

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Town of Nanton

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

The Town of Nanton is a vibrant southern Alberta community located approximately 100 kilometres south of Calgary along Highway 2. Rich in agricultural roots and community heritage, Nanton continues to serve as an important service, business, and tourism hub for the surrounding rural region.

As of 2025, Nanton's population is approximately 2,522 residents, according to the Government of Alberta's Regional Dashboard. This reflects continued growth and a strong sense of community, representing an increase of 13.2% over the past five years.

Originally incorporated as a village in 1903 and later as a town in 1907, Nanton has grown into a welcoming and close-knit community that values both its history and future growth. The town is known for its strong sense of civic pride, historic downtown, local businesses, and high quality of life for residents. Nanton is also recognized as a destination community, home to the Bomber Command Museum of Canada and the Canadian Grain Elevator Discovery Centre, as well as its unique antique shops and art walk that attract visitors from across Alberta and beyond.

This annual report highlights the work completed throughout 2025 to support Council's priorities, maintain and enhance municipal services, invest in infrastructure, and continue building a strong future for the community.





MAYOR MESSAGE

Communication and transparency are among the most important responsibilities of local government. In a time when misinformation can spread quickly, reports such as this annual Year in Review are an important way for Council and Administration to provide residents with clear facts, meaningful updates, and accountability for the decisions being made on behalf of our community.

This past year also marked a municipal election and the beginning of a new chapter for Council. On behalf of the Town, I would like to sincerely thank Councillor Dozeman for eight years of dedicated service and Councillor Sorenson for four years of commitment to our community. Public service requires time, patience, and a willingness to make difficult decisions, and their contributions are appreciated.

At the same time, we are pleased to welcome Councillors McMasters, Strong, and Shields to Council. Their fresh perspectives, combined with the experience and knowledge of our returning members of Council, give us the makings of a strong and balanced team moving forward.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our Administration and Town staff. Much of the work that keeps a municipality functioning happens quietly behind the scenes, often without recognition. Whether maintaining infrastructure, responding to emergencies, supporting residents, or delivering daily services, our staff continue to work hard to keep our Town operating at the high standard our community expects and deserves.

As you will see throughout this report, infrastructure upgrades and preventative maintenance remain Council's top priority. At times, it can feel like a "two steps forward, one step back" situation. Just when progress is being made, another issue emerges within our aging systems. Water loss reduction and leak detection continue to be major areas of focus, and we are making steady progress. Council has been very clear that when infrastructure concerns or water loss issues are identified as necessary priorities, we want them brought forward immediately for budget consideration and potential immediate action.

While challenges remain, so does our commitment to responsible planning, long-term sustainability, and open communication with residents.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or ideas, we want to hear from you. Strong communities are built through respectful dialogue, shared understanding, and residents who remain engaged in the future of their Town.

Thank you for taking the time to review this report and for continuing to support our town.

Mayor Jennifer Handley

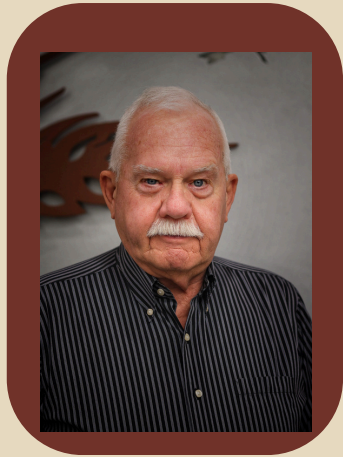


MEET OUR COUNCIL



VICTOR CZOP
COUNCILLOR

Councillor Czop is dedicated to fostering collaboration and community engagement in Nanton. He actively contributes to several committees, including the Emergency Management Committee as Chair and the Regional Assessment Review Board. He also serves as an alternate on the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee, Oldman River Regional Services Commission, and Foothills Regional Services Commission, reflecting his commitment to community safety and regional cooperation.



ROGER MILLER
COUNCILLOR

Councillor Miller is committed to supporting strong governance and community partnerships in Nanton. He serves as the Council representative on the Nanton Health Centre Management Committee and the Livingstone Range School Division Joint Use Planning Committee. In addition, he contributes to the Municipal Planning Commission and supports the Nanton Lancaster Society, demonstrating his focus on community development, planning, and local engagement.



DAVE MITCHELL
COUNCILLOR

Councillor Mitchell is focused on enhancing community services and regional collaboration in Nanton. He represents the Town on the Foothills Regional Services Commission, the Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, and the Town of Nanton Library Board. His involvement also includes supporting the Nanton Golf Club and Nanton Promoters, reflecting his commitment to recreation, local events, and fostering a vibrant and connected community.

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JENNIE MCMASTERS
COUNCILLOR

Councillor McMaster is dedicated to strengthening community services and regional partnerships in Nanton. She serves on the Emergency Management Committee and represents the Town on the Foothills Regional Emergency Services Commission, Children's Society and the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation. She is also an alternate on the Municipal Planning Commission and supports local recreation and fire services, reflecting her commitment to community well-being and public safety.



ERIN SHIELDS
COUNCILLOR

Councillor Shields is passionate about community development and regional collaboration in Nanton. She serves on the Emergency Management Committee and the Municipal Planning Commission, and acts as alternate to the Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance. Her community involvement includes the Chamber of Commerce, Community Memorial Centre Society, Grain Elevator Discovery Centre, Lions Clubs, and Animal Protection Society, demonstrating her strong commitment to community engagement and growth.



SHAUNA STRONG
COUNCILLOR

Councillor Strong is committed to advancing regional collaboration and community development in Nanton. She represents the Town on the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee, Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance, and Oldman River Regional Services Commission, and serves on the Municipal Planning Commission. Her community involvement includes the Kozy Korner Association and Nanton Future Foundation, highlighting her dedication to strengthening community connections and long-term growth.

Vision And Mission

Mission

The Town of Nanton will be innovative and pro-active in providing effective, efficient and affordable services to residents; developing strong and beneficial partnerships through awareness and communications.

