



NANTON NOTIFIED

September-October 2025

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

Licences

Business Licenses & Dog Licenses **EXPIRE** December 31, 2025.

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

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

Council Meetings

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

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

Office Closures

September 1, 2025
 September 30, 2025
 October 13, 2025

Non—Approved Town Garbage Bins

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

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

Recycling Yard Waste—19 Avenue

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

Hours of operation are: Monday—Sunday 8:30 am—4:30 pm

As per the Community Bylaw #1299/18 , Section 4.2 - "No person shall cause, permit or undertake any activity upon any Town property which is a nuisance." Fine of \$500 for first offence.

2025 Municipal Election – Important Information for Nanton Residents

The next municipal election in Nanton will be held on **Monday, October 20, 2025** at the **Nanton Community Centre**. If you're eligible to vote, this is your opportunity to help shape the future of our community.

Advance Voting will take place on **October 17, 2025 from 10am—8pm** at the **Kozy Corner**. If you're unable to vote on Election Day, take advantage of this one-day advance voting opportunity.

Thinking of Running for Office?

Nomination Day is **Monday, September 22, 2025, at 12:00 noon**. If you're interested in serving your community as an elected official, this is your chance. To see the list of candidates as they are confirmed, visit: www.nanton.ca/Government/2025-Election

Voter Registration

To vote, you must be registered. It's important to ensure your voter information is accurate and up to date. The deadline to register or update your information is **September 15, 2025**. You can check your status, register, or update your details at: <https://www.voterlink.ab.ca/>

Election Workers Wanted

We're looking for Municipal Election workers to help on voting days. If you are interested, please contact the Returning Officer, Sara-Lynn Lyons, at communications@nanton.ca.


For full details about the 2025 Municipal Election in Nanton, please visit www.nanton.ca or contact the Returning Officer at communications@nanton.ca.

ANNUAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Budget deliberations for Capital & Operating budgets for next year take place during the Fall and Winter. Contact the Town Office if you wish to make representations or submit written ideas to Council or the Finance Committee on the following matters:

<p>TAX & UTILITIES POLICY</p> <p>CAPITAL PRIORITIES</p> <p>OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES</p>	<p>LOCAL SERVICES</p> <p>CONTRIBUTION GRANTS</p> <p>ASSETS AND RESERVES</p>
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**IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S TAXES OR BUDGET,
DON'T WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR TO LET US KNOW!**

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We're approaching the time when we really need to hear from our clubs, societies and service organizations about any requests pertaining to the operating or capital budget for 2026. Please contact the Town Office if there is an 'ask' of Council for this year.

Don't wait until April!

Non-Residential Assessment Sub Class

Businesses and / or property owners who want to take advantage of the Small Business Property Sub Class, are eligible to be removed from the Vacant Non Residential Property Sub Class. Submit a completed Statutory Declaration to the Town Office by **Jan 31, 2026**. Please contact the Town Office if you have any questions.

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

PLEASE trim your hedges, trees & shrubs

People with mobility aids need full access to sidewalks. Back lanes must be sufficiently clear for vehicular traffic and RVs to navigate safely. It's important to remember that certain landscaping can encroach into sidewalks and lanes, partially impeding access or scraping the sides of vehicles. Those kinds of encroachments are violations under the Town's Community Bylaw. Please assess the front and rear of your property and determine if you need to trim or cut back any vegetation ahead of fall and winter, and take any necessary action. Please think of your neighbors and pedestrians in general, taking precautionary action annually. Yard waste from trimming can be deposited at no charge at the Town's facility on 19th Avenue. **For any hedges, trees & shrubs that are not maintained in a timely manner, Public Works staff will have to complete the trimming that are encroaching sidewalks. Fees may apply.**

Creeping Bellflower

Creeping bellflower (*Campanula rapunculoides*) may look lovely with its delicate purple blooms, but don't be fooled!. This aggressive invader is anything but innocent. Known for its deep, spreading roots and rapid growth, it quickly outcompetes native plants and is notoriously difficult to remove once established. Now is the time to act: learn how to identify, control, and prevent the spread of this garden escapee before it takes over your green spaces. For more information visit www.abinvasives.ca

Message from the Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported our local businesses this summer. The Chamber continues to try and draw more traffic to our town through some of the small-scale infrastructure projects that have been installed on Main Street and by the Visitor Information Centre, and to work with different community groups on events and markets. With fall upon us, businesses continue to need the support of residents. Even if you don't shop at all of them, supporting through likes and engagement on social media helps, as does word of mouth.



May your Thanksgiving weekend be full of your favorites!

Heritage Building Project

The Town of Nanton is excited to announce that it has been awarded a grant from the Heritage Preservation Partnership Program. This grant will fund research on up to ten properties that could potentially be designated as historic places.

With this grant, the Town has engaged Community Design Strategies Inc. (CDS) to assist in identifying and evaluating heritage sites for future community consideration. The CDS team has already conducted a preliminary review of over 85 heritage buildings listed on Alberta's Heritage Resources Management Information System (HeRMIS). These buildings include commercial, residential, institutional and industrial buildings. This review provides the CDS team with an overview of Nanton's unique heritage buildings, particularly in the downtown area, as well as our institutional landmarks.

