



Town of Nanton

Nanton Municipal Enforcement

Annual Report to the Director of Law Enforcement

Nanton Municipal Enforcement 2024 Year-end report

Town of Nanton

The Town of Nanton is located on Highway 2 approximately 80 kilometers south of the City of Calgary. It is surrounded by the Municipal District of Willow Creek. Nanton is located in Southern Alberta's prime farming and ranching areas. The economy is primarily driven by the agriculture and the agricultural services industries, with tourism also generating significant revenue for the town. Although Nanton traditionally has been a service centre for the surrounding farms and ranches, in recent years light industry has begun to move in, taking advantage of low land costs and utilizing the skills of the local labour force. Nanton is home to approximately 2200 people.

Policing services are provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, with a four-member detachment located in the town.

In 2023, the Town of Nanton completed a full calendar year as an authorized employer for Community Peace Officers, as authorization was granted in 2022.

Currently there is only one (1) Community Peace Officer employed by the Town of Nanton: Officer Carlos Farias # 19546

Nanton Municipal Enforcement reports directly to the Chief Administrative Officer, Neil Smith. Neil remains the primary contact with Clayton Gillespie being the secondary contact. Both available at 403-646-2029.

Nanton Municipal Enforcement is authorized to deal with the following Provincial statutes:

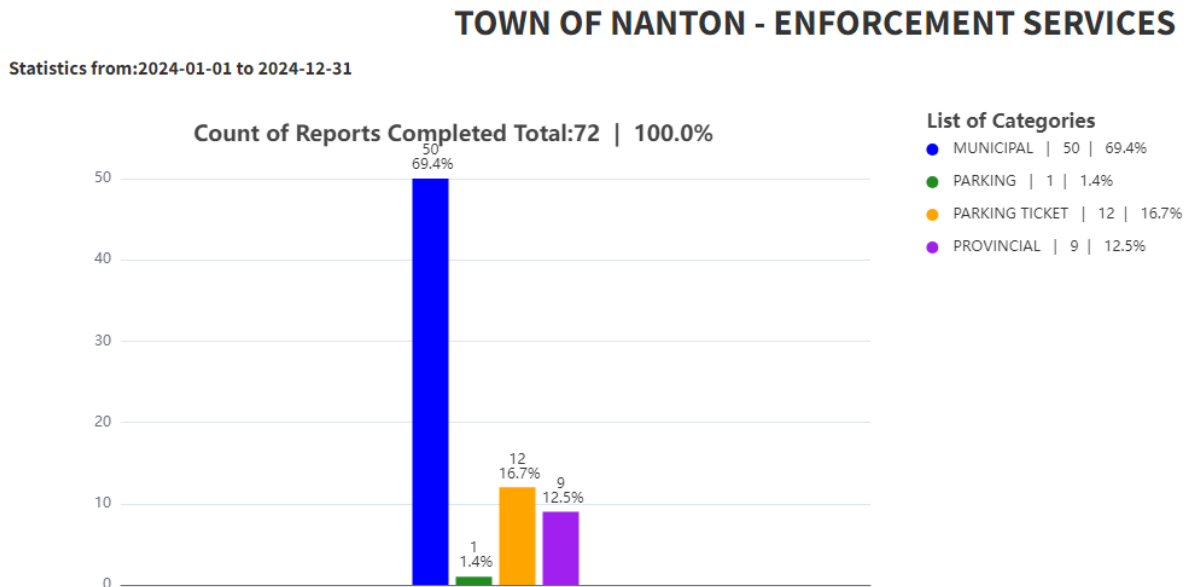
- Animal Protection Act
- Dangerous Dog Act
- Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, Part 9, Division 2
- Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act
- Innkeepers Act
- Petty Trespass Act
- Provincial Offences and Procedures Act
- Service Dogs Act
- Tobacco, Smoking, and Vaping Reduction Act
- Traffic Safety Act
- Trespass to Premises Act

Along with the Provincial statutes, Nanton Municipal Enforcement is also expected to deal with bylaw enforcement in the Town of Nanton. Bylaws typically enforced are:

- Animal Control Bylaw
- Smoking Reduction Bylaw
- Traffic Bylaw
- Community Bylaw
- Fire Bylaw
- Land Use Bylaw

2024 Enforcement Statistics

In 2024, a total of occurrences were investigated. Below is a graph representing the breakdown.



