrow bylaw req'd	IP	CS
163-23/06/05	Discuss Visitor Information potential with Canadian Grain Elevators Discovery Centre	Discussions ongoing	IP	CAO
185-23/06/19	Off-site levy bylaw to be re-drafted eliminating Lancaster Landing future densities from calculation	Bylaw 1375 & 1376	IP	CAO/CS
178 –23/06/19	Consideration for Bare lot utility fees for Fees/Rates (143-23/05/15 Item 5.1 Bare Lot & Servicing to June 5)	Fall 2023	IP	CAO/CS
210 – 23/08/14	Land Use Bylaw update process – include letter of opposition to secondary suites - J. Cooper & petitioners		IP	DO
207- 23/08/14	Council to adopt formal approach to pursue treated water supply via pipeline from High River next 4-8 yrs		IP	CAO
221 - 23/09/05	Closure of yard waste depot Oct 31/23 – contingent (68-23/03/06 Air option for Q4 2023 planning)	3-23/08/30 S	IP	PW/CAO

222 - 23/09/05	Purchase skid-mounted flusher in 2024 budget process	4-23/08/30	IP	CS/OPS
223 - 23/09/05	Pool Assessment Report – further info req'd from Salas O'Brien, Stephenson Engineering	5-23/08/30	IP	CAO
229 – 23/09/05	Policy #183 – 10/06/07 – Entrance Sign	REPEAL/ REPLACE	IP	LS
231 – 23/09/05	Public Hearing Bylaw #1377/23 Oct 2/23 Regular mtg. (First reading by #230-23/09/05)	Adjourned – waiting for AB TSP	C	DO/CAO
262 – 23/10/02	Additional Utility Operator consideration in 2024 budget	2024 budget	IP	CS
263 – 23/10/02	Council consider 25% contribution to Kosy Korner lift	2024 budget	IP	CS
3-23/09/21 – 13	CAO to explore contracted street sweeping/janitorial	2024 budget	IP	CAO/CS

ITEMS ON HOLD FOR FUTURE SCHEDULING

Res #	Description	Notes
CW 1- 22/11/28	Pursue a Community Designation under the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program	Entrepreneur Stream secured - CAO
90 -23/03/20	Collaborate w/ Nanton Fire Chief to review number of firefighters for required level of service	Fire Chief/CAL
135-23/05/01	Application for a solar feasibility assessment for Town's facilities or unserviced industrial lands	Future consideration contingent on Climate Action Centre funding – CS
221 - 23/09/05	Closure of yard waste depot Oct 31/23 – contingent (68-23/03/06 Air option for Q4 2023 planning)	3-23/08/30 S

CAPITAL PLAN STATUS

Roadway Infrastructure	Lead: Public Works	BUDGET	SOURCE
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Road rehab & repairs - various locations	COMPLETE	\$150,000	Gas Tax
Sidewalk rehab & replacement - <i>various locations</i>	COMPLETE	\$75,000	Gas Tax

Notes:

- Sidewalk: HWY 2 Circle 'K' Location is priority ahead of Tim Horton's area (defer latter to 2024);
- Curb replacement: SWL area of 20th conversion to angle parking will be a 2024 project – some underground services need to first be addressed.

Water, Wastewater & Stormwater Infrastructure	Lead: Manager of Operations	BUDGET	SOURCE
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WWTP (FOG Digester)	COMPLETE	\$75,000	MSI/LGFF
Sewer collection re-lining (remainder of 19 th Street), incorporating manhole chamber renewal(s)	COMPLETE	\$150,000	Gas Tax

Flusher (for sewer collection mains) Modifying the 2009 flusher is not an option, therefore a whole new unit is required as a 2024 project.

Flusher (for sewer collection mains)		\$20,000	MSI/LGFF
WWTP Equipment (chemical pump and metering)		\$25,000	MSI/LGFF
Water Valve Replacement (12 planned)	COMPLETE FOR 2023	\$100,000	Gas Tax
Catch Basin/ swale (Ranchland Motel corner) project: <i>further discussion</i>		\$20,000	MSI/LGFF
Raw water reservoir aeration project	80% COMPLETE	\$1,370,000	AWWMP

38.46% Reserves; 61.54% Province

Notes:

- A decision on the catch basin/ how to address stormwater needs to be made, project has additional complexities, not least some service line issues that should first be addressed.
- Raw water reserve aeration project: **we have been confronted with some substantial last minute inflationary cost issues related to the last leg (PAC system) that exceed contingency stemming from general contractor installation costs. We are discussing the best way forward and how best to advise Council since engineer informed us on October 31st.**
- WTP is about 10 feet from being connected to fibre by Telus. This is good news for plant monitoring and operation.

Parks & Trails	Lead: Rec Facility Supervisor	BUDGET	SOURCE
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Picnic Shelter/ Gazebo modifications (Lions Grove Park)	COMPLETE	\$15,000	MSI/LGFF
Pathway Rehab (Ball Diamond area)	COMPLETE	\$20,000	MSI/LGFF
Playground updates (handicap accessible swings and groundwork): deferred – linked to Boards project delays at THRC		\$25,000	MSI/LGFF
VIC washroom completion	COMPLETE	\$10,000	Reserves

Notes:

- Shelter: water line condition (assess for leakage)
- playground groundwork may be 2024;

Buildings	Lead: Various	BUDGET	SOURCE
THRC - front curtainwall façade, roof & elevator (grant dependent) Grant application submitted – unlikely a 2024 project		\$300,000	program
Arena – partial board replacement/ updates COMPLETE		\$75,000	MSI/LGFF
Public Works Shop – Heating, A/C, ventilation, lighting and structural, electrical, fiber, sewer, water Most aspects complete – inside structural work still to be done.		\$75,000	MSI/LGFF
Firehall – Heating updates COMPLETE		\$50,000	MSI/LGFF
Fencing - recycling/branch pile yard In development		\$25,000	Taxation