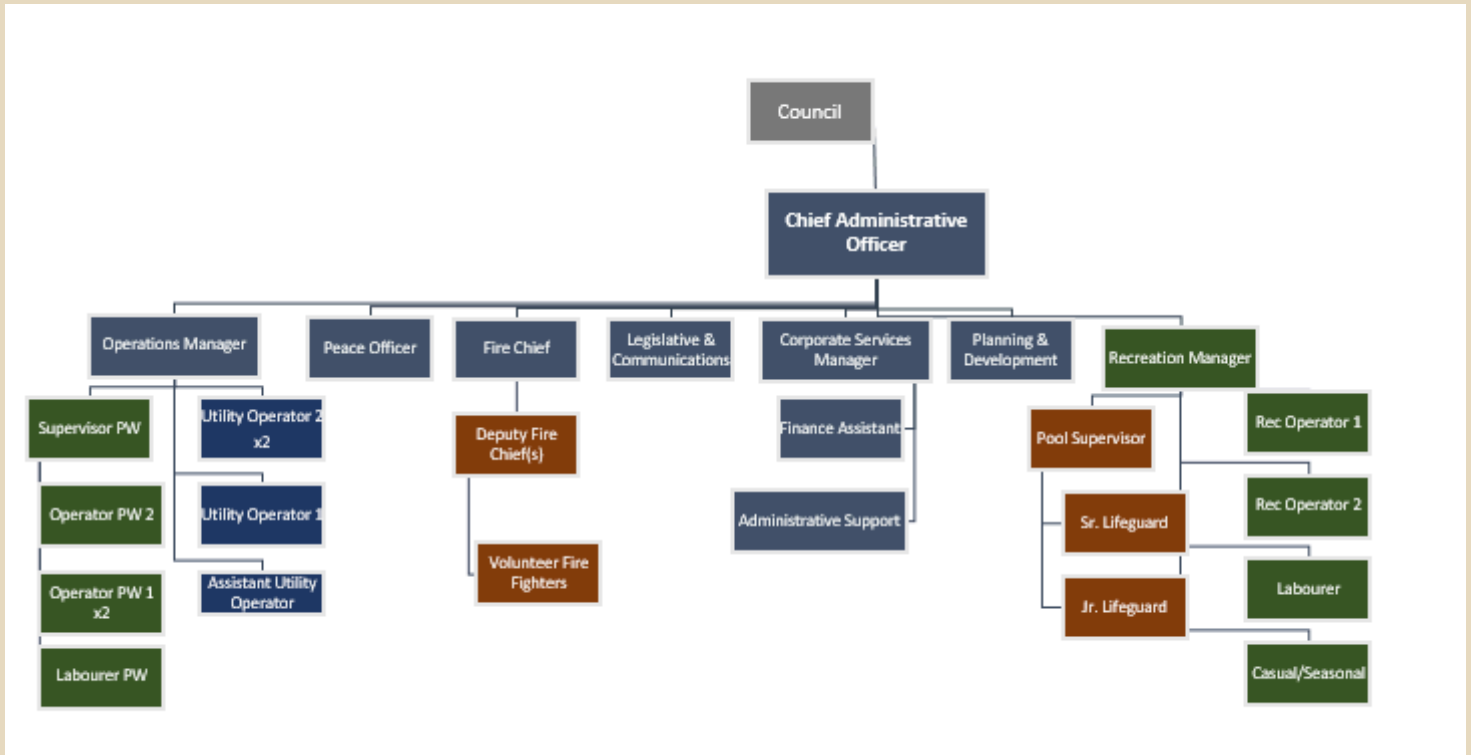
Vision

Nanton, a diverse, caring and enjoyable community that works together for a thriving future that is inspired by and honours its past.

CORE VALUES

- United – We value healthy, respectful debate and while we may agree to disagree, we stand united in our joint decisions.
- Transparent – We are open-minded and honest in our communication and relationships with each other, valuing transparency amongst each other, Administration and the community.
- Respectful – We work together in a respectful manner, creating a safe environment to brainstorm and consider all perspectives; being prepared for our deliberations, valuing each other's time.
- Collaborative – We will work as a team, in the best interest of the Town of Nanton.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



The Town of Nanton’s organizational structure supports effective service delivery and responsive, community-focused governance. Town Council provides strategic direction and policy oversight, while the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) is responsible for overall administration and implementing Council’s decisions.

Key staffing changes over the past year include:

- Donna Richter retired from the organization after years of service.
- Welcome to Megan Nethercott as the new Front Office Clerk, supporting front-line customer service and administrative functions.
- Former CAO Neil Smith concluded his role, and Tara Vandervalk joined as the incoming CAO.
- Daniel Doyon resigned from Utilities.
- Steve Nicholl moved from Public Works into Utilities.
- Jon Thompson moved from Parks and Recreation into Public Works.
- Leigh Stevenson was hired full-time in Parks and Recreation.

STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

On March 7 and 8, 2022 Council and the Chief Administrative Officer worked together to strategically assess the Town of Nanton. Based on the strategic assessment, the following five priority areas were identified:

- Governance and Corporate Services
- Operations
- Community and Economic Development
- Planning and Development
- Emergency Services

Within these five priority areas, Council and Administration identified action items that need to be accomplished within the next three years in order to work towards the vision. The accomplishments that were achieved in 2025 are noted below, aligned to strategic objectives.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Following the strategic assessment will be attached the Town's financial highlights and financial statements.



GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

Throughout 2025, the Town of Nanton continued to prioritize strong governance and effective administrative operations. Council and Administration worked collaboratively to ensure that municipal services are delivered efficiently, public engagement is meaningful, and decision-making processes are transparent and accountable.

GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

To ensure proper governance and administration of the Town, while maintaining clear, transparent, and effective communication with residents and businesses.

Strategic Objectives

- To ensure effective administrative operations for the benefit of the Town and its residents
- To enhance public engagement and participation
- To ensure residents and business owners are adequately informed
- To ensure advocacy at all levels of government in the best interests of the Town

Governance and Corporate Services Overview

Updates to key bylaws and policies strengthened operational clarity, clarified roles and responsibilities, and supported the Town's strategic objectives, while ongoing communications initiatives and access-to-information improvements ensured residents and businesses remain informed and connected to local government. This comprehensive approach underscores the Town's commitment to sound governance, fiscal responsibility, and responsive service delivery for the benefit of the community.

Legislative and Governance Updates

In 2025, Council continued to strengthen governance through the adoption and amendment of key bylaws and policies supporting municipal operations, financial sustainability, and community standards.

Bylaws passed or amended in 2025 include:

- 1404/25 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Land Use District Map)
- 1405/25 – Community Bylaw Amendment
- 1406/25 – ATB Line of Credit
- 1407/25 & 1418/25 – Procedural Bylaw
- 1408/25 – 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw
- 1409/25 – Chicken Bylaw
- 1410/25 – Fees and Rates Amendment
- 1411/25 – Municipal Utilities Bylaw
- 1412/25 – Repeal Bylaw
- 1413/25 – Nanton Enhancement Loan Bylaw
- 1414/25 – 2026 Tax Exemption Bylaw
- 1415/25 – Subdivision and Development Authority Bylaw
- 1416/25 – Designated Officers Bylaw Amendment
- 1417/25 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment (No Public Hearing)
- 1419/25 – Assessment Review Board Bylaw
- 1420/25 – Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw

Policies adopted or updated in 2025 include:

- Council Remuneration & Expense Reimbursement Policy (11-15-25/08/11)
- Decorative Crosswalk Policy (12-148-25/07/14)
- Public Participation Policy (12-226-25/11/03)
- Communications, Correspondence and Social Media Policy (12-235-25/11/17)
- Property Tax Variance Objectives Policy (13-263-25/12/01)
- Sanitary Sewer Backflow Prevention Policy (42-113-25/05/20)
- Ice Allocation Policy (72-22-25/02/03)

These bylaws and policies collectively support effective governance, clarify roles and expectations, enhance transparency, and ensure the Town continues to operate within a strong and accountable legislative framework.

Access to Information and Privacy Modernization

On June 11, 2025, Alberta's Access to Information Act (ATIA) and Protection of Privacy Act (POPA) were proclaimed, officially replacing the former Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). These legislative updates represent a significant modernization of provincial information and privacy law, strengthening residents' rights to access government records while enhancing protections for personal and sensitive information.