Animal Control: One of the largest issues seen in Nanton regarding the Animal Control Bylaw would be dogs running at large. Nanton’s Animal control bylaw was updated in 2021. This update clarified the requirement for dogs to be on-leash when out in public.

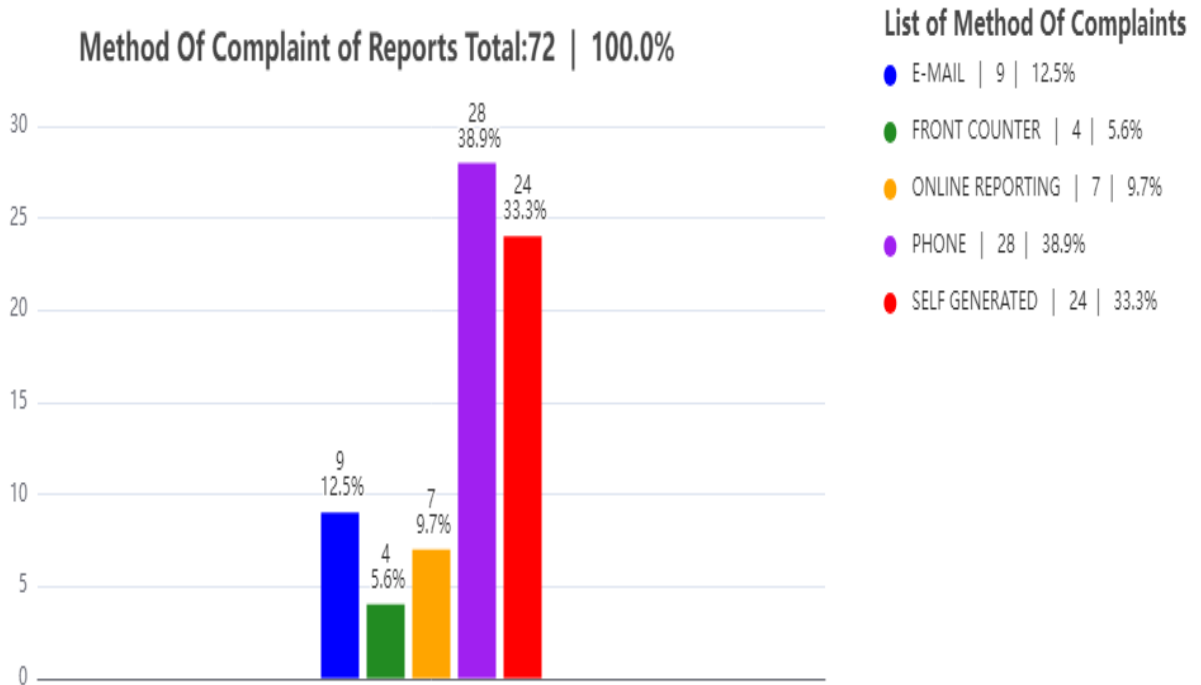
Community Bylaw: The largest issue for the Community Bylaw has been unsightly property complaints. The determination for unsightly is based on the state of surrounding properties. Compliance was received on all complaints pertaining to unsightly properties.

Traffic Bylaw: The Traffic Bylaw also encompasses snow removal; therefore, complaints appear to be nearly equal regarding speeding vehicle complaints and snow removal issues.

Fire Bylaw: Very few complaints were received regarding the Fire Bylaw in 2024, but the main issues were burning of prohibited materials and burning in unapproved fire pits.

Method of Reporting

As the program was recently overhauled to be in-house, ensuring the public was able to easily contact the department was crucial. Concerns are accepted in a variety of ways and the chart below shows the breakdown:



The majority of complaints come through the complaint line. The publicly listed number dials straight to the on-duty Community Peace Officer's cell phone. The public also has the option to call into the Town Office and be transferred over. Online reporting is also available with the report going to the Community Peace Officer email address as well as being copied to the CAO. This ensures all complaints are responded to within a reasonable time. Complaints are handled with an emphasis on educating the offender of the local bylaws with enforcement typically following a progressive model.