Notes:

Vehicles & Equipment	Lead: Public Works/ Rec/Bylaw	BUDGET	SOURCE
PW equipment - sander and plow COMPLETE		\$50,000	Taxation
Backhoe replacement COMPLETE (ORDERED)		\$202,000	MSI/LGFF
Vehicles (PW pickup trucks) COMPLETE		\$75,000	Reserves
Parks - tractor replacement COMPLETE		\$40,000	MSI/LGFF
Bylaw equipment - speed signage & upgraded crosswalk illumination COMPLETE (not crosswalks)		\$25,000	Gas Tax

Notes:

- Sander and Plow will be executed this summer.
- Backhoe ordered – receipt in 2024
- A fleet program for next year may is being examined. What best fits the budget?
- Electric traffic signs received. Model that will allow traffic count on HWY2.
- Pedestrian crossing upgrades could be deferred due to challenges around cost-effective upgrading. Inquiries continue..

Public Realm & Development	BUDGET	SOURCE
Library Raingarden (<i>grant dependent</i>)	\$56,500	program
VIC Raingarden/secondary phase (<i>grant dependent</i>)	\$567,500	program
Gateway Signage	\$25,000	MSI/LGFF

Notes:

- Some capital renewal around technology undertaken for the LED gateway signs.
- Digital Kiosk project has been completed.
- Library or VIC project grant application success would mean considerable reserve decisions for match or partnering amounts.

Other notes:

Fortis streetlight at HWY 533 campground is deferred due to estimate inflation. Will be discussed for 2024 budget.

We are now looking at which aspects of this year's schedule are carried forward to 2024 or further.

The Alberta STIP grant submission deadline is November 30th: we are currently considering whether this identified future capital project could be eligible and is worth execution at this time.

Highway 2 and 26 Avenue Intersection Improvements	\$515,000
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MINUTES

Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers at the Tom Hornecker
Recreation Centre, 2122 – 18 Street

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Jennifer Handley and Councillors, Victor Czop, Roger Miller, Dave Mitchell (electronic), Ken Sorenson and Kevin Todd.
Absent: Councillor John Dozeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Neil Smith Chief Administrative Officer
Clayton Gillespie Manager of Corporate Services

1. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

RESOLUTION # 273 - 23/10/16 - Sorenson

Moved to accept the agenda for the Organizational Meeting of October 16, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Confirmation of Code of Conduct Bylaw #1304/18 – acknowledgment by all Council Members present.

4. Regular Council Meetings BYLAW #1354/21:

4.1 Dates set for Regular Council Meetings

4.2 Appoint Council Chambers at the Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre 2122 – 18 ST

RESOLUTION # 274 - 23/10/16 - Miller

Moved to set the following dates for the Regular Meetings of Council, to be held at the Council Chambers in the Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre, 2122 – 18 Street, unless notification is provided in accordance with the current Town of Nanton Council and Committee Procedural Bylaw and the Municipal Government Act of Alberta;

November 6, 20, 2023	December 11, 2023
January 8 and 22, 2024	February 5 and 20 (Tuesday), 2024
March 4 and 18, 2024	April 1 and 15, 2024
May 6 and 21, 2024	June 3 and 17, 2024
July 15, 2024	August 12, 2024
September 3 (Tuesday) and 16, 2024	October 7 and 21, 2024

CARRIED



4.3 Schedule for Council Committee of the Whole Meetings

RESOLUTION # 275 – 23/10/16 – Todd

Moved to schedule Committee of the Whole of Council Meetings, if required, as follows:

October 23, 2023	November 27, 2023
<i>December scheduled as required</i>	January 29, 2024
February 26, 2024	March 25, 2024
April 29, 2024	May 27, 2024
June 24, 2024	<i>July and August scheduled as required</i>
September 30, 2024	October 28, 2024

CARRIED

5. Deputy-Mayor Appointments:

RESOLUTION # 276 - 23/10/16 - Sorenson

Move to confirm the schedule of Deputy-Mayor appointments, previously set by Resolution #78 – 23/03/06 for the remainder of the 2023 to 2025 term as follows:

Name	Second Term
Councillor Czop	Nov 1/23 – Feb 28/24
Councillor Mitchell	Mar 1/24 – Jun 30/24
Councillor Miller	July 1/24 – Oct 31/24
Councillor Sorenson	Nov 1/24 – Feb 28/25
Councillor Dozeman	Mar 1/25 – Jun 30/25
Councillor Todd	Jul 1/25 – Oct 31/25

CARRIED

6. INTERMUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS:

6.1 Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) (Bylaw #1333/20)

RESOLUTION # 277 - 23/10/16 - Czop

Appointed Mayor Jennifer Handley and Councillor Kevin Todd as Council representatives to the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee with Councillor Victor Czop as alternate. CARRIED

6.2 Nanton Health Centre Management Committee (Co-ownership agreement)

RESOLUTION # 278- 23/10/16 - Todd

Appointed Councillor Roger Miller as Council representative to the Nanton Health Centre Management Committee with Mayor Jennifer Handley as alternate. CARRIED

7. STANDING COMMITTEES - BYLAW #1321/19:

7.1 Governance Committee:

RESOLUTION # 279 - 23/10/16 - Todd

Appointed Chair Victor Czop as Chair and Council Members, Ken Sorenson and Kevin Todd to the Governance Standing Committee. CARRIED