Under ATIA, individuals have the right to request access to records held by the Town of Nanton, subject to specific and limited exceptions. Residents may also request access to their own personal information and request corrections where appropriate. Independent review and complaint resolution mechanisms are in place to ensure decisions are fair, transparent, and accountable.

POPA establishes how the Town collects, uses, discloses, and safeguards personal information. It ensures that personal information is used only for authorized purposes, protected against unauthorized access or misuse, and managed in a way that balances transparency with privacy. The Town is committed to responsible data practices, including proper handling of non-personal and derived data, and supports independent review of privacy complaints.

In addition, the Town's Routine Release of Information Policy (11-22-26/01/19) facilitates proactive disclosure of commonly requested records, reducing administrative burden and providing timely access to information without the need for a formal access request.

Through the implementation of ATIA, POPA, and supporting policies, the Town of Nanton remains dedicated to open, accountable governance while ensuring strong privacy safeguards. These measures reinforce public trust, promote transparency, and ensure residents have clear avenues to access information and participate fully in local government processes.

2025 Municipal Election

The Town of Nanton held its Municipal Election on October 20, 2025. The election saw strong community participation and interest in local governance, with both returning and new members elected to Council.

Mayor

Jennifer Handley* – Elected (501 votes)

Suzanne Thommason – 297 votes

Council

Jennie McMasters – Elected (527 votes)

David Mitchell* – Elected (506 votes)

Shauna Strong – Elected (498 votes)

Erin Shields – Elected (490 votes)

Roger Miller* – Elected (452 votes)

Victor Czop* – Elected (441 votes)

Rick Everett – 391 votes

Nicolle McKenna – 372 votes

*Incumbent

The Town extends its sincere appreciation to all candidates who put their names forward. Running for public office requires a significant commitment of time and dedication to the community, and each candidate contributed to a strong democratic process.

Following the election, the newly elected Council was sworn in and began its four-year term serving the residents of Nanton and helping guide the future direction of the community through strategic planning, policy development, and municipal decision-making. Council continued to work collaboratively with Administration, community organizations, regional partners, and residents to support municipal operations, community growth, and long-term sustainability.

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

In 2025, the Public Works and Operations Department played a key role in maintaining essential municipal services while responding to evolving infrastructure demands. Ongoing system pressures and environmental factors required both immediate operational responses and continued investment in long-term solutions.

OPERATIONS

To ensure the Town of Nanton has quality infrastructure to support and sustain its growth.

Strategic Objectives:

- To support the Town through the effective planning and implementation of Town infrastructure and assets, including wastewater and roads for long-term sustainability.
- To work toward broader satisfaction concerning the Town's water quality.

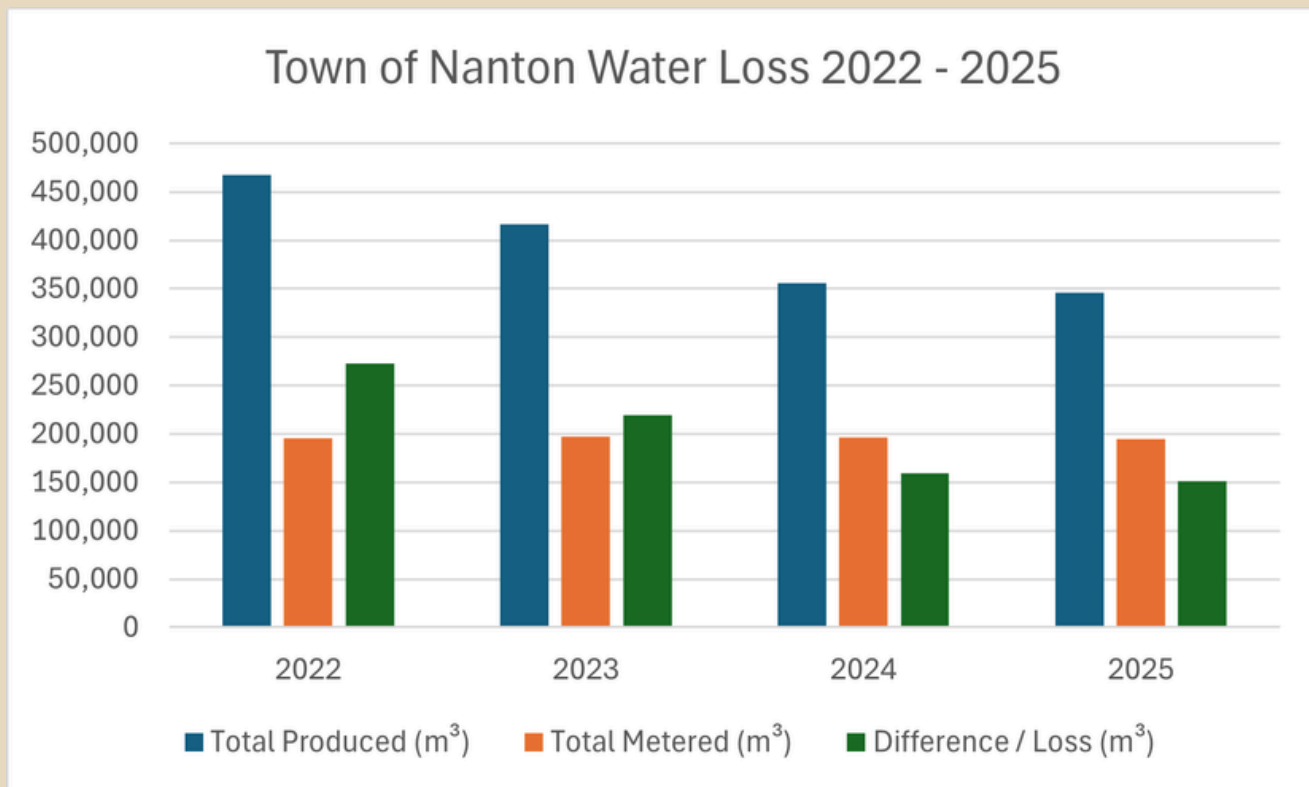
Utilities – Water Distribution

In 2025, Utilities operations placed a strong focus on maintaining the reliability and quality of potable water delivered to residents, while addressing ongoing taste and odour concerns that arose earlier in the year.

The primary issue impacting water quality was related to naturally occurring geosmin and increased algae activity within the Town's raw water reservoir. These conditions affected the aesthetic quality of drinking water, resulting in resident concerns regarding taste and odour, particularly through the spring and early summer months.

In response, Operations staff implemented a series of enhanced monitoring and treatment measures. Sampling frequency of raw water was increased to better track algae presence and changes in water conditions. Algaecide dosing was adjusted to control algae growth, and activated carbon treatment was introduced to improve taste and odour. Monthly testing for geosmin was also undertaken to ensure treatment effectiveness and maintain regulatory compliance. These efforts resulted in a significant improvement in water quality by mid-year, with algae blooms eliminated and a noticeable reduction in taste and odour complaints from residents.

In addition to water quality improvements, key infrastructure upgrades were completed to strengthen the distribution system. This included the replacement of aging and corroded service lines in Westview Phase I along 29th Avenue south of 20th Street. Several of these lines had been identified as leaking, contributing to unmetered water loss. In 2025, water loss was reduced to 151,218 m³, continuing a strong downward trend from 272,630 m³ in 2022.