Traffic Safety

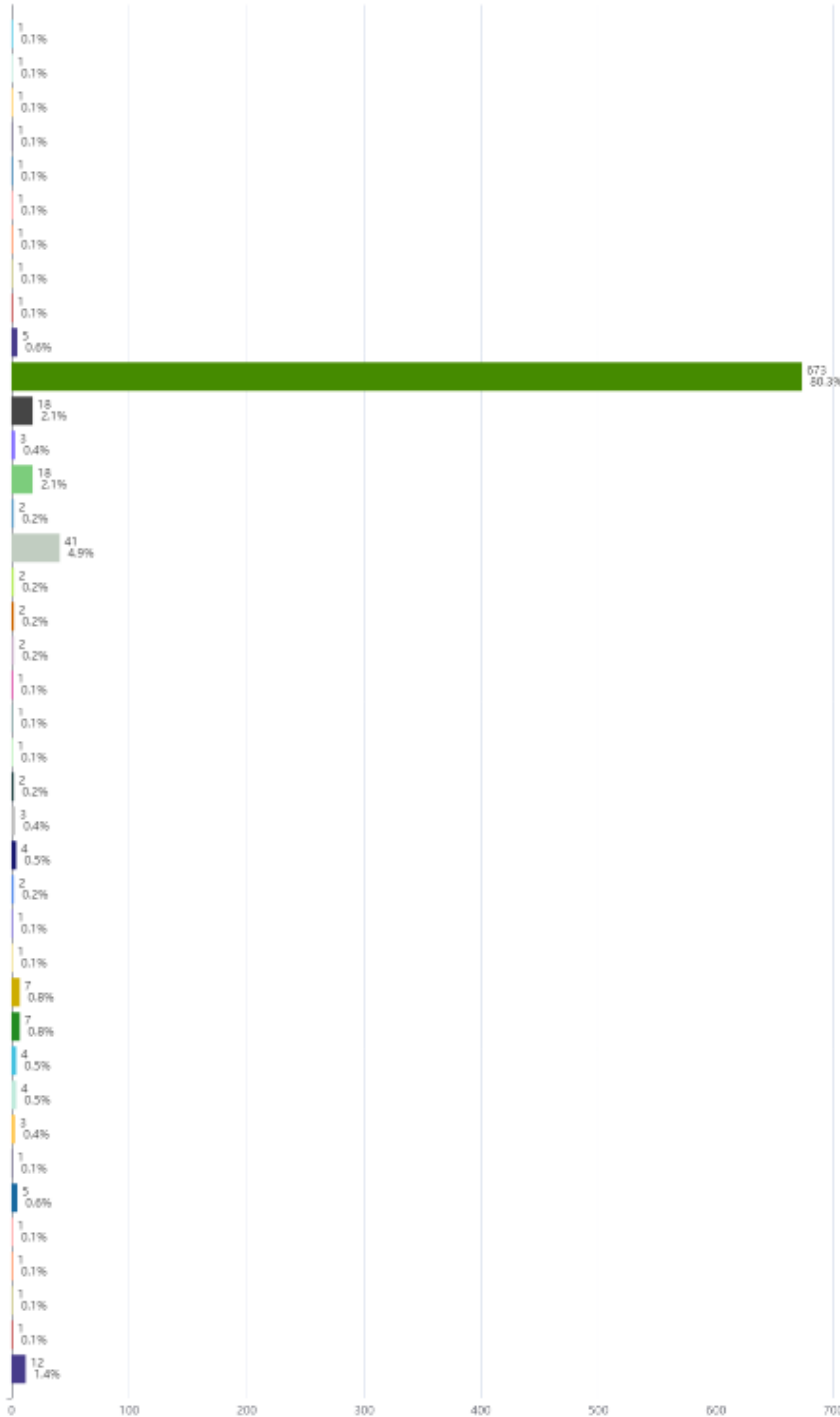
With the Town of Nanton being located directly on Highway 2 a high volume of traffic travels through the area each day. Traffic safety is a Council priority as the pedestrian traffic around the highway poses a higher risk. Following the Traffic Safety Plan and working in conjunction with the RCMP and other Law Enforcement partners a mixture of enforcement and education was used to promote traffic safety. As the Traffic Safety plan indicates, a variety of patrols and static enforcement were used in numerous places to best increase safety and reduce injuries and death.

Nanton has two schools that are located directly beside each other, this allows Nanton Municipal Enforcement to easily monitor both school zones during peak times. Our Peace Officer worked in conjunction with the school to address concerns with students dangerously operating vehicles as well as ensuring increased visibility in the school zones during pick up and drop off times.

