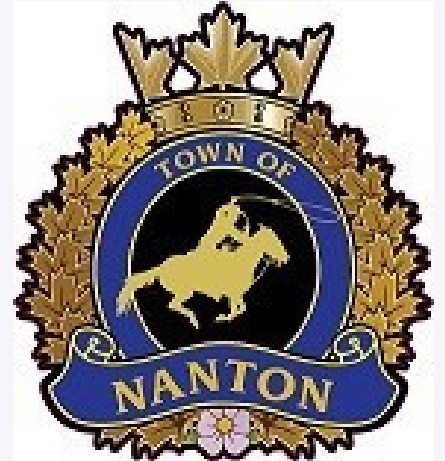


Town of Nanton



# 2025 Annual Report

To the Alberta Director of Law Enforcement



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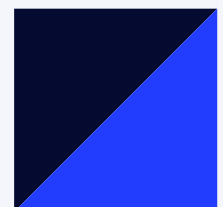
# Executive Summary

The Town of Nanton is located on Highway 2, approximately 80 kilometres south of the City of Calgary, and is bordered by the Municipal District of Willow Creek. Situated in Southern Alberta's prime farming and ranching region, Nanton's local economy is primarily driven by agriculture and agricultural services, with tourism also contributing significantly to economic activity. Traditionally a service centre for surrounding farms and ranches, Nanton has seen gradual growth in light industrial activity. The town has an approximate population of 2,200 residents.

Policing services are provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police through a local detachment that serves the community.

Since 2022, the Town of Nanton has been authorized to employ Community Peace Officers. In the 2025 reporting year, Nanton Municipal Enforcement employed one Community Peace Officer, Carlos Farias (appointment number 19546).

Nanton Municipal Enforcement reports directly to the Chief Administrative Officer, Neil Smith, with Clayton Gillespie serving as the secondary administrative contact. Both can be reached through the Town Office at 403-646-2029.





# Legislative Authority

Nanton Municipal Enforcement is authorized to enforce 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 Procedure Act
- Service Dogs Act
- Tobacco Smoking and Vaping Reduction Act
- Traffic Safety Act
- Trespass to Premises Act

In addition to provincial legislation, Nanton Municipal Enforcement is responsible for enforcing municipal bylaws within the Town of Nanton, including:

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



# 2025 Enforcement Overview



Throughout 2025, Nanton Municipal Enforcement provided consistent municipal enforcement services focused on traffic safety, community standards, and public engagement. Enforcement activity reflected seasonal trends, community priorities, and increasing regional coordination. Traffic safety remained the primary operational focus, particularly speeding related offences within Town limits and along Highway 2.

Enforcement volumes fluctuated throughout the year, with increased activity during spring, summer, and fall months associated with higher traffic volumes, community events, and regional travel. Winter months reflected lower enforcement volumes consistent with historical trends.

Speeding continued to represent the most common offence category. Enforcement efforts balanced education, visibility, and enforcement to encourage voluntary compliance and improve roadway safety.

## Prevention Works

In 2025, most issues were fixed voluntarily - no tickets required.