7.2 Finance Committee:

RESOLUTION # 280 - 23/10/16 - Mitchell

Appointed Chair Kevin Todd as Chair and Council Members, John Dozeman and Dave Mitchell to the Finance Standing Committee. CARRIED

7.3 Services Committee:

RESOLUTION # 281 - 23/10/16 - Miller

Appointed Councillor Ken Sorenson as Chair and Council Members, John Dozeman and Roger Miller to the Services Standing Committee. CARRIED

7.4 Economic and Community Development Committee: No appointments made at this time.

7.5 Recreation and Culture Committee: No appointments to be made at this time.

8. Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Appointments:

RESOLUTION # 282 - 23/10/16 - Sorenson

Appointed Chief Administrative Officer, Neil Smith, as Head of Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP), and Lisa Lockton, Legislative Services Manager as FOIP Coordinator. CARRIED

9. Property Tax Assessor

RESOLUTION # 283 - 23/10/16 - Todd

Appointed Lance Wehlage, Benchmark Assessment Consultants, as Property Tax Assessor. CARRIED

10. Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw #1357:

RESOLUTION # 284 - 23/10/16 – Czop

Appointed Councillor Roger Miller as Regional Assessment Review Board Member representative. CARRIED

11. Emergency Management Committee Bylaw #1332/19

RESOLUTION # 285 - 23/10/16 - Miller

As per Emergency Management Bylaw #1332/19, moved to appoint Councillor John Dozeman as Chair to the Emergency Advisory Committee with Councillor Victor Czop and Mayor Jennifer Handley; and further moved to appoint Public Works Lead Hand, Shellah Petersen as Director of Emergency Management Agency and Chief Administrative Officer, Neil Smith as Deputy-Director of the Emergency Management Agency. CARRIED

12. Foothills Regional Emergency Services Commission (FRESC):

RESOLUTION # 286 - 23/10/16 - Czop

Appointed Councillor John Dozeman as representative to the Foothills Regional Emergency Services Commission. CARRIED

13. Nanton Quality of Life Foundation:

RESOLUTION # 287- 23/10/16 - Todd

Appointed Councillor Kevin Todd as representative to the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation, with Mayor Handley serving as Alternate. CARRIED



14. Mosquito Creek Foundation (Bylaw #635/75)

RESOLUTION # 288 - 23/10/16 - Miller

Appointed Mayor Jennifer Handley and Leigh McNeill as the two Town Members at Large representatives to the Mosquito Creek Foundation. CARRIED

15. Nanton and Area Physician Attraction & Retention Committee:

RESOLUTION # 289 - 23/10/16 - Sorenson

Appointed two Council Members, Councillor Dave Mitchell and Mayor Jennifer Handley, as representatives to the Nanton and Area Physician Attraction and Recruitment Committee, in conjunction with Municipal District of Willow Creek and Municipal District of Ranchland Councillor/Reeve and community stakeholders. CARRIED

16. Highwood Management Plan – Public Advisory Committee Representatives:

RESOLUTION # 290 - 23/10/16 - Mitchell

Appointed Councillor Victor Czop as representative to the Highwood Management Plan – Public Advisory Committee. CARRIED

17. Foothills Regional Services Commission (FRSC Bylaw #1111/01):

RESOLUTION # 291- 23/10/16 - Miller

Appointed Councillor Dave Mitchell as representative to the Foothills Regional Services Commission, with Councillor Ken Sorenson as the alternate. CARRIED

18. Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance:

RESOLUTION #292 - 23/10/16 – Miller

Appointed Councillor Kevin Todd as representative to the Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance, and Councillor Victor Czop as the alternate. CARRIED

19. Oldman River Regional Services Commission – Intermunicipal Service Agency:

RESOLUTION # 293 - 23/10/16 - Todd

Appointed Councillor Victor Czop as representative to the Oldman River Regional Services Commission, and alternate Council Member Miller. CARRIED

20. Municipal Planning Commission:

RESOLUTION # 294 - 23/10/16 - Czop

Appointed the Members of the Town of Nanton Municipal Planning Commission as follows:
Three Council Members: Victor Czop, Roger Miller, Ken Sorenson;
Two Alternate Council Members: John Dozeman, Kevin Todd;
Two Members-at-large: Shauna Strong, Julia Anderson.
CARRIED

21. Chinook intermunicipal Subdivision & Development (Bylaw #1323) Appeal Board

RESOLUTION # 295 - 23/10/16 - Sorenson

Appointed Councillor Dave Mitchell (non-member of Municipal Planning Commission) as representative to the Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. CARRIED



23. Town of Nanton Library Board:

RESOLUTION # 296 - 23/10/16 - Mitchell

Appointed Councillor Dave Mitchell as Council representative to the Town of Nanton Library Board for one year term with appointment expiring October 31, 2024. CARRIED

24. Chinook Arch Regional Library System Representatives:

RESOLUTION # 297 - 23/10/16 - Todd

Appointed Amanda Bustard, Chair of the Town of Nanton Library Board, as the representative to the Chinook Arch Regional Library System. CARRIED

25. Community Organizations

RESOLUTION # 298 - 23/10/16 - Miller

Appointed the Council Members as "Liaison" or "Point of Contact" to Town of Nanton Community Organizations as follows:

- Town and Country Kozy Korner Association Board – Councillor Sorenson
- Nanton & District Chamber of Commerce – Councillor Todd
- Nanton & District Community Memorial Centre Society – Councillor Czop
- Nanton Lancaster Society Board – Councillor Dozeman
- Canadian Grain Elevator Discover Centre of Canada – Councillor Miller
- Nanton Agricultural Society – Councillor Todd
- Nanton Golf Club – Councillor Todd
- Nanton Children's Society – Councillor Dozeman
- Nanton Future Foundation – Councillor Todd
- Nanton Booster Club – Mayor Handley
- Nanton Promoters – Councillor Mitchell
- Nanton Recreation Teams (general) – Councillor Mitchell
- Citizens on Patrol – Councillor Czop
- Nanton Lions / Leos Clubs – Councillor Miller
- Nanton Fire Department – Councillor Dozeman
- Livingstone Range School Division – Councillor Miller and Mayor Handley

CARRIED

26. 2024 additions to the Community Member recognition Board in Council Chambers:

RESOLUTION # 299 - 23/10/16 - Czop

The following community members shall be recognized as the 2024 inaugural additions to the Council Chambers recognition board of excellence in service to the community:

- Terry Wickett
- John Tenove
- Lisa Lockton

CARRIED



27. **Adjournment:**

RESOLUTION # 300 - 23/10/16 – Todd

Moved to adjourn the 2023 Organizational Meeting of the Council of the Town of Nanton at 6:18 p.m.

TOWN OF NANTON

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

NS:

These minutes accepted and signed this 6th day of November, 2023.





MINUTES

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Jennifer Handley and Councillors Victor Czop, Roger Miller, Dave Mitchell (electronic participant), Ken Sorenson, John Dozeman and Kevin Todd.

OTHERS PRESENT: Neil Smith Chief Administrative Officer
Clayton Gillespie Corporate Services Manager
Evan Jersch Deputy Chief – Nanton Fire Department

1. CALL TO ORDER & ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Handley at 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION # 301 – 23/10/16 - Dozeman

The Regular Council agenda for October 16, 2023, was accepted as presented. CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1 Nanton Quality of Life Foundation, Lynne Cox – Understanding and Responding to the Challenges Faced by FCSS Programs – 7:01 – 7:25 p.m.

Ms. Cox was thanked for her PowerPoint presentation and she left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

3. REPORTS:

3.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

- 3.1.1 Status Report – E
- 3.1.2 Monthly Report - E

3.2 FINANCIAL:

- 3.2.1 Accounts Payable Reports September 2023 – E
- 3.2.2 3rd Quarter Financial Variance - E

3.3 DEPARTMENT:

- 3.3.1 Corporate Services Manager – E

NOTICE OF MOTION by Councillor Dozeman for November 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

That a policy be approved formalizing that the Town provides a basic level of public skate each season with or without sponsorship from the business community.

- 3.3.2 Operations Manager - E
- 3.3.3 Planning & Development Officer - E
- 3.3.4 Fire Chief - E
- 3.3.5 Peace Officer – E

3.4 COUNCIL:

- 3.4.1 MAYOR JENNIFER HANDLEY – no report
- 3.4.2 COUNCILLOR VICTOR CZOP - E
- 3.4.3 COUNCILLOR ROGER MILLER - E
- 3.4.4 COUNCILLOR DAVE MITCHELL – no report
- 3.4.5 COUNCILLOR KEN SORENSON – no report
- 3.4.6 COUNCILLOR KEVIN TODD – no report
- 3.4.7 COUNCILLOR JOHN DOZEMAN – no report

RESOLUTION # 302 – 23/10/16 - Miller

Moved that all written reports, as recorded on the agenda for September 18, 2023 be received for information and filing. CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

4.1 ADOPTION:

- 4.1.1 Regular Minutes of Council Meeting October 2, 2023 – E

RESOLUTION # 303 - 23/10/16 - Todd

The Councillors all having read the minutes and there being no errors, omissions or corrections, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Nanton held October 2, 2023, were accepted as distributed. CARRIED

Councillor Czop left the room at 8:19 pm, returning at 8:21 pm.

4.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

5. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Requests for Decision):

5.1 ATCO and Fortis Alberta Franchise Fees – E

RESOLUTION # 304 - 23/10/16 – Dozeman

Moved to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to hold the franchise fees for ATCO and Fortis Alberta at the current rates of 19% and 9% respectively for the 2024 calendar year. CARRIED

5.2 Review of Gopher Control policy (Res#219-23/09/05) – E

RESOLUTION # 305 - 23/10/16 – Miller

Moved that the *Gopher Control Policy* is approved as presented and attached to these minutes as Schedule "A". CARRIED

5.3 Proposed Municipal Digital Signage Policy - E

RESOLUTION # 306 - 23/10/16 – Czop

Moved that the *Municipal Digital Signage Policy* is approved as presented and attached to these minutes as Schedule "B". CARRIED



6. CORRESPONDENCE:

6.1 FOR ACTION: None

6.2 FOR INFORMATION:

6.2.1 High River and District Hospital Foundation thanks for 2023 Donation – E

7. CLOSED CONFIDENTIAL SESSION: None

8. ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION # 307 - 23/10/16 – Dozeman

IT WAS MOVED to adjourn The Regular Meeting of Council at 8:48 p.m.

TOWN OF NANTON

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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These minutes accepted and signed this 6th day of November, 2023.





MINUTES

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Jennifer Handley and Councillors Victor Czop, John Dozeman, Roger Miller, Dave Mitchell and Ken Sorenson.
Absent: Councillor Kevin Todd.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Neil Smith	Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Lockton	Legislative Services Manager
Clayton Gillespie	Corporate Services Manager
Bill Woytiuk	Operations Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

The Committee of the Meeting was called to order by Mayor Handley at 7:08 p.m.

