



# NANTON NOTIFIED

May-June 2025

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

## Council Meetings

First & third Monday of the month @ THRC Council Chambers, 2nd floor, @ 7pm. Regular Meetings are open to the Public.

## Town Office

OPEN  
8:30am-4:00pm  
Monday to Friday  
1.877.365.3901  
Closed on statutory holidays

## Website

[www.nanton.ca](http://www.nanton.ca)

## Garbage & Recycling

Monday mornings

## Yard Waste

Yard Waste is managed by the Town, Monday—Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dump Gump operates the Recycling Centre on Thursdays, noon to 5 p.m. Fees may apply. Contact them at 1.403.336.5012.

## Licences

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

## Follow us on Facebook

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

## Office Closure

May 19, 2025

## Emergency Preparedness Week

### ARE YOU PREPARED? DO YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN?

Please join The Town of Nanton in partnership with the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation for Emergency Preparedness Week, May 4—10, 2025.

An Emergency Preparedness Information Session will be held on Friday, May 9th **from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** pm at the Kozy Korner, located at 2211—20 Street.

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

### **BE PREPARED:**

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

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

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

For more information visit **Alberta.ca/Be Prepared**

## Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2025 Quality of Life Survey. Your feedback provides valuable insights for Council and Administration, and the full report will be available on our website. While 211 respondents may seem small, it represents about 10% of our adult population, well-distributed across age groups. A special thanks to the students at JT Foster School for sharing their views with the Mayor and staff.

The top concern from the survey was water, which is a priority for us too. We're working with consultants and the Town of High River on the regional water line, and have added activated carbon treatment and aeration to improve water quality. With the reopening of Women's Coulee diversion this month, you should notice improvements in taste and odour soon. We also encourage you to report any suspected water loss, no matter how small. While we've made progress, there's still work to do.

## Spring Cleanup (Large item drop-off)

Starting Thursday May **8th** and running until the afternoon of May **11th**, **The** dumpsters will once again be available for your spring cleanup needs. Located at the Dump Gump, near the yard waste area residents will be able to drop off large items normally destined for the landfill. The Town is requesting one pickup load per household only and certain items will be restricted: **NO hazardous goods, fridges, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers or construction waste**. Items must be placed inside the bins and once the bins are full, access to the bins will be closed. **Please be considerate and follow the rules!**

Hours are as follows: (Subject to change – check the Town’s website and Facebook page)

**May 8th 5pm—8pm** (or until bins are full)

**May 9th 12pm—5pm** (or until bins are full)

**May 10th 9am—2pm** (or until bins are full)

In conjunction with the spring cleanup, **NANTON FREE-CYCLE** is also back! Your unwanted items could be someone else’s treasure! Place your items in your front yard or on your boulevard (not on the sidewalk please), starting May **9th** Just be sure to have your yard and boulevard cleared of any items by the end of the day on May **11th**.

## Chamber of Commerce Update

**Survivor Ball Fun Nine-Hole Twilight Scramble** Friday, May 30, 2025 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Nanton Golf Course. \$125 per person - includes Green Fee, Half a Golf Cart, Beef on a Bun Meal & Prizes. To register go to the Chamber website: [visitnanton.com](http://visitnanton.com)  
Cash, cheque or e-transfer [nantonchamberfinance@gmail.com](mailto:nantonchamberfinance@gmail.com)

## Volunteer Appreciation & Recruitment

Celebrate the incredible contributions of our volunteers and discover meaningful ways to get involved in our community.

Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Kozy Korner

Enjoy a complimentary pizza lunch (while supplies last). Connect with over 15 local non-profits & explore volunteer opportunities.

## Cycling Without Age Canada – New Nanton Chapter Welcomes our TriShaw Bike

The Nanton Quality of Life Foundation welcomes our TriShaw bike into its third season. We hope to launch before the long weekend in May – thanks to our 5 volunteer “pilots”! While targeted at seniors, especially seniors in care, all community members can enjoy this program. Call the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation at 403-646-2436 for information on volunteering as a pilot or to learn more about this wonderful initiative.



## 2025 Tax Assessment Notices

The 2025 Tax Assessment Notices will be mailed out to property owners on Thursday, May 15. Due to Land Titles being behind, new property owners may not receive their tax assessment notices. If you don’t receive your notice by end of May, please contact our office. **Pay your 2025 Property Taxes by June 30th, 2025 to avoid penalties, except those that are on TIPP.**

## 2025 Pool Season

Summer is coming and the staff at the Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre are working hard on getting the pool ready to open in late May (weather dependent). Keep your eyes open to the THRC Facebook page and Town of Nanton website, [www.nanton.ca](http://www.nanton.ca). All schedules and activities will be online along with printable registration forms, program schedules & events.

## E-Send for Utility Levies

For the utility bill, we will now be able to email you your utility bills. To take advantage of this option, please fill out the required form. The 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.