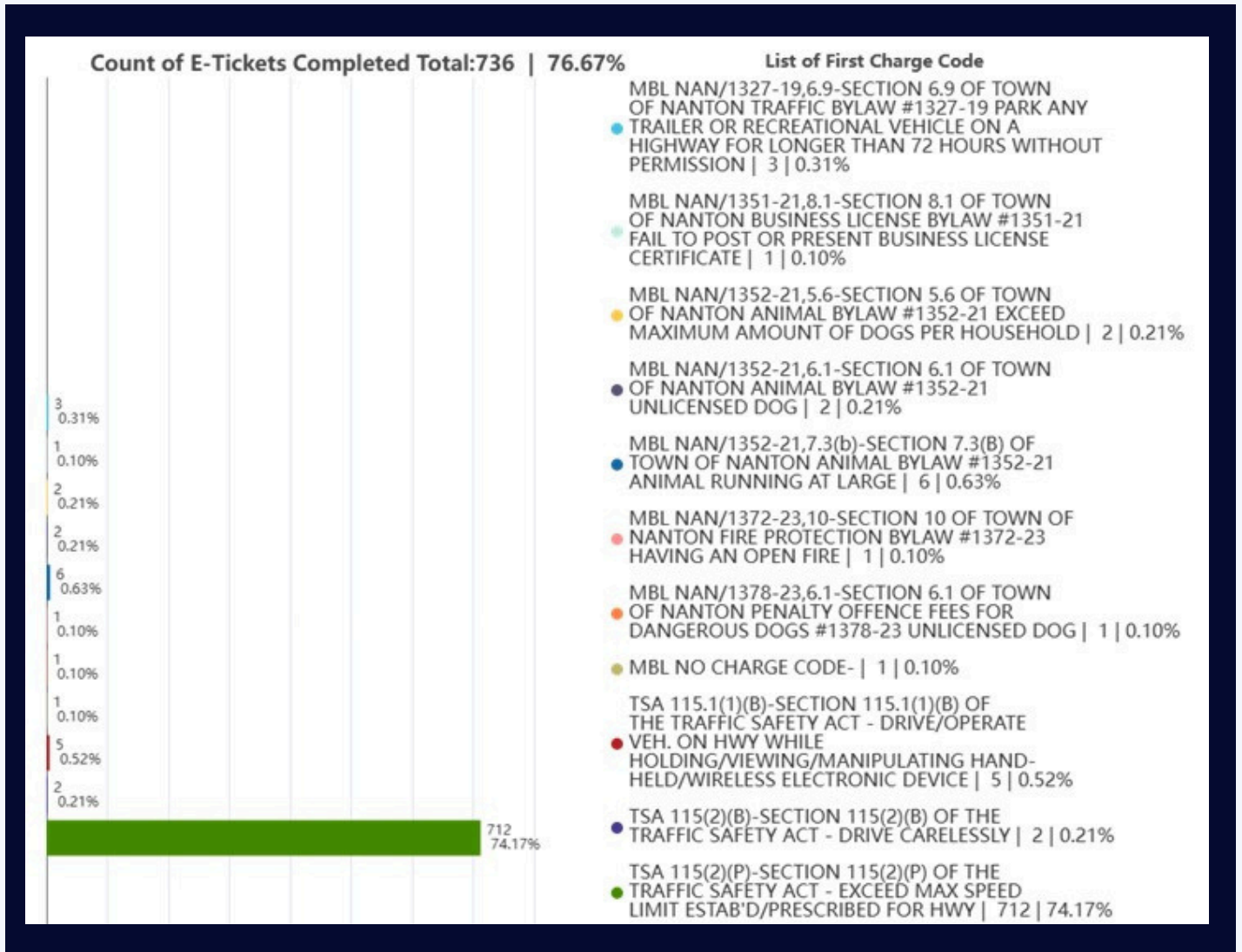
## Smarter Patrols

Seasonal call trends helped target enforcement where it mattered most.



# Enforcement Statistics

Speed enforcement dominated enforcement activity in 2025, accounting for nearly three-quarters of all completed tickets. Non-traffic-related violations were infrequent and isolated, indicating no significant or emerging trends in bylaw, animal control, or fire-related infractions. The high concentration of speeding violations highlights an ongoing need for a visible traffic enforcement presence, along with continued public education to encourage speed compliance and improve road safety.



# Enforcement Statistics

## Traffic Safety Act

Enforcement activity in 2025 was overwhelmingly traffic-related, with speeding infractions accounting for the vast majority of issued tickets.

- Traffic Safety Act – Exceeding Maximum Speed Limit (TSA 115(2)(p))
  - 712 tickets issued
  - 74.17% of all completed tickets

This data clearly demonstrates that speeding remains the primary violation and enforcement focus within the municipality. All other violations combined represented less than 3% of total completed tickets. These included:

## Animal Control Violations

- Animal running at large: 6 tickets (0.63%)
- Unlicensed dogs: 2 tickets (0.21%)
- Exceeding maximum number of dogs per household: 2 tickets (0.21%)

## Traffic Safety Act (Other)

- Distracted driving (hand-held electronic device): 5 tickets (0.52%)
- Drive carelessly: 2 tickets (0.21%)

## Bylaw and Other

- Open fire violations: 1 ticket (0.10%)
- Business license infractions: 1 ticket (0.10%)
- Dangerous dog fee / licensing matters: 1 ticket (0.10%)
- Trailer or recreational vehicle parking violations: 3 tickets (0.31%)
- No charge code recorded: 1 ticket (0.10%)

# Occurrence Status Summary



In 2025, a total of 91 occurrences were recorded in the Town of Nanton. With a population of 2,446 residents, this represents an occurrence rate of approximately 37 incidents per 1,000 residents, providing important context for understanding enforcement and investigative activity within a small community setting.