RESOLUTION # 1 – 23/10/23 – CW - Czop

The Committee of the Whole of Council agenda for October 23, 2023, was accepted as presented.
CARRIED

2. DELEGATIONS: None scheduled

3. PRESENTATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS:

3.1 Administration: Tax Incentive Bylaw options

Councillor Dozeman entered the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Discussion with Council included:

- *Current uptake for the Non-Residential Property Sub-class Bylaw #1339/20*
- *Potential for increasing number of employee cap of 10 to 15*
- *Fort Macleod's bylaw #1912 Tax Incentives*

RECOMMENDATION # 1 - 23/10/23 – CW - Czop

That Council consider a review Town of Nanton Bylaw #1339/20, the Non-Residential Property Sub-Class bylaw, and research options to stimulate non-residential development, including tax deferral and full or partial exemptions, as per section 364.2(1) of the Municipal Government Act of Alberta. CARRIED

3.2 Common Services:

3.2.1 Update from Minister's Office - Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR)

The Chief Administrative Officer will register the Town with the Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) program and monitor the offerings as they evolve. Information will be brought forward to Council to determine if an acceptable level of service is maintained with the program.

3.2.2 Compost and Yard Waste Materials

The Chief Administrative Officer will continue to explore options for continued service (manned/unmanned) and options for disposal of existing as well as future, and further that options will include potential relocation options. Council requested that dollar figures be attached to options for discussion and comparisons.

3.3 Utilities

3.3.1 Wastewater Treatment – Fournier de-watering

RECOMMENDATION # 2 - 23/10/23 – CW - Dozeman

That Council proceed with a Request for Proposals to engage an engineering firm for project management to proceed with the purchase and install of a sludge de-watering press for the Nanton Wastewater Treatment Plant. CARRIED

3.3.2 Progress on potential Regional Water

RECOMMENDATION # 3 - 23/10/23 – CW - Miller

Proceed with Water for Life funding for the regional potable water connection between the Town of Nanton and the Town of High River, respecting the conditions stated within the Town of High River's resolution passed on October 23, 2023:

“WHEREAS the Town of Nanton has completed a regional water study which indicates a pipeline from High River to Nanton for treated water may be feasible,

AND WHEREAS the Town of Nanton has requested formal support from the Town of High River to be able to pursue Water for Life funding for the regional potable water connection between the two municipalities,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give conditional support to the Town of Nanton's regional potable water initiative. The conditions are as follows:

1. Proving the Town of High River's aquifer has the necessary capacity under drought conditions to service the Town of Nanton,
2. That an understanding be found with regards to a future rate structure,
3. That the Town of High River water treatment plant be stress tested to ensure adequate filter capacity,
4. The no Town of High River water licences will be used to service Nanton, or any other outside user,
5. That Nanton must provide their own water license to be applied to Town of High River Headworks, and
6. That all work shall be completed at no cost to the Town of High River, excluding staff time.”

CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 2 – 23/10/23 – CW - Mitchell

Moved that all written reports, as recorded on the agenda for October 23, 2023, be received for information and filing. CARRIED



4. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES: None.

5. NEXT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:

Resolution # 275 - 23/10/16 - Scheduled for November 27, 2023.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION # 2 - 23/10/23 – CW - Dozeman

IT WAS MOVED to adjourn the Committee of the Whole of Council Meeting at 9:33 p.m.

TOWN OF NANTON

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

NS:ll

These minutes accepted and signed this 6th day of November 2023.





INFORMATION BRIEF

Meeting: November 6, 2023
Agenda Item: 5.1

Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation (COPTER)

PURPOSE:

The Municipal Government Act provides for Community Organization Property Tax Exemption (COPTER) under Section 362 1 (n) (i) to (v) of the MGA. The following organizations qualify for exemption from property tax under COPTER for the upcoming 2024 taxation year.

- Roll # 089300 & 089100 = Nanton Ag Society
- Roll # 089500, 093300 & 093400 = Nanton Golf Club
- Roll # 098250 & 098300 = Canadian Grain Elevator Society
- Roll # 007100, 007200 & 008000 = Opportunus Society
- Roll # 050300 = Nanton Lancaster Society
- Roll # 047500 = Nanton Curling Club
- Roll # 097655 = Nanton Animal Protection Society
- Roll # 048500 = Nanton Community Bus Society
- Roll # 050500 = Nanton Lions (Scout Hall)

BACKGROUND / IMPLICATIONS:

The applications can be approved on a two-year rotation in accordance with COPTER regulation 17(1) but it is the Town's practice to solicit applications on an annual basis.

In August, the Town advertised, and sent out reminder letters to past recipients, for organizations to submit an annual application by September 30, 2022. By receiving annual applications, it prevents an organization from missing an opportunity to apply for exemption due to situations such as executive changes and ensures that there have been no changes to the organization that would make them ineligible.

In addition to Administration reviewing the applications, Administration asked the Town's Assessor to review the applications for eligibility and found the noted properties above to be compliant with the regulations. **The Town must grant tax exemption to applicants who meet the COPTER requirements.**

All societies are currently active (in good standing) on the current provincial non-profit listing:

Legal Entity Type Description	Legal Entity Name	Status	Registration Date	City	Postal Code
Alberta Society	NANTON & DISTRICT ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY	Active	2003/07/28	NANTON	T0L1R0
Alberta Society	NANTON & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB	Active	1976/07/26	NANTON	T0L1R0
Alberta Society	NANTON COMMUNITY BUS SOCIETY	Active	1984/05/08	NANTON	T0L1R0
Alberta Society	NANTON CURLING CLUB	Active	1983/12/21	NANTON	T0L1R0
Alberta Society	NANTON GOLF CLUB	Active	1965/06/18	NANTON	T0L1R0
Alberta Society	NANTON LANCASTER SOCIETY	Active	1986/01/03	NANTON	T0L1R0
Alberta Society	NANTON OPPORTUNUS SOCIETY	Active	1999/06/28	NANTON	T0L1R0
Agricultural Society	NANTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY	Active	2006/07/07	NANTON	T0L1R0
Alberta Society	CANADIAN GRAIN ELEVATOR DISCOVERY CENTRE	Active	2002/04/02	NANTON	T0L1R0

The current assessment of the properties noted is equal to \$6,240,000.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that Council move the acceptance of this report.