At the start of Peace Officer services in Nanton, violation tickets were issued by writing paper tickets, since 2022 Nanton Municipal enforcement has been using MRF E-ticket software. In total, 838 violation tickets were issued in 2024, with 202 warning notices also being issued. While warning notices are typically issued in most circumstances, on occasion verbal warnings are still given. Below is a chart showing the breakdown of warnings issued. In future reports a breakdown of violation tickets will also be provided.

The largest violation category was vehicles speeding. Through discussions with Town Administration, it has been decided in 2024 that additional signage as well as “active” signage will be utilized to address the speeding issues within Town limits. The “active” signage being proposed would be an electronic sign with a speed read out and some form of driver notification system. We are hopeful that this, along with Peace Officer efforts, will reduce the number of vehicles travelling at unsafe speeds.

Count of E-Tickets Completed:Total:838 | 100.0%



List of First Charge Code

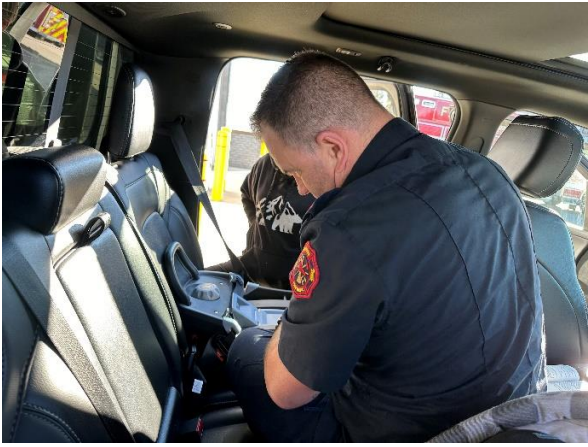
- AP 2.1(-) F/T PROVIDE PROPER CARE OF AN | 1 | 0.1%
- MBL NAN/1209-18,4.1-18 PERMIT A NUISANCE ON PRIVAT | 1 | 0.1%
- MBL NAN/1352-21,7.3(b)-21 ANIMAL RUNNING AT LARGE | 1 | 0.1%
- MBL NAN/1372-23,14.5-23 DISCHARGE FIREWORKS WITHIN | 1 | 0.1%
- MBL NAN/1378-23,10.1(c)-23 THE OWNER OF ANY ANIMAL, SH | 1 | 0.1%
- MBL NAN/1378-23,12.8-23 AT LARGE | 1 | 0.1%
- MBL NAN/1378-23,6.1-23 UNLICENSED DOG | 1 | 0.1%
- MBL NAN/1378-23,6.1(a)-23 EVERY PERSON WHO RESIDES WI | 1 | 0.1%
- MBL NAN/1378-23,6.1(b)(i)-23 EVERY PERSON WHO RESIDES WI | 1 | 0.1%
- TSA 115.1(1)(B)- DRIVE/OPERATE VEH. ON HWY WHI | 5 | 0.6%
- TSA 115(2)(P)- EXCEED MAX SPEED LIMIT ESTAB | 673 | 80.3%
- TSA 167(1)(-)- F/T PRODUCE DOCUMENTS | 18 | 2.1%
- TSA 167(1)(C)- FAILURE TO PROVIDE PO. W/ F | 3 | 0.4%
- TSA 167(7)- F/T PRODUCE DOCUMENT | 18 | 2.1%
- TSA 51(A)- OPERATE MV W/O HOLDING SUBSIS | 2 | 0.2%
- TSA 52(1)(A)- OPERATE MV/TRAILER W/O SUBSIS | 41 | 4.9%
- TSA 53(1)(A)- DRIVE/PARK MV/TRAILER W/O LIC | 2 | 0.2%
- TSA 53(1)(B)- DISPLAY ON MV/TRAILER LIC PLA | 2 | 0.2%
- TSA 54(1)(A)- DRIVE UNINS'D MV ON HWY | 2 | 0.2%
- TSA 65(1)(C)(1)- F/T MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT | 1 | 0.1%
- TSA RDHS,13(2)- DRIVER F/T CARRY DOCUMENTS | 1 | 0.1%
- TSA RROR,12(2)(A)- DRIVE MV INTO/ACROSS/ON BOULE | 1 | 0.1%
- TSA RROR,15(2)- CHANGE LANE/ENTER TRAFFIC LAN | 2 | 0.2%
- TSA RROR,15(4)- F/T CHANGE LANES SAFELY | 3 | 0.4%
- TSA RROR,17- DRIVE WRONG DIRECTION ON 1-WA | 4 | 0.5%
- TSA RROR,24- FAIL TO SIGNAL LEFT/RIGHT TUR | 2 | 0.2%
- TSA RROR,30(A)(I)- MAKE U-TURN IN URBAN AREA BTW | 1 | 0.1%
- TSA RROR,37- F/T STOP AT STOP SIGN | 1 | 0.1%
- TSA RROR,37(A)- FAIL TO OBEY STOP SIGN BEFORE | 7 | 0.8%
- TSA RROR,44(I)- STOP/PARK W/ 5 M FROM FIRE H | 7 | 0.8%
- TSA RROR,44(N)- STOP/PARK WHERE PROHIBITED BY | 4 | 0.5%
- TSA RROR,45(1)- IMPROPER PARALLEL PARKING | 4 | 0.5%
- TSA RROR,45(1)(A)- IMPROPERLY PARALLEL PARK | 3 | 0.4%
- TSA RROR,57- FAIL TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL | 1 | 0.1%
- TSA RROR,9- F/T PROPERLY SIGNAL | 5 | 0.6%
- TSA RROR,9(3)- DRIVER OF MV FAIL TO STOP/ALL | 1 | 0.1%
- TSA RVER,82(2)(A)- DRIVER NOT WEARING SEAT BELT | 1 | 0.1%
- TSA RVER,82(2)(B)- PASSENGER NOT WEARING SEAT BE | 1 | 0.1%
- HTP 3(1)(A)(I)- PERSON TRESPASS ON PREMISES - | 1 | 0.1%
- NO CHARGE CODE- | 12 | 1.4%