The majority of occurrences (59 cases, or 64.8%) were concluded by warning. This reflects a strong emphasis on education, voluntary compliance, and corrective action, rather than punitive measures. Such an approach is consistent with community-oriented enforcement practices commonly applied in smaller municipalities.

A further 11 occurrences (12.1%) were concluded by charge, indicating that while enforcement action was taken when necessary, escalation beyond warnings remained limited and targeted.

At year-end, 18 occurrences (19.8%) remained still under investigation. Given Nanton's population size and administrative capacity, this level of active investigations highlights a sustained workload and suggests that some files require extended follow-up, coordination, or evidentiary development.

Only 2 occurrences (2.2%) were concluded without additional action, and 1 occurrence (1.1%) was determined to be unfounded. The very low unfounded rate suggests that reports received were generally credible and warranted follow-up.

Overall, the 2025 data indicates that Nanton's enforcement and investigative activities were measured, proportionate, and largely preventive in nature, with outcomes reflecting a balance between community education and formal enforcement where required.

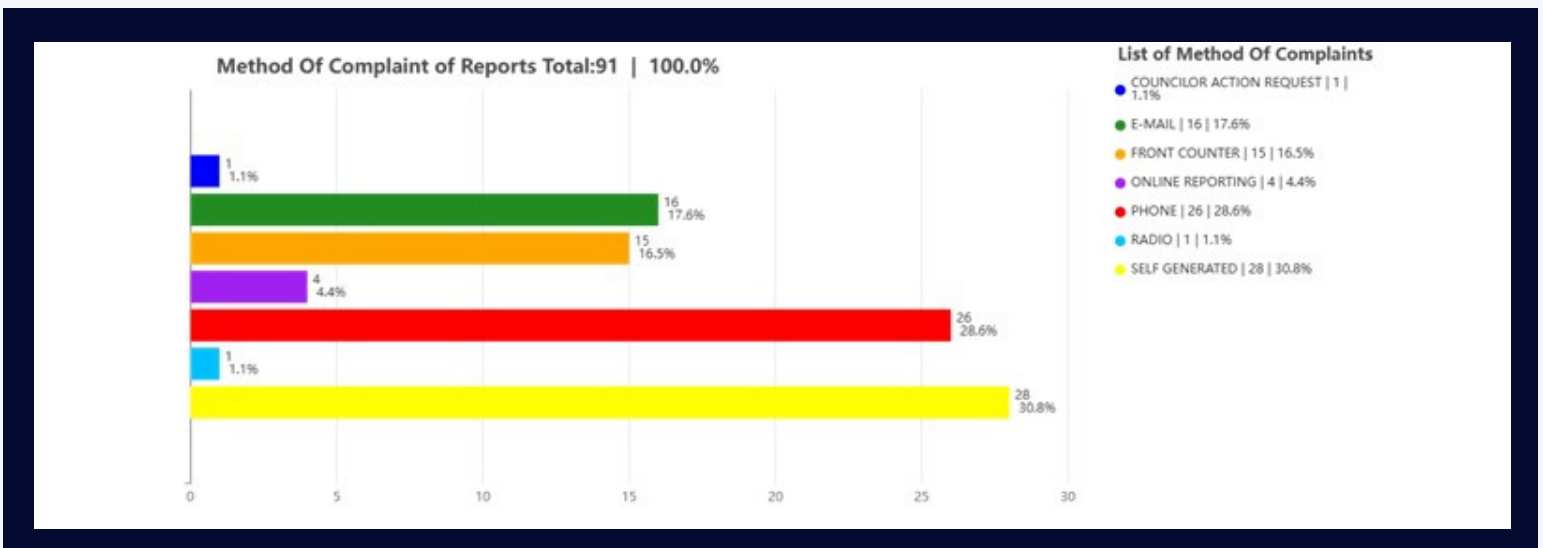


# Method of Reporting

Nanton Municipal Enforcement continues to accept public complaints and concerns through multiple reporting methods to ensure accessibility and timely response.

Concerns may be reported directly to the Community Peace Officer through the publicly listed complaint phone line, which connects directly to the on duty officer. The public may also report concerns by contacting the Town Office, where calls are forwarded as required. Online reporting options are available through the Town’s website, with reports directed to Enforcement Services and copied to administration.