## 2025 Public Works Projects

**Sidewalks:** The 2025 sidewalk repair and replacement program for approximately **15** locations throughout the community will begin soon, contingent on weather.

**Pavement Repair:** The Town will begin its asphalt repair program for the 2025 year. Paving crews are booked to begin in May to complete paving patches on valve replacement and or water break areas that were completed in the fall or winter of 2024. Crews will return at the end of August to repair any valve or water breaks areas that were completed in the summer.



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

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



**Street Sweeping:** Street sweeping will run from the middle of May (weather permitting/dates subject to change) until the middle of June to clear all the sand, dirt and rock chips left on the streets from the winter season. New this year the town has rented a street sweeper to sweep in neighborhoods, Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4 pm

Signs will be placed in your area before street sweeping is scheduled in your specific neighborhood. It takes sweepers approximately one to three weeks to clear residential roads



### **HOW TO PREPARE FOR SWEEPING IN YOUR AREA**

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

### **Upcoming at the Library**

- Technology Made Easy  
May 8, 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
- Mother's Day Felting  
May 8, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Healthy Connections  
May 13/20/29 10:30—12:30
- Little Musicians and Story  
Hour call for information

### **Water Conservation**

Call the Town of Office to order a **water barrel**.

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

Odd House #'s:

Thursday & Sundays

Even House #'s:

Wednesdays & Saturdays

### **2024 Financial Statements**

2024 Audited Financial Statements prepared by **JDP Wasserman** and approved by Council are now complete and available. The statements are available on the Town website and as well as at the Town office for viewing or copies are available.

## Message from the Mayor

### Let's Talk About the "Why Doesn't the Town...?" Moments

You've probably heard these conversations or maybe even said them yourself:

"Why doesn't the Town do this?"

"I can't believe they're doing that!"

"You know what the Town *should* do?"

We hear these comments all the time at events, in passing, on social media, or floating through local coffee shops. And honestly? We love them. They show that people care, are thinking creatively, and want to see our community thrive.

But here's the thing: a lot of those conversations stay at the coffee shop table or in an online thread and never quite make it to us. And if we don't hear them, we can't do anything about them. That's why we want to encourage you to bring those ideas forward. Let's turn "someone should" into "how can we?"

That's what makes small towns so special. We're nimble, accessible, and deeply connected to the community. Every single resident has the chance to make a real difference. Councillor Mitchell calls these "conversations of possibilities" and that's exactly what they are. Some ideas are quick wins. Others take more time, budget, or volunteers. But they all start with someone speaking up.

#### So, how can you share your thoughts?

- Drop by the Town Office or give us a call
- Email the relevant department
- Chat with a member of Council when you see us around or email us
- Fill out community surveys
- Request to be a delegation at a Council meeting—put your idea on the record and get a formal response

And sometimes, great ideas don't need the Town to take the lead, they just need someone to get the ball rolling.

Take Mike and Joni Cooper. They moved here from Calgary with a love for live music. They saw loads of local talent but no regular place for musicians to play. So, they partnered with the Lions and started open jam sessions (every Wednesday) at the campground. In winter, they moved indoors to the community centre. That spark led to the creation of the Mosquito Creek Music Group, which now brings full concerts to Nanton. All because they saw a need and jumped in.

Or David Gale and Amanda Bustard. Also from Calgary, they brought their DJ business and passion for community stories with them. Inspired by Nanton's energy, they began hosting events and weekly online live updates eventually building a full online radio station for the town. Music, local news, what's happening—it's all there. [Nantonradio.ca](http://Nantonradio.ca)

And here's a great example from a few years back: during a public forum with the RCMP, someone asked, "Why does the 70 km/h zone only start *after* you've entered Nanton?" If you remember it used to be just past the Esso, and vehicles were coming in fast from the 110 km/h zone. Nobody at the Town or on Council had thought about it before, but they were absolutely right. We reached out to Alberta Transportation, and not long after, the 70 km/h sign was moved to where it sits now. All because someone spoke up.

These are just a few examples of people who saw a need, had an idea, and followed through. You can too. Your ideas matter. Let's keep those conversations of possibilities going and keep building the kind of town we're all proud to call home

~ Mayor Jennifer Handley

### Gophers

To help manage gophers on your property, consider these options:

**Simple Measures:** Dense shrubs, ¼" mesh around borders, live and snap traps, predator urine, burrow flooding, or calling a pest control service.

**Caution with Pets:** Avoid ultrasonic repellents and Critter Ridder granular, as they may harm pets.

**Safety Precautions:** Use sulfur bombs, pepper spray on plants and fences, or carbon monoxide with care.

### Utility & Tax Accounts — IMPORTANT

Please contact our office to ensure we have your current phone numbers and mailing address on file. When paying your utility and tax levies via your bank or etransfer, please ensure you have listed your account number with the correct number of digits. This is **important** for us to identify which account to apply your payment to.