

NANTON NOTIFIED

March-April 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.

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 Licenses are now **past due**. If you no longer have your dog or don't require your business license <u>please</u> call the Town Office at 403.646.2029.

Follow us on Facebook

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

Office Closures

April 18, 2025

Water Conservation

When we enter the March/ April period, we are always cognisant of how our reservoir levels are doing and any anticipated raw water supply issues when the Highwood Diversion re-opens and pumping from Mosquito Creek resumes. Please visit:

https://www.nanton.ca/government/plans-and-projects/waterconservation

to re-acquaint yourself with our conservation levels and restrictions. When we reach Level 2 or 3 restrictions, we do rely upon all users to work with us to get consumption down.



Elections

The 2025 Municipal Election is scheduled for October 20, 2025. Whether you're interested in running for office or learning how to vote, you can find all the details you need. Stay informed and make a difference — visit:

www.nanton.cagovernment/2025election or if you have questions e-mail communications@nanton.ca for more information.

Quality of Life Survey

Help shape Nanton's future by filling out the Quality of Life Survey at www.nanton.ca or scan the QR code



Nanton Fire Department Recruiting

The Town of Nanton Fire Department is currently recruiting passionate and dedicated individuals to join our team of volunteer firefighters. If you're looking for a rewarding way to serve your community, gain valuable training, and make a difference, we want to hear from you! No prior experience is necessary – we provide all the training you need. Interested? Apply today and become an essential part of our fire-rescue team. For more details, visit www.nanton.ca/services/protectiveservices/nantonfiredpeartment

Save the Dates!!

Nanton School Enhancement Committee Corn Hole Tournament June 21

Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble May 30

Chinook Singers & Players - Little Women Production

Chinook Singers & Players Proudly Presents:

Little Women the Musical Dates: April 9-12, 2025

Where: Nanton Community Centre

Times: Evening performances April 9-12 @ 7:00pm &

Matinee performance April 12 @ 1:00pm

Tickets can be purchased on our newly created website:

http://www.chinooksingersplayers.com/

You can also check out their Facebook page for information:

https://www.facebook.com/chinooksingersandplayers

E-Send for Utility Levies

For the utility bill, starting in April, we will now be able to email you your utility bills. To take advantage of this option, please fill out the required form by April 15, 2025. Forms are accessible on the Town website or at the Town office. If you want to continue with your paper copy, there will be a \$1.50 surcharge added to your bill. Contact the Town office for more information.

Northwest Area Structure Plan (ASP)

Development of a new NW ASP is underway for the area primarily located within the NE quarter of 16-16-28 -W4M, containing approximately 182 acres (73.6 ha).

This plan is an essential step in ensuring that we can support future development in a sustainable and thoughtful way, including addressing infrastructure needs like water supply and land use.

We know there are many questions about the plan, including its timeline and how it will impact future growth. To keep the community informed, we've posted more details, including answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), on the Town of Nanton website.

https://www.nanton.ca/government/public-notices/northwest-asp

Visit the website for more information on the ASP, the timeline, and how you can stay involved in the planning process. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to submit them here online through our website to ensure they are added and recorded.

https://www.nanton.ca/form/planning-and-development-comment.

The Planning and Development Officer can also tacted at the Town Office for additional



Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

As mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, there is a Quality of Life Survey that we'd like you to complete if you have not already done so (and please encourage any teens or young adults in your household to also complete it). The survey provides the municipality with a bit of a reading about how the community feels about itself and what it would like to see in terms of improvements. With municipal elections coming in October, this is a great time to get a decent snapshot of those views to help inform the next Council and other stakeholders around priorities.

Anyone considering running for Council is more than welcome to reach out to us for more information. We expect to hold a bit of an information session for those interested in running in the spring.

Some of you will be aware that the Town and RCMP had some challenges in 2024 with trespass, loitering and unpermitted camping. The *Community Bylaw* was tightened up in February with a small amendment to improve Community Peace Officer powers around such activity on town property, clarifying certain offences under that regulation.

We are at the tail end of winter, but we have of late been doing the rounds with snow removal notices on consistently poor areas of sidewalk. Please don't take a snow removal notice too personally. It's a reminder to keep the sidewalk clear and your tackling the issue quickly essentially guarantees there will not be a penalty. Snow, ice, debris and other materials on any sidewalk adjacent to private property should be removed and cleared away by the owner/occupier within 24 hours of it being deposited.