JOFs and Training

High River Car Show 2024



Child Passenger Safety technician course



Special Events / Public Engagement

A major priority for Nanton Municipal Enforcement was community involvement. Our Community Peace Officer tried to be involved in as many events as possible. In 2024, Nanton Municipal Enforcement hosted or participated in the following events:

- Senior's Fraud prevention and online security presentation
- Bicycle rodeo for A.B. Daley Elementary school
- RCMP Open House and RCMP Town Hall meeting
- Nanton Car Show
- Multiple Nanton Citizens on Patrol meetings
- Nanton Round Up Days
- Bomber Command Museum of Canada Events
- International Professional Rodeo
- "Good morning Nanton" radio show
- Nanton Lights the Way



- On February 21st , Nanton Peace Officer Carlos Farias was on the CTV News Calgary for writing 105 speeding tickets for drivers passing through the town too quickly.

<https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/education-through-ticketing-cracking-down-on-speeders-in-nanton-alta-1.6778139>



Bomber Command Museum of Canada in Nanton



- Bike rodeo at A. B. Daley elementary School - Nanton Round Up Days



Future Program Plans

Moving into 2025, Nanton Municipal Enforcement would like to continue and improve community involvement. An additional emphasis on the schools in town and Traffic Enforcement are priority for 2025.

To better address the ongoing traffic safety issues in town, Administration has approved additional funding for electronic speed signs at the entrance to town. These signs will be supplementary to the signage already in place but will have an active element with some form of feedback to alert drivers they are travelling above the posted limit. The hope is that these signs will contribute to lowering the speed of vehicles coming through town on Highway 2. Town Administration has also expressed interest in purchasing signs that have the capabilities of retaining data regarding the volume and speed of vehicles coming through town. This information will be used to create a more detailed Traffic Safety Plan and will help guide the Community Peace Officer priorities in the future.

Dispatch Services

The Town of Nanton is a member of the Foothills Regional Emergency Services Commission (FRESC), therefore Dispatch Services are provided by FRESC. FRESC is doing hourly safety checks with Nanton Community Peace Officers, as well as monitoring location utilizing BellCAD GPS monitoring. Nanton Municipal Enforcement is utilizing the "Foothills" radio

channel which also hosts Town of High River, Town of Diamond Valley (formerly Black Diamond and Turner Valley) and Foothills County on one channel.

Public Complaints

There were no public complaints filed against Nanton Municipal Enforcement in 2024.