Utilities – Wastewater Collection and Treatment

Wastewater operations represented one of the most significant challenges in 2025, requiring both immediate response efforts and continued investment in long-term system improvements. Beginning in the spring and continuing through the summer and fall, the Town experienced substantial groundwater infiltration into the wastewater collection system. This was intensified by heavy rainfall events, particularly from June through August, increasing system volumes and placing pressure on both the collection network and the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). As a result, portions of the system experienced surcharging and localized backups.

In addition, significant accumulations of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) were identified within sections of the system, further restricting flow and contributing to blockages. The newly acquired sewer main flusher truck played a key role in clearing these obstructions and restoring proper flow within affected areas. Staff responded with a sustained operational effort to manage flows and protect the environment, including sewer main flushing, camera inspections, repairs to joints and manholes, root intrusion removal, and investigations into potential infiltration from private service connections. Temporary solutions such as pumping, hydrovac support, and rented storage and dewatering equipment were also required to manage peak demands.

These conditions resulted in a significant increase in unbudgeted operating costs, and Operations has been actively working to identify sources of infiltration and implement cost-effective, long-term solutions. At the same time, the Town advanced key system improvements to strengthen capacity and performance. Filtration membranes installed at the WWTP in 2025 have increased the efficiency of wastewater processing, and in early 2026, specialized monitoring was implemented to track water levels within manholes. This work has already identified several significant sources of infiltration, supporting more targeted future repairs and system planning.

Targeted rehabilitation of critical sewer mains was completed through the installation of liners on sections of 20th Street (between 26th and 24th Avenue) and 22nd Street (between 21st and 22nd Avenue). These improvements addressed known problem areas and restored the structural integrity and functionality of the system.

Construction also began on a new sludge dewatering and dehydrator facility at the Public Works yard, with completion anticipated in early 2026. This project will reduce hauling requirements, improve operational efficiency, and support long-term wastewater management.

Equipment and Technology Upgrades

- Received new water meter reading equipment, replacing obsolete technology and improving the accuracy and efficiency of water consumption tracking.
- Acquired a new sewer main flusher truck, allowing for effective cleaning of longer sewer line sections that were previously difficult to maintain.
- Purchased a sewer main inspection crawler camera unit, enabling detailed visual inspections of sewer infrastructure to identify cracks, leaks, and blockages, and support proactive maintenance.



Road Maintenance & Improvements

- **Street Sweeping:** From May to June 2025, we trialed a new system by renting a sweeper from Joe Johnson Equipment. We also purchased a sweeper attachment for our skid steer. This approach proved more efficient than contracting out the work, as it allowed us to better control street signage and coordinate sweeping on short notice. The small sweeper was used for intersections, while the larger truck sweeper handled main streets and avenues. We completed all sweeping within two weeks. We plan to rent the sweeper again in 2026.
- **Patching & Repairs:** Various patching projects were completed, including repairs around service lines, water break areas, and lowered/raised manholes.
- **Spray Patching:** We performed spray patching on several streets to fill in areas with dips and cracks.
- **Road Markings:** All crosswalks, parking lines, and handicap spaces were repainted throughout the town. We are exploring the use of thermal plastic applications for high-traffic areas in 2026. Additionally, we painted the bus loading zone and no-parking areas around the United Church, at the request of the school board.
- **Manhole Adjustments:** We lowered manholes on 18th Street, 20th Street, and 26th Avenue, and replaced a damaged manhole ring on 28th Street (damaged by truck traffic).
- **Stormwater Improvements:** A storm swale was dug out at the intersection of 25th Street and 22nd Avenue to improve drainage.
- **Paving:** We completed paving on road and water line patches on the north side of 29th Avenue in Westview, as well as a section of pathway near Diamond #4.
- **Dust Abatement:** Dust control measures were completed in June 2025 on 19th Avenue, 25th Street, 22nd Avenue, a small section of 16th Street, and several service roads.

Roads Assessment: CIMA conducted a comprehensive road assessment for the town, ranking roads in order of priority for replacement and listing necessary repairs. A full report will be presented in 2026

Sidewalk & Pathway Improvements

- Sidewalk Replacements: We replaced damaged sections of sidewalk in various areas throughout town.
- New Sidewalk Installations: A new sidewalk was installed on the north side of 19th Street, from the intersection to the law office.
- Handicap Accessibility: New handicap ramps were installed at the following locations:
 - 19th Street/24th Avenue
 - 23rd Avenue/21st Street
 - 22nd Avenue/22nd Street
 - 22nd Avenue/25th Street
- Additional Repairs: We fixed a section of sidewalk at 2301 21st Street, replaced and lowered a driveway curb at 2402 21st Street, and replaced the storm swale on both the north and south sides of 24th Avenue/20th Street.
- Lions Grove Park: The storm swale in Lions Grove Park was replaced following an investigation into underground water leaks and a deteriorating concrete structure.
- Pin Curb Installations: We replaced the pin curb on 22nd Avenue and installed a new section from the parking lot north to the gravel.
- Sidewalk Assessment: A sidewalk assessment was completed by Sidewalks Canada. This will guide the development of a strategic plan for future repairs and replacements.
- No Parking Zones: Various curbs throughout town were painted to designate no-parking zones and bus loading areas.

New Equipment:

- A 2025 Kubota SVL-75 was purchased to replace the Bobcat S770.
- A 2017 bucket truck was acquired for the installation of Christmas lights, pole banners, tree trimming, and highway banners.
- A 2020 GMC Sierra pickup truck was added to the fleet.

Traffic & Safety Signage:

- Installed a new pedestrian crossing at 21st Street and Highway 2 Southbound for safer school access during the United Church decanting.
- Reinstalled LED panels and backup battery systems on both the north and south gateway signs.
- Installed new fans and a ventilation system in the public works shop.
- Purchased a portable electronic message board for use in public works and utility projects, and for emergency management messaging if required.
- Installed No Heavy Truck signs on 26th Street and 20A Avenue, and larger No Parking signs on 20A Avenue.
- Installed 30 km/h and 50 km/h school zone signs on Highway 2 Southbound between 21st and 24th Streets (temporary for 2 years).
- Installed Playground Zone and 30 km/h signs on 18th Street between Highway 2 SB and NB.
- Replaced a damaged pedestrian crossing sign at 28th Street and Highway 2 SB.

Ditching & Drainage

Trenched ditches along Highway 2 NB/SB beside the Flying J, Double D Motel, and Lions Grove Park. The ditch shaping and rip rap around culverts were completed by NLSS.

Other Installations:

- Installed a new map sign at the car park on 19th Street.
- Installed a message board on 20th Street in front of the Telus building, as requested by the Chamber of Commerce.
- Replaced Yield signs with Stop signs at multiple intersections along 26 Ave, 22 Ave and Slade Drive.
- Installed sod along 29th Avenue for properties with completed service line repairs and lawn damage.

Cemetery

- Plot Measurements & Markers: We remeasured cemetery plots and replaced markers for future burials.
- Tree Removal: 12 dead trees were removed from the north side of the cemetery, and the area was cleaned up.