All complaints are addressed in a timely manner, with an emphasis on education, voluntary compliance, and progressive enforcement where appropriate.



# Joint Force Operations and Regional Collaboration

Nanton Municipal Enforcement participated in multiple regional enforcement initiatives throughout 2025. Joint Forces Operations focused on traffic safety and coordinated enforcement with neighbouring municipalities and agencies.

Key joint enforcement initiatives included:

- Participation in a Joint Forces Operation in support of the International Hot Air Balloon Festival in High River on September 16, 2025
- Regional Municipal Enforcement Working Group participation throughout the year to support information sharing and coordination
- Regional Joint Forces Traffic Enforcement Operation conducted December 19 and 20, 2025, involving Foothills County, Diamond Valley, Longview, Nanton, Willow Creek, and High River
- These initiatives enhanced intermunicipal cooperation, increased enforcement visibility, and supported consistent traffic safety messaging across the region.



# Training and Professional Development



Ongoing training and professional development was completed throughout 2025 to ensure compliance with provincial standards and best practices. Training included officer safety, animal apprehension and handling, ethics, intelligence awareness, and provincial oversight processes. Participation in regional meetings and conferences supported consistent service delivery and collaboration.

## **Officer Safety, Tactics, and Operational Readiness**

- Encampment response and officer safety training (delivered in coordination with regional policing partners)
- Traffic stop safety training

## **Intelligence training and ethics in law enforcement**

- Joint Forces Operations training and operational briefings
- Animal Control and Public Safety
- Enhanced Level One dog apprehension and handling
- SPCA-led training on seizures and the Dangerous Dog Act

## **Incident Management and Emergency Response**

- Incident Command System (ICS) Level 100 and Level 200 training
- Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) overview training
- Regulatory, Legislative, and Specialized Enforcement
- Innkeepers Act training

## **Traffic safety enforcement training and operational coordination**

- Community, Events, and Governance Support
- Community event safety and crowd management planning
- Election support and polling station safety procedures
- Participation in Regional Municipal Enforcement Working Group meetings

# Improvements



## Dog Kennel Facility Improvement

In 2025, the Town implemented improvements to its dog kennel facilities to enhance animal welfare, officer safety, and compliance with best practices for animal control. The upgraded kennel supports the safe, humane, and secure holding of animals while facilitating more efficient enforcement operations and coordination with animal welfare partners. This improvement strengthens the Town's capacity to respond appropriately to animal-related incidents while reducing operational risk.

## Peace Officer Vehicle Replacement

The Peace Officer fleet was updated in 2025 with the replacement of the enforcement vehicle, improving reliability, safety, and operational readiness. The new vehicle enhances visibility, supports modern enforcement equipment, and reduces maintenance downtime, enabling officers to respond more effectively to calls for service. This investment supports frontline safety, service continuity, and alignment with provincial operational standards.



In addition, a secondary enforcement vehicle continues to be utilized in a stationary, high-visibility role along key highway corridors. While no longer suitable for active patrol, its presence remains effective in discouraging speeding behaviour, particularly given the volume of through-traffic entering the community, supporting traffic safety objectives in a cost-effective manner.



# Future Program Plans

Moving into 2026, Nanton Municipal Enforcement intends to continue strengthening community engagement, traffic safety education, and proactive enforcement. A key planned initiative includes the development of an educational pamphlet targeted to local high school students. The pamphlet will outline the importance of ensuring vehicles are properly registered and insured and that required documentation is carried while operating a vehicle. The reverse side of the pamphlet will provide guidance on what to do in the event of a motor vehicle collision, including safety steps and reporting requirements.

This initiative is intended to address observed gaps in documentation and knowledge among young drivers. The primary objective is education and awareness rather than ticketing, supporting safer driving habits and improved compliance through early engagement.

Additional future priorities include continued participation in regional joint enforcement initiatives, ongoing traffic safety efforts, and sustained visibility at community events.



# Conclusion

The 2025 reporting year demonstrated Nanton Municipal Enforcement's continued commitment to public safety, community engagement, education, and professional service delivery. Through consistent traffic enforcement, proactive bylaw compliance, visible community presence, and strong regional collaboration, Enforcement Services supported a safe and orderly community while remaining aligned with provincial expectations and municipal priorities.