Additionally, the CDS team is preparing a context paper that will offer a brief overview of Nanton's history in relation to fifteen themes of Alberta's history, including resource development, urban development, spiritual life, and business and industry. The results of their research will help create a storyline that will assist in identifying high-priority sites for further evaluation.

We invite community members to join us at an upcoming Open House in September. This event will be a great opportunity to view the high-priority sites, learn about the historic resource designation process, share your knowledge on the history of the sites, and help identify which sites hold significant heritage value for the residents of Nanton.

If you have any questions or have information that could assist with this project, please don't hesitate to contact us at 403-646-2029 or visit us online at Culture & Heritage page on the Town's website.

Northwest Area Structure Plan Update

The NW Area Structure Plan (NW ASP) project has reached the end of the Engage and Collaborate phase. The Engagement Summary Report summary has been posted on <https://www.nanton.ca/government/public-notice/northwest-asp>.

Council was presented with and discussed potential options for an ASP layout on August 11. A preferred option was selected, and now drafting of the ASP document will take place over the next several months, with an early draft version brought forward to Council in 2026 for review prior to release to the public for additional review and comment.

Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

On behalf of the Operations Dept., I'd like to thank those in the community who have helped us in recent weeks by reducing their discharge into the wastewater collection system wherever they can. While various drought or water shortage scenarios have not been realised in recent times, we have instead been presented with significant wastewater management challenges thanks to large volumes of groundwater finding its way into the sewer system. The groundwater table, particularly in the eastern part of Nanton has been and has remained unusually high since the spring. We are working on long term solutions and investigations, but your help at this time continues to be appreciated. In general, we need to see less Fats Oil and Grease (FOG) being discharged into the sewer as it can, in sufficient quantities, block main lines and is particularly difficult to clear if the lines are full of wastewater that has nowhere to go. For these and other reasons, the town recently updated the Utilities Bylaw with increased levels of regulation in these areas.

As we approach the municipal election period, do not hesitate to reach out to staff with inquiries, particularly if you are considering running.

Neil Smith

Chief Administrative Officer



Message from the Mayor

Gosh, it's hard to believe this is my second-last water bill letter of the term.

It's natural at this point to look back on the last four years—the wins, the losses, and the things that just didn't get done. This term hasn't been easy. We lost the irreplaceable Councillor Wickett just months after the election, which meant a by-election in early 2022. We've dealt with staff retirements, councillor leaves of absence and resignations, and the extra committee work that came with that, alongside the usual frustrations from changing provincial and federal policies and inflationary increases.

But there's been real progress. We secured a new A.B. Daley School and modernization of J.T. Foster (within the existing A.B. Daley building) set to break ground September 2025. We landed a \$14 million provincial grant for a High River waterline and \$1 million for design and viability work (report to be released fall of 2025), with construction in 2026 or 2027 if the study is agreeable to both the High River and Nanton Councils. We approved major upgrades to the Visitor Information Centre (2025–26), improved dewatering at the wastewater treatment plant to cut sludge removal costs, and confirmed the RCMP detachment will move into the current town office on Hwy 2, with the town office relocating to the THRC upper floor along with a new elevator (2026/2027). We also completed a simpler, user-friendly land use bylaw in 2023.

Work is well underway on projects that will carry into the next council:

- **Area structure plan for the NW corner of town (behind 26 Ave).**
- **Nanton Medical Clinic** – The design has been complete for almost two years and is ready to go. The delay is at the provincial level, with Alberta Health Services and the Ministry of Health needing to approve the lease as we plan to fund the project in partnership with the MD of Willow Creek and the MD of Ranchland. We've met with the Minister of Health, AHS, and other provincial representatives to keep it moving. The need is urgent, our current clinic is undersized and outdated and we'll continue to be persistent until it's built.
- **Industrial road upgrades** – We're bringing roads up to industrial-grade standards so they can handle large truck traffic and open up new serviced lots for sale. Without these upgrades, we can't market the land effectively, and it's harder to attract the businesses that help grow our tax base.
- **Westview Phase 3** – We're still searching for a developer despite tough market conditions. Developers are hesitant to build in smaller center's due to slimmer profit margins. The next council may need to explore new incentives or consider the town acting as developer again, as we've sold out of residential lots.

We continue to battle stubborn challenges, with vacant commercial buildings being a prime example. We've used every legal tool available including tax penalties, tax incentives, and countless conversations. Results have been slow, but we'll keep pushing. There is only so much government can do to compel a private property owner to occupy their property.

On infrastructure, our leak detection program has grown, supported by an extensive valve replacement initiative to isolate areas and improve flushing and testing. Progress is steady, even if it sometimes feels like one step forward, two steps back. This year, we've also been dealing with a mysterious water infiltration issue at the wastewater plant triggered by the winter thaw and record rainfall, something we're tackling with Alberta Environment, engineers, and affected property owners.

Looking back, we've achieved a lot despite the setbacks. Many of these projects will break ground or be completed early in the next term, which is so exciting for our growing town!

Mayor Jennifer Handley