Neil Smith

Chief Administrative Officer

New Utility Rates—Effective Jan 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 -

Commercial/Industrial

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Water Rates:

Residential

\$64 flat fee + \$64 flat fee +

\$0 on 0 to 18 m³consumption \$0 on 0 to 18m³ 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 \$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 + \$79 flat fee + \$0 on 0 to 18m³ consumption \$0 on 0 to 18 m³consumption \$2.25/m³ on 18 to 36 m³ consumption \$2.75/m³ on 36 to 45 m³ consumption \$2.950/m³ over and above 45 m³

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Stormwater Rates \$4.47

Solid Waste Rates \$17.94

Recycling Rates \$13.66

Spring is on its way!

The Town of Nanton has a donation program for the purpose of enhancing your public places such as park spaces, playgrounds and pathways. Contributions may be used for the purchase of trees, playground equipment, benches, etc. and will be acknowledged with a plaque placed on the donation wall located in the southeast corner of the Westview park. For further information, please contact the Town office or visit https://www.nanton.ca/355/Sponsor-or-Donate

Message from the Nanton Chamber of Commerce

With spring on the horizon, you'll be seeing some small-scale infrastructure attractions around town courtesy of the Chamber and a federal grant we received. On Main Street, watch for a 42" enclosed message board and the Town's old phone booth retrofitted as a selfie booth and place to get info on businesses, attractions, events, and stories about Nanton, artwork on both sides of the washrooms on Hwy 2 north, and a large replica 3D tap, sign, and water fountain/bottle filler/dog dish by the Visitor Information Centre area. As always, remember to shop and eat local – there are awesome businesses all over town that would love to see you!

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, please ensure you have listed your correct account number. This is important for us to identify which account to apply your payments.

Waste Reminder

Bylaw 1293, sect. 6.5 states that; All waste shall be bagged prior to depositing in an automated collection container. No loose waste is to be placed in waste collection carts. One main reason for this is when a cart of loose waste is being emptied in windy conditions, the loose waste is then blown away which is not controllable by the Waste truck operator. Remember to have your recycling & waste bins out by 7am Monday mornings

Message from the Mayor

We're so glad you're reading this—because we need your help.

Picture this: We need to turn off the water on a street for maintenance. It's not an emergency, so we have time to notify everyone properly. We send notices to all affected neighbors, post it on the electronic post office bulletin board, share it on social media and the website, and even put sandwich boards on the affected streets days in advance. Yet, on the day of the shutoff, the Town office phones start ringing with people saying they had no idea.

Now, another scenario: A local theatre group has spent months planning and rehearsing their play. (By the way, how lucky are we to have a theatre group in town again?) They put up posters all over, they use the electronic post office bulletin board, advertise in stores and restaurants, blast it on social media, and even dress up as their characters to hand out flyers. Still, the week before the show, they're scrambling to sell just enough tickets. And, as always, after the play, they hear, "Oh, I would've gone if I had known!"

So, what do WE do?

How can we improve how information reaches you? Events, road closures, developments, volunteer opportunities, emergency updates—you name it. No matter how much effort goes into sharing information, we still hear, "I didn't know." And it's not just the Town of Nanton—every organization in town struggles with this.

With posters everywhere, the post office electronic bulletin board, and social media posts, are we actually paying attention? Are we missing what's right in front of us? Or are we, as communicators, missing the mark in reaching you?

Losing the Nanton News was a tough blow—it was another valuable communication tool. I hear the frustration from people who say, "I didn't know," "I would have gone," "I would have helped," "Why is my street being dug up?" And I hear it from event organizers too: "We put posters everywhere," "We're all over social media," "We mailed out notices," "We're on the post office board."

So, what can YOU do?

Start small. Take a moment to stop and read the notices at the post office—we all go there at least once a week. Share what you see with family and friends. Love live theatre or concerts? Want to know when the Lancaster engine is starting up next? Find out who organizes these events, sign up for their notifications, and buy tickets early. If people don't show up, our hardworking volunteers will stop planning these events, and we'll hear, "Nothing ever happens in town."

There are already plenty of ways to stay informed—are you making sure you're paying attention? Here are a few starting points:

- nanton.ca
- visitnanton.com
- nantonradio.ca

And if you have ideas on how we can communicate better, we'd love to hear them! We're always looking for new and creative ways to connect with you.

Thanks for reading—this is just one more way we're trying to reach you.

Mayor Jennifer Handley