Yard Waste Area

- Soil & Compost Management: Moved old soil and compost piles to fill in the ditch south and east of the vet clinic.
- Tree Branch & Mulch Disposal: Brought in bins through Dump Gump to remove tree branches and mulch.
- Aggregate & Waste Management: Moved crushed concrete and millings piles to the west side of the yard for easier future crushing. NLSS also created a new wastewater discharge cell in the northeast corner of the yard.
- Landscaping & Drainage: Landscaped the north end of the yard to improve snow pile drainage into the new wastewater cell, and prepared the back end of the yard for a new fence installation in 2026. Future plans include a possible fire practice area.



COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Recreation facilities, parks, pathways, and public gathering spaces continued to play an important role throughout 2025 in supporting community wellness, tourism, and the overall vibrancy of the Town of Nanton. Continued investments in recreation infrastructure, beautification initiatives, and community amenities helped enhance resident enjoyment while supporting the long-term sustainability and attractiveness of the community.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To ensure the Town of Nanton develops the community and the economy, ensuring sustainability and appropriate growth.

Strategic Objectives:

- To support business attraction, retention and expansion.
- To ensure sustainability of existing parks and recreation assets.

Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre (THRC)

The THRC remained a major hub for community recreation and events throughout 2025. The arena hosted a wide range of activities including:

- Nanton Minor Hockey
- figure skating
- power skating
- public skate
- shoot-around sessions
- school programming
- tournaments
- graduation ceremonies
- community events



Arena Upgrades

Several important upgrades were completed at the THRC in 2025. A major improvement was the installation of a new arena score clock, supported through a generous 50% contribution from Nanton Minor Hockey. This upgrade significantly improved the user experience for hockey, skating, tournaments, and spectators.

Additional arena upgrades included:

- new heaters in the spectator stands
- dressing room refresh and painting
- compressor rebuild and annual plant maintenance
- ice plant seasonal startup and shutdown
- regular facility maintenance

These upgrades improve reliability, comfort, and long-term asset life for one of the Town's most heavily used recreation facilities.

Kitchen and Concession Renovation

One of the most visible facility improvements completed in 2025 was the major renovation of the kitchen and concession area. This upgrade modernized the space and made it more functional, practical, and welcoming for users during the hockey season and community events. The renovation significantly improved workflow and public accessibility, creating a better experience for concession operators and facility users alike.

An addendum agreement with the Curling Club also returned the Curling Lounge area, excluding bar operations, back under Town control, creating additional flexible indoor gathering space for tournaments, community events, and spectators. This has improved opportunities for families and visitors to gather and utilize the facility during events and programming.

Pool Operations and Aquatic Programming

The outdoor pool experienced another active summer season in 2025 with strong participation in lane swim, open swim, aquafit, Marlins programming, school bookings, rentals, and themed community events. Prior to opening, substantial seasonal preparation work was completed including pool emptying, patching and painting, liner work, cleaning, filling and startup procedures, and seasonal staffing preparations.

A major infrastructure project was completed in September with the successful replacement of the pool liner. This project represents an important long-term investment into the Town's aquatic infrastructure and will help improve water retention, reduce maintenance concerns, and extend the lifespan of the facility.

Special events including Glow Swim, Wibit Swim, Wibit Warrior, and the Floatie Paddle Race continued to provide additional recreation opportunities for families and youth while encouraging strong community participation throughout the summer season.

Parks, Pathways and Sports Fields

Parks maintenance, beautification, and recreation amenities remained a significant focus throughout the year. Staff continued to maintain parks, pathways, sports fields, boulevards, seasonal amenities, washroom facilities, and public green spaces throughout the community.

In 2025, fifty new trees were planted throughout Nanton, including eleven trees along Slade Drive and thirty-nine trees within Lions Grove Park. Boulevard tree canopy maintenance and dead branch removal were also completed along 21st and 22nd Streets to improve safety and streetscape appearance throughout the community.

Parks staff continued to support baseball, soccer, tournaments, and school field use throughout the year. During the school enhancement project, a temporary 5-a-side soccer pitch was established in Westview to ensure local soccer programming could continue with minimal disruption.

Visitor Information Centre and Downtown Beautification

Several visible public realm and beautification improvements were completed during 2025 at the Visitor Information Centre (Mile 56) and downtown area. These projects continue to support tourism, community gathering opportunities, and the overall visitor experience within Nanton.

Projects completed included:

- Main Street gazebo installation
- Drinking fountain and bottle filling station
- Extended gravel walkway to the grain elevators
- Public art installation support
- Seasonal washroom operations
- Fountain installation and removal

The gazebo project in particular represents an important enhancement to the downtown public space and broader Mile 56 and Rain Garden initiatives planned for future years.

Equipment and Operational Improvements

To further improve operational efficiency and service delivery, several equipment upgrades were completed throughout the year including:

- New zero-turn mower
- Bobcat 5600 Toolcat
- Additional UTV equipment
- Winter pathway broom attachment



PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In 2025, the Planning & Development Department continued to support responsible growth, economic development, heritage planning, and long-range land use initiatives throughout the Town of Nanton.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

To ensure that the character of the Town of Nanton is preserved while facilitating appropriate growth resulting in the Town's sustainability.

Strategic Objectives:

- To encourage the efficient planning of residential, commercial, and industrial development that enhances the quality of life for Town residents

Accomplishments:

- Land Use Bylaw updates to guide future development and ensure alignment with community objectives.
- Sale of the Bulk Water Building, optimizing Town-owned assets and supporting operational efficiency.
- Adoption of the Off-Site Levy Bylaw to ensure new development contributes to necessary infrastructure improvements.

Development Activity and Growth

Development activity remained strong throughout 2025, with a total construction value of \$5,354,575 in permits issued.

Permit values by sector included:

- Residential: \$2,426,575
- Commercial / Industrial: \$1,024,500
- Public: \$1,900,000
- Other: \$3,500

A total of 39 building permits were issued during the year, along with 6 housing starts, reflecting continued investment in both residential and commercial growth.

Residential Development and Lot Sales

Residential development continued throughout 2025, including new home construction within the Westview subdivision and infill development across the community. A significant milestone was reached with the Town becoming sold out of lots in Westview Subdivision Phase 3, marking the successful completion of lot sales in that phase and demonstrating continued market demand for residential development in Nanton. This growth contributed to the six housing starts recorded in 2025 and supported the Town's long-term housing supply objectives.

Northwest Area Structure Plan

A major focus of 2025 was the advancement of the Northwest Area Structure Plan (ASP) in partnership with the Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC).

This multi-phase project progressed significantly throughout the year, including:

- project kickoff and background research
- landowner engagement
- public survey and open house sessions
- Council visioning sessions
- concept development
- preparation of the draft plan

Public and stakeholder engagement formed a key component of the project, with multiple sessions held for residents, landowners, and Council to gather input and help shape the long-term vision for future growth in the northwest area of Town.

The ASP project will continue into 2026 as the draft plan is finalized and brought forward for further review.

Heritage Building Inventory Project

Another major initiative in 2025 was the Heritage Building Inventory and Statements of Significance Project, undertaken with support from provincial grant funding.