DECISION OPTIONS:

#1 Move the acceptance of the report.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION / RECOMMENDATION:

MOVED the acceptance of the Information Brief provided by Administration indicating the noted properties that qualify for property tax exemption under the Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulations (COPTER), as per Section 362 1 (n) (i) to (v) of the Municipal Government Act, for the 2024 tax year.

Communications / PR:

Notification will be provided to all applicants of the status of their applications. Included in the letter will be an expression of appreciation from the Town for the dedication and hard work of these groups in supporting community and economic development in Nanton.

Financial: The exemption of these properties will result in the total taxable property assessment being reduced; the funds required from taxation in 2024 will be distributed among the remaining taxable properties.

Attachments: none



Applicable Legislation: MGA Section 362 1(n)(i) to (v) and Community Organization Property Tax Exemption, Alberta Regulations 281/1998

Prepared By: Clayton Gillespie, Corporate Services Manager

Date: October 30, 2023

APPROVED BY:



The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Clayton Gillespie', written over the NANTON logo. The logo consists of the word 'NANTON' in a bold, sans-serif font, with a stylized graphic of a house and trees below it. The text 'EST' is on the left and '1903' is on the right of the graphic.



BYLAW

Bylaw Number: 1379/23

A BYLAW OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF NANTON IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO EXEMPT PROPERTIES HELD BY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FROM TAXATION.

WHEREAS Sections 364 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26 (the Act) provides that the Council of a Municipality may by bylaw exempt from taxation under Division 2 of the Act, property held by a non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS the Town of Nanton desires to recognize certain non-profit organizations within the community which do not meet the criteria of Section 362(1)(n) of Municipal Government Act, RSA 200, Chapter M-26 (the Act) and the Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation (COPTER) AR 281/98 but do provide public benefit by taxation exemption.

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Nanton in the Province of Alberta hereby enacts the following Bylaw #1379/23 to be know as the **Property Tax Exemption Bylaw**.

1. DEFINITIONS:

Chief Administrative Officer or **CAO** is the person appointed to the position by the Council of the Town of Nanton.

Council means the Council of the Town of Nanton.

Municipality means the Town of Nanton in the Province of Alberta.

Taxation means taxes as per Division 2 of Part 10 of the Municipal Government Act of Alberta RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, and includes municipal taxes and requisitions levied against the Municipality.

2. APPLICATION:

- 2.1 The properties or portions of property occupied by the non-profit community organizations, as listed in Section 2.2 are hereby exempted from municipal taxes for the 2024 calendar year, with the following conditions:
 - 2.1.1 A written application (as prescribed by the Chief Administrative Officer) is submitted to the CAO prior to December 31, 2023.
 - 2.1.2 The non-profit community organization continues to meet the required criteria for this status within the 2023 calendar year.
 - 2.1.3 The property tax exemption will apply for the 2024 taxation year only.

- 2.1.4 No other amounts added to the non-profit community organization's occupied property, outside of municipal taxation as per Division 2 of the MGA shall be exempted under the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 2.2 The Non-profit Community Organizations and property occupied, used, or held, by the organizations to which this Bylaw applies are:
- 2.2.1 Nanton Community Memorial Centre Society; Approximate southerly 35 metres of the easterly 60 metres of Block 38 on Plan 6864FU, as per the current Lease Agreement with the Town of Nanton.
- 2.2.2 Town and Country Kosy Korner Association; Lot 6, Block 6, Plan 959J, as per the current Lease Agreement with the Town of Nanton.

3. REPEAL:

This Bylaw # 1379/23 shall hereby repeal Town of Nanton Bylaw #1365/22.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND READINGS:

- 4.1 This Bylaw # 1379/23 comes into effect for the 2024 taxation year upon the date of final reading and signing thereof.
- 4.2 Read a **first** time this 6th day of November, 2023.
- 4.3 Read a **second** time this 6th day of November, 2023.
- 4.4 Read a **third** time and final time this 6th day of November, 2023.

TOWN OF NANTON

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: November 6, 2023
Agenda Item: 5.2

BYLAW FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

PURPOSE:

Administration is bringing forward a request to Council for tax exemption on properties held by non-profit societies, not administered through the COPTER program for the 2024 taxation year.

BACKGROUND / IMPLICATIONS:

While exemption from property tax is mandatory for applicants who qualify under COPTER (Section 362 1 (n) (i) to (v) of MGA), the MGA also allows under Section 364 the ability for Council to exempt non-profit organizations by bylaw from property taxation. In most cases this is considered when the organization does not qualify for COPTER and or other special circumstances.

Exemptions granted by bylaw

364(1) A council may by bylaw exempt from taxation under this Division property held by a non-profit organization.

(1.1) A council may by bylaw exempt from taxation under this Division machinery and equipment used for manufacturing or processing.

(2) Property is exempt under this section to any extent the council considers appropriate.

The noted properties have been exempted from property tax for many years. Administration is presenting the potential exemptions within a bylaw, as the requests from the societies are not eligible for COPTER exemption in 2024.

Investigation by Administration and the Town's assessor are summarized below.

The property associated with roll # 013500, is leased (new lease signed in 2023) from the Town by the local non-profit Kosy Korner Association. The organization provides a service open to all residents and supports community and economic development. This property does not qualify for COPTER as it is not used by youth for 60% of the time. Current assessed value of this property is \$551,000.