Working with Community Design Strategies Inc., the Town completed:

- building research and evaluations
- community surveys
- heritage open house sessions
- draft Statements of Significance
- identification of priority heritage resources

This project supports future heritage designation opportunities and helps preserve the unique historical character of Nanton. Public engagement on this project included an open house in September and continued updates through year-end.

Economic Development and Business Activity

The department also supported a range of economic development and commercial initiatives throughout 2025.

This included:

- industrial land sales
- commercial and downtown change-of-use permits
- support for film production permits
- joint marketing initiatives with the MD of Willow Creek
- business signage and commercial site improvements

Two film production permits were issued during the year, supporting local economic activity and showcasing Nanton as a filming location. Commercial and industrial development remained strong, particularly in the latter half of the year, with significant permit values associated with business expansions, food processing improvements, and recreation-based commercial uses.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Town of Nanton’s Emergency Services departments – Fire, Municipal Enforcement, and Emergency Management – play a vital role in protecting the community and supporting public safety. In 2025, these departments continued to balance routine operations with proactive planning, emergency response, and community engagement, while collaborating regionally to ensure preparedness and resilience.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

To ensure residents have appropriate access to emergency services.

Strategic Objectives:

- Provide an appropriate level of emergency services to meet the needs of residents.
- Enhance public safety through proactive risk management, training, and community education.

Fire Department

The Fire Department responded to a range of emergency calls throughout 2025, including medical emergencies, fire alarms, vehicle collisions, and wildland fires. Following a review of emergency response protocols, the department revised its medical response to attend only Delta and Echo-level calls, in alignment with Emergency Health Services’ updated standards. This change reduced lights-and-sirens responses by up to 80%, improving safety for both responders and patients.

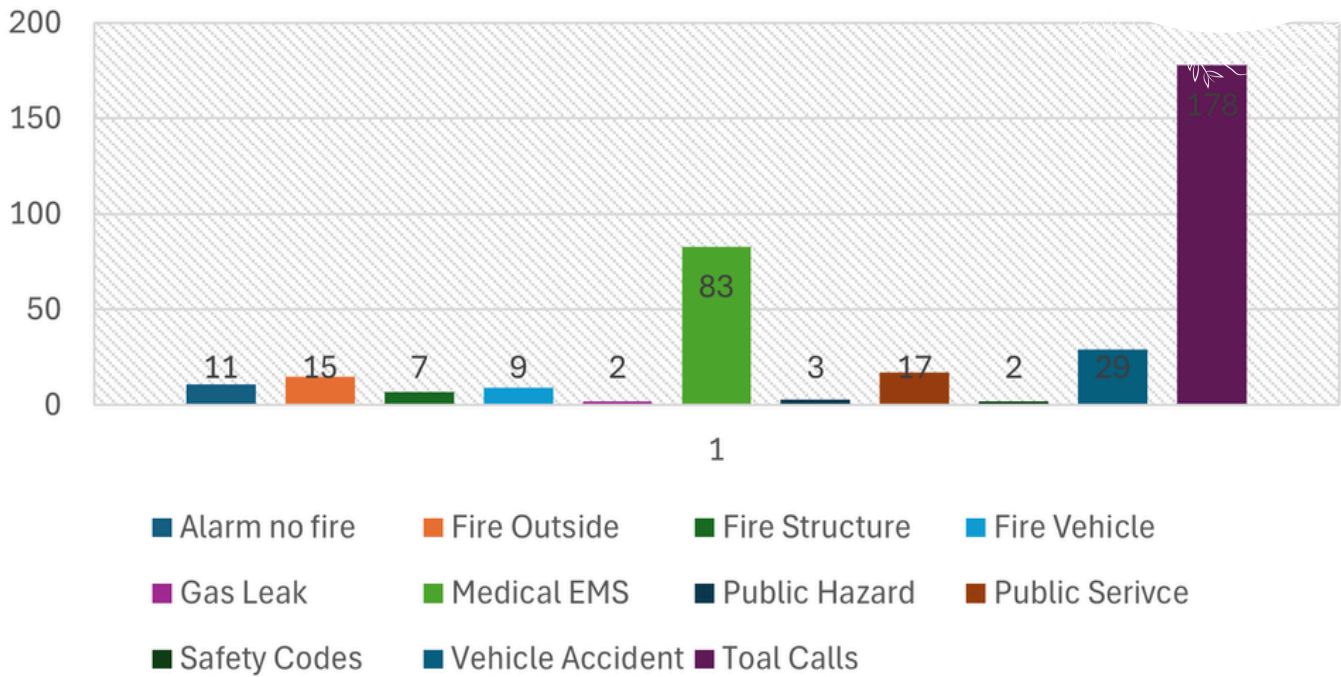
The department remains well-staffed with 19 active members and one junior member, while maintaining capacity to add five more personnel if needed. Weekly training continued to focus on fire dynamics, breathing apparatus, thermal imaging, and VEIS (Ventilate, Enter, Isolate, Search). Several sessions included members from neighboring departments, strengthening regional interoperability.

Key operational highlights and initiatives included:

- Drafting specifications for a replacement fire engine to maintain operational readiness.
- Participation in regional exercises, including tabletop drills for wildland fire response.
- Attendance at quarterly MD Fire Chief meetings to coordinate emergency planning.



2025 Total Call By Type



Municipal Enforcement

Municipal Enforcement continued to focus on traffic safety, community standards, and public engagement throughout 2025. Enforcement activity reflected seasonal trends, community priorities, and increasing regional coordination, with higher activity levels occurring during the spring, summer, and fall months due to increased traffic volumes, community events, and tourism activity.

Traffic safety remained the primary operational focus, particularly speeding-related offences within Town limits and along Highway 2. During the 2025 calendar year, a total of 736 violation tickets were completed through the e-ticketing system, representing a 76.67% completion rate and demonstrating a strong level of enforcement activity and administrative follow-through.

Speeding continued to represent the most significant offence category:

- 712 speeding tickets were issued under the Traffic Safety Act, accounting for approximately 74% of all completed tickets.
- Other enforcement activity included distracted driving, careless driving, animal control violations, trailer and recreational vehicle parking infractions, business licensing matters, and open fire violations.

Traffic calming and public safety measures also remained a focus throughout the year. The use of the stationary patrol vehicle continued to provide a visible enforcement presence within the community and has been effective in encouraging reduced speeds from motorists unfamiliar with the area, particularly along Highway 2.

Additional temporary traffic safety measures were implemented during the Livingstone Range School Division Nanton New and Modernized Schools project, including a reduced 30 km/h speed zone along Highway 2 near the temporary church decanting location. While these measures created temporary traffic impacts, they were implemented to prioritize pedestrian and student safety during periods of increased activity and crossings associated with the school relocation process.

Municipal Enforcement also maintained a strong community presence throughout the year, supporting numerous public events and initiatives including:

- Parade of Garage Sales
- National Indigenous Peoples Day
- Round Up Days and Pro Rodeo events
- Bomber Command Museum traffic control and special events
- Municipal election support
- Remembrance Day ceremonies
- Nanton Christmas Market and Community Food Drive

Regional collaboration remained a priority throughout 2025. Enforcement staff participated in multiple Joint Forces Operations and regional enforcement initiatives, including traffic safety operations associated with the International Hot Air Balloon Festival and coordinated regional enforcement projects involving Foothills County, Diamond Valley, Longview, Willow Creek, and High River. These initiatives strengthened intermunicipal cooperation, increased enforcement visibility, and supported consistent traffic safety messaging throughout the region.

Training and professional development continued throughout the year to support provincial compliance and operational effectiveness. Training included:

- Intelligence and ethics in law enforcement
- Encampment and officer safety training
- Enhanced dog apprehension and handling
- Traffic stop safety
- ICS 100 and ICS 200 training
- SPCA seizure and Dangerous Dog Act training
- Regional Municipal Enforcement Working Group participation

Animal control continued to represent a recurring service demand in 2025. Planning progressed toward implementation of a temporary kennel solution to improve response capacity for animals running at large while supporting animal welfare, officer safety, and operational efficiency.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management continued to focus on preparedness, response planning, interagency coordination, and compliance with evolving provincial emergency management requirements throughout 2025. Significant work was undertaken to strengthen the Town's Emergency Management Plan, update hazard and risk assessments, and improve operational readiness for both municipal infrastructure and the broader community.

A key priority during the year was continued alignment with Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) standards and emerging legislative changes. Work progressed on the Town's Hazard Response Plan, addressing key municipal risks including road accidents, blizzards, wildfires, high wind events, water shortages, and infrastructure emergencies. Specific response plans were also developed or updated for critical municipal facilities, including the water treatment plant, wastewater treatment plant, and the Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre.

The Town also advanced its Emergency Social Services (ESS) Plan in partnership with Nanton Quality of Life Foundation/FCSS and regional partners to improve emergency support and response measures for residents during major incidents or evacuations. Advisory and Agency Committee meetings were held throughout the year to ensure governance requirements remained current and emergency planning activities continued to advance.

Emergency Management staff participated in a variety of training sessions, workshops, and regional exercises throughout 2025 to strengthen local capacity and intermunicipal coordination. Training and collaboration activities included:

- DEM workshops and legislative update sessions with AEMA
- Basic Emergency Management (BEM) training
- ICS 100 training
- HIRA (Hazard, Incident, Risk Assessment) training
- Planning P workshops and tabletop exercises
- Monthly regional DEM and DDEM meetings with neighboring municipalities and agencies

The Planning P workshop, held in partnership with neighboring municipalities, provided hands-on emergency planning experience using practical scenarios and Incident Action Plans (IAPs), further strengthening coordination with regional partners including Claresholm, MD of Willow Creek, Foothills County, Diamond Valley, and High River.

Public preparedness and education also remained a priority throughout the year. During Emergency Preparedness Week, the Town partnered with FCSS to host a public information session at Kozy Korner, attended by approximately 30 residents. The event provided practical emergency readiness information, preparedness handouts, and household planning resources, while social media messaging throughout the week helped promote community awareness and preparedness.

One of the most significant operational challenges in 2025 involved groundwater infiltration and pressure within the wastewater treatment system during both the spring and late summer months. Emergency Management coordinated response efforts involving hydrovac trucks, pumps, excavation, containment work, and ongoing consultation with Alberta Environment, AEMA, and regional Directors of Emergency Management. Although the incidents created operational and financial pressures, the threshold for declaring a State of Local Emergency (SOLE) was ultimately not met. The situation highlighted the importance of continued infrastructure monitoring and prompted review of emergency funding access procedures within the Town's bylaw framework.

As 2025 concluded, Emergency Management remained focused on continued compliance with new provincial legislation, evacuation planning updates, hazard mitigation strategies, ESS mutual aid planning, tabletop exercises, and ongoing regional collaboration. These efforts continue to support the Town's long-term goal of maintaining a resilient, prepared, and well-coordinated community.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, Corporate Services continued to support the Town’s financial stability, operational planning, and long-term infrastructure priorities. Throughout the year, the department focused on responsible financial management, capital project coordination, customer service improvements, and organizational support for major municipal initiatives.

Financial Overview

Overall, 2025 was a largely stable fiscal year, with revenues and expenditures tracking closely to budget expectations. Total revenues across all functions were budgeted at \$2,824,240, with actual revenues totaling \$2,808,304. Total expenditures were budgeted at \$6,008,273, with actual expenditures reaching \$6,046,621.

Revenue	\$2,824,240	\$2,808,304
Expenses	6,008,273	6,046,621
	\$(3,184,034)	\$(3,238,317)

This resulted in an overall deficit of approximately \$54,284, marking the first operating shortfall in several years. While this variance was primarily driven by pressures within the water and wastewater budgets, the overall difference represented less than one percent of total expenditures and remained manageable within the Town’s financial framework.

Throughout the year, administration continued to monitor reserve funds, long-term investments, insurance valuations, and budget forecasting to ensure Council had the information necessary for sound financial decision-making. Key financial milestones included completion of the 2024 year-end audit, preparation of the 2025 operating budget, issuance of combined tax notices and assessments, and ongoing year-end variance reporting.

Capital Projects and Infrastructure Support

2025 was another active year for capital planning and project delivery. Several significant infrastructure and facility projects were advanced, including:

- completion of the reservoir aeration project
- continued work on the dewatering project
- installation of the Kosy Korner access lift
- new crosswalk safety equipment near Highway 2
- planning and design work for the THRC renovations
- preliminary work on gateway signage
- Westview pond dredging tender preparation

In addition, work continued on community facility upgrades, including THRC kitchen renovations, community centre energy efficiency reviews, and lease negotiations related to municipal and shared public spaces.

Many projects were completed on or under budget, with any unspent grant and reserve funding carried forward for future completion where appropriate.

Service Improvements and Operational Efficiencies

A key operational achievement in 2025 was the implementation of the Town's E-send utility billing system, providing residents with the option to receive utility bills by email. By year-end, close to half of all utility accounts had transitioned to electronic delivery, improving customer convenience while reducing mailing costs and administrative processing time.

Corporate Services also led the procurement and transition to a new IT service provider, ensuring improved technology support and system upgrades across municipal operations. This included updates required for compliance with federal tax changes and ongoing Windows 11 upgrades.

Community Support and Grants

In 2025, the Town continued its commitment to supporting local organizations and community events through both promotional and support grants.

A total of \$4,000 was provided to organizations in 2025 to help promote and celebrate Nanton. Grants awarded were:

- \$500 for the JT Foster Grad celebration
- \$500 for the Chinook Players & Singers production
- \$1,250 for the Nanton Children's Society to support their Easter event, Children's Festival and the Christmas Lights the Way hayride
- \$500 to the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation for their Volunteer Appreciation event
- \$500 to the Canadian Grain Elevator Discovery Centre and their summer film event
- \$500 to the Nanton Marlins Swim Club for their swim meet
- \$250 to the Nanton Chamber of Commerce to support their Spirit of Christmas Concert

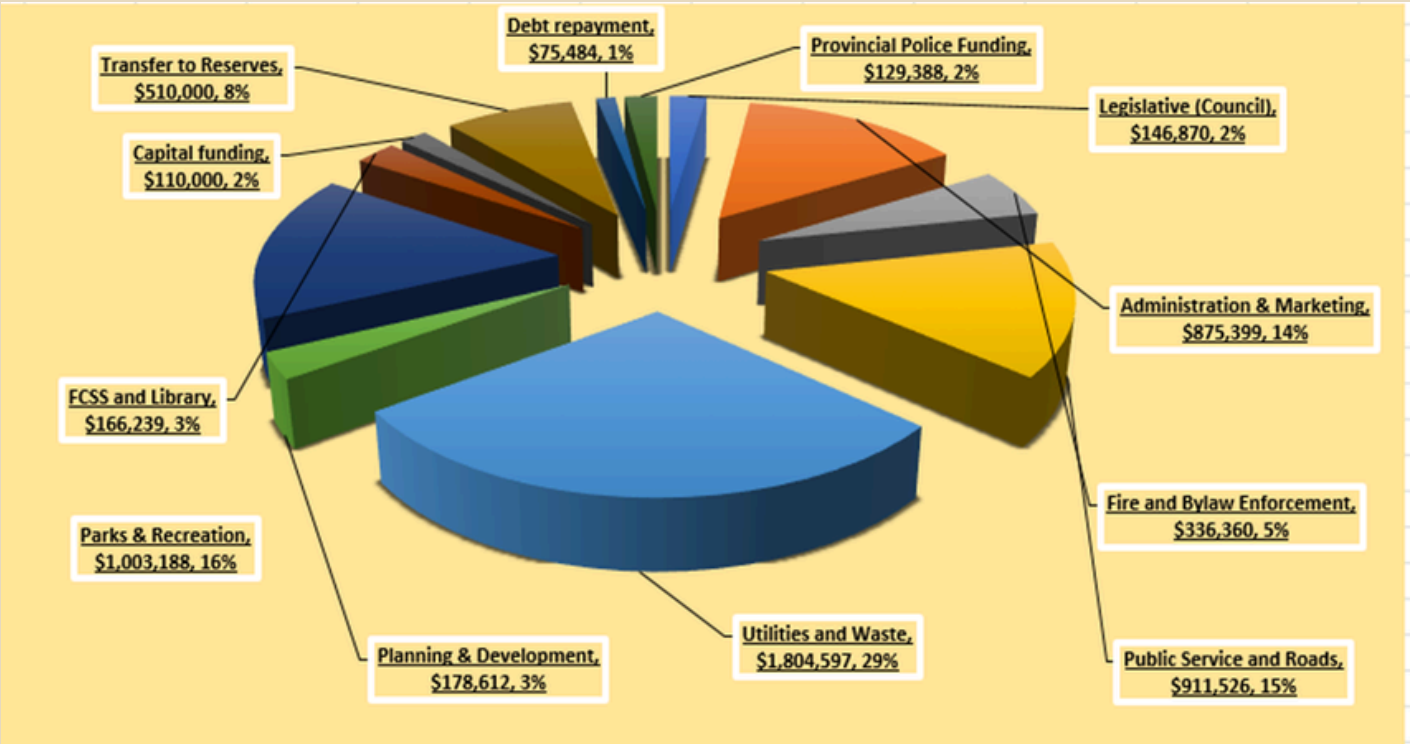
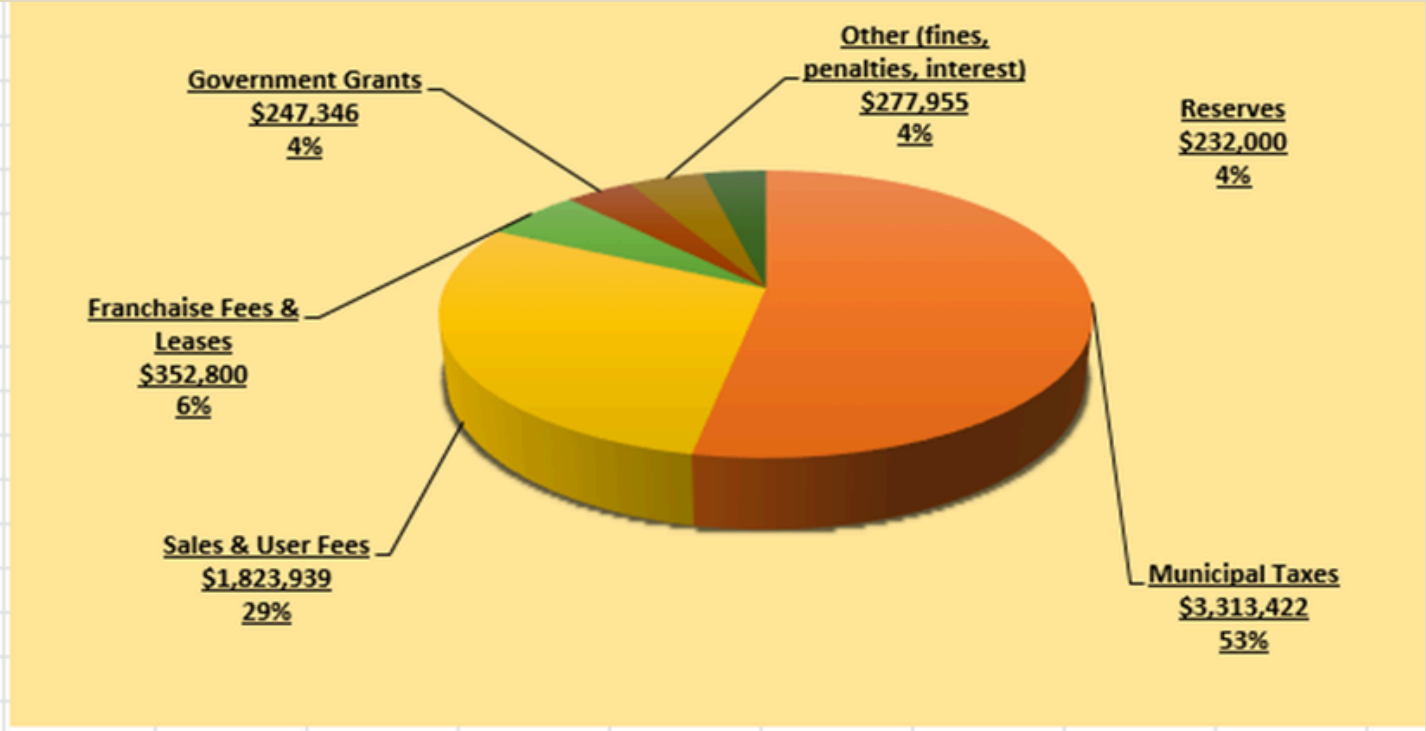
A total of \$18,580 was provided to community organizations in 2025 to support ongoing operational efforts and major events. Grants awarded were as follows:

- \$1,200 for the Nanton Citizens on Patrol group to support ongoing operational needs
- \$10,000 to the Nanton Ag Society to support their Pro Rodeo in August
- \$3,000 to the Nanton Animal Protection Society for their feral cat program
- \$3,000 to the Nanton Handivan Society for ongoing operational support
- \$1,380 to the High River District Health Care Foundation for support of