The property associated with roll # 050400, is leased from the Town by the Community Centre local non-profit organization. The organization provides a service enjoyed by a large contingency of local residents and helps to support community and economic development. This property does not qualify for COPTER as the service is not used by youth 60% of the time and it does not qualify as charitable and benevolent. The current assessed value of this property is \$545,000.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that Council pass Bylaw 1379/23 in order that the above organizations can continue to receive the benefits of being property tax exempt for the 2024 tax year. To remove exemption from these groups without proper discussion and time would place a financial hardship on the groups and affect service levels.

DECISION OPTIONS:

- #1 Pass the bylaw as presented
- #2 Do not pass the bylaw
- #3 Pass the bylaw with amendment

PROPOSED RESOLUTION / RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLUTION #

Moved to read Town of Nanton Bylaw #1379/23, a Bylaw to exempt certain properties held by Non-Profit Societies from taxation, for a first time.

RESOLUTION #

Moved to read Town of Nanton Bylaw # 1379/23 for a second time.

RESOLUTION #

Unanimous consent to read Town of Nanton Bylaw #1379/23 for a third time was granted by Council present.

RESOLUTION #

Moved to read Town of Nanton Bylaw #1379/23 for a third and final time.

ALTERNATIVES:

- REFER to (Administration or Committee) _____
- DEFER the matter to the Council meeting of (date) _____

Communications / PR: Notification will be provided to the organizations regarding Council’s decision. Included in the letter will be an expression of appreciation from the Town for the dedication and hard work of these groups in supporting community and economic development in Nanton.

Financial:

The exemption of these properties will result in the total taxable property assessment being reduced for the Town of Nanton; the funds required from taxation in 2024 will therefore be distributed among the remaining taxable properties.

Attachments: Proposed Bylaw #1379/23

Applicable Legislation: MGA Section 364 (1) and (2)

Prepared By: Clayton Gillespie, Corporate Services Manager

Date: October 30, 2023

APPROVED BY:



Oct 25, 2023

Calgary Climate Hub
223 12 Ave SW Unit 212
Calgary, AB T2R 0G9

Re: Moratorium on Logging in Southern Alberta for updated Forests Act

To: Jennifer Handley, Mayor of Nanton

We are a collective group of professionals and concerned citizens from Southern Alberta demanding an immediate pause of the Spray Lake Sawmills (1980) Ltd. (SLS) plan to log 1,100 hectares in Kananaskis Country's Upper Highwood drainage as per their [2021 Forest Management Plan](#) (FMP). This cut has been accelerated from 2026 to December 2023.

We are demanding this pause to allow for meaningful consultation with impacted communities and stakeholders including the Iyarhe Nakoda community of Eden Valley, the Town of High River, recreational users, and downstream water rights and allocation holders. The First Nation and Public Consultation sections of the 2021 FMP are very laughable and should be exposed for being so.

We are opposed to this clearcut and current Alberta Forests Act for the following reasons:

1. The risk of detrimental and irreversible impact on the **source of water** for all communities within the Highwood Watershed. The potential impact on drinking water and irrigation is extreme. Under current, severe drought conditions, the impact of the project may be so severe that Alberta might not be able to provide South Saskatchewan with their agreed-upon interprovincial water allocation responsibilities.
2. This area is home to threatened species including; grizzly bears, Westslope cutthroat trout, and bull trout. Clearcut logging will have serious negative impacts on their habitat. Also, the logging operations will take place during the winter closure of the Highwood Pass, a closure that is meant to protect the winter migration of wildlife in the area. Allowing intense industrial activity and traffic in this area is antithetical to the reasons stated for the road closure. All of which infringe upon the Federal **Species at Risk Act**.
3. The Government of Alberta's First Nation's Consultation Policy on Land Management and Resource Development (2013) outlines the Province's expectations for consultation with First Nations. Industry is required to engage in an open and respectful consultation process with First Nation Communities when proposed projects overlap with traditional territories. Meaningful [Consultation with the Stoney Nakota First Nation](#) and the community of Eden Valley, located on the Highwood River, has not occurred. This clear-cut exposes Eden Valley to greater flood risk and infringes on their rights and traditional uses of the land.
4. The Alberta Government introduced the Kananaskis Conservation Pass in 2021 and now charges Albertans \$90/year to access Kananaskis Country for recreational

purposes. The stated purpose of the Pass was to ensure investments could be made into **protecting and conserving** Kananaskis Country and to provide sustainable funding for the government to keep this special part of Alberta protected for generations to come.

5. Spray Lake Sawmills does **not** have a proven track record of restoring clearcut areas in the timeframe that demonstrates the forest is regenerating; therefore we do not believe their Forestry Management Plan is sufficient.

The above concerns are duplicative for any area where logging may be planned in Southern Alberta; therefore, we are seeking a moratorium on logging in the eastern slopes to consult with First Nations and ecological experts to update and modernize the [Forests Act](#). We believe the Forests Act should be updated to reflect the recommendations of the [Managing Forests, not Forestry: Law and Policy Recommendations for Ecosystem-Based Management of Alberta's Forests](#).

Ecosystem-based management (EBM), as used in this report, reflects a fundamental shift from a focus on sustaining timber supply to recognizing the value of forests as ecosystems. The current forest management plan is destructive and foolish to continue in the face of climate change and potential ecological overshoot and collapse.

We demand a regenerative plan to not only conserve but also restore the biological integrity of the Eastern slope watersheds and **seek your signature of support**. Spray Lakes Sawmills has been responsible for the degenerative clearcut extraction of Southern Alberta's Eastern Slopes over the last 80 years. It is time to stop!

Sincerely,



Jenny Yeremiy, P. Geoph
Calgary Climate Hub

Notes and cut sections

The cumulative impacts of the increased temperatures and drought conditions this year in our province, have led to the [lowest levels the Bow River has seen since 1911](#). Of course, in 1911, the glacial and snowpack extent in the mountains would have made the conditions less concerning long-term. Since water is the source of life, we must consider alternative approaches to resource management to ensure the longevity and preservation of our waterways and critical habitats.

Beginning as soon as December 2023, Spray Lake Sawmills plans to log over 1,000 hectares in Kananaskis Country's Upper Highwood region along the headwaters of the Highwood River and its tributaries.

CAO: This is a request by an Environmental Non-Governmental Organizational for a political letter of support. It is Council's discretion whether it simply receives this letter or determines a position of support or other. If Council wishes to support the letter, a focus on the timber licensee's forest management standard/ certification and potential alternatives for sensitive areas is suggested rather than going deeply into specific operational activities.



Town of Nanton

1907 21 Avenue, PO Box 609, Nanton, Alberta T0L 1R0
P 403.646.2029 F 403.646.2653 nanton.ca

October 13, 2023

Dear minor hockey and skate club families:

Welcome to the 2023/2024 season – we are excited to welcome you back to the arena for another fun season. The Town and staff work hard to ensure a positive experience for all and are proud to provide the Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre to your family for your recreational benefit.

With the season just beginning we just wanted to send out a friendly reminder of some things to keep in mind. We understand that watching your children play and practice their respective sport is the main focus of your visit to the arena, and we also understand that siblings are quite often along for the visit, and they do not want to watch their brother or sister. If that is the case, that is okay, but we do ask that your children are following some basic safety protocols (no climbing, running, etc.) and that you know where your children are. Rules are posted in a few different areas in the arena and staff may from time to time ask your children to follow them if they are not doing so. This is for their safety and the safety of others. The last thing we want is for someone to get hurt.

Staff are present in the front office the majority of the time and if not, are only a phone call away if a need should arise where their assistance is required – there are many duties town staff have that quite often go unnoticed (403-646-2522). Town of Nanton staff do follow a respectful workplace policy and reciprocation of such is very much appreciated.

Jitterbug will once again be back to offer concession services for the season, and they are working on providing a licensed lounge area in the warm room for customers. It is unknown at this time on the hours this will be open so watch for further notices on this. The curling lounge and its bar, although part of the overall facility is a leased space held by the Nanton Curling Club and as such is only open and available to their members or the public for functions on the club's terms. We encourage a cordial relationship between our curling and hockey and skating communities.

Again, we are very pleased to welcome everyone back and we are excited to make this a great season by working together collaboratively. We are always open to hearing from you and welcome any feedback you may have to help improve the facility and operation.

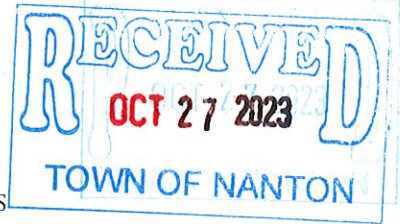
Kind regards,

Neil Smith, RPP
Chief Administrative Officer

Cc: Nanton Curling Club



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Office of the Minister

OCT 24 2023

Her Worship Jennifer Handley
Mayor
Town of Nanton
1907 21 Avenue
PO Box 609
Nanton, AB T0L 1R0

Dear Mayor Handley:

Thank you for your letter regarding support for ANDVillages' Regional Solution for Housing Supply proposal to address the housing supply in southwestern Alberta. As Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Alberta's government is committed to ensuring Albertans in all communities have access to safe, secure and stable housing. Increasing the availability and affordability of housing for Albertans is a high priority of Alberta's government. Through the mandate letter, the Premier has directed me as Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services to develop and implement an affordable and attainable home ownership and rental strategy, focused on low- and middle-income households, including seniors.

The Premier also directed the ministry to continue to implement Stronger Foundations, Alberta's 10-year strategy to improve and expand affordable housing, released in November 2021. The goal of Stronger Foundations is to provide housing supports to Albertans in need using a variety of tools tailored to unique community needs. We are working to develop partnerships and build capacity within the housing system to support 82,000 households by 2031 – an increase of more than 40 per cent. Together with our partners, Alberta is supporting \$9 billion in housing investments to build 25,000 new units by 2031.

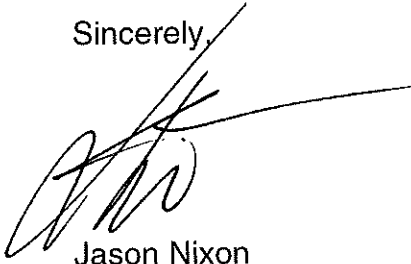
As part of Stronger Foundations, the Affordable Housing Partnership Program (AHPP) is a key tool for the province to promote and support innovative, sustainable housing solutions by partnering with public, private and non-profit organizations to provide capital funding to deliver new affordable housing units across Alberta. Supporting Albertans most in need and protecting the most vulnerable continues to be a priority under this partnership approach.

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As a result of the first AHPP application submission intake, which closed on January 11, 2023, the ministry approved 30 projects and allocated approximately \$125 million in provincial grant funding to support the creation of over 1,100 homes for Albertans. The most recent intake closed on October 16, 2023. In future years, proposals are intended to be individually assessed based on an annual defined intake period between April 1 and June 30 in any given year. More information on the AHPP is available at www.alberta.ca/affordable-housing-partnership-program.aspx.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Nixon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jason Nixon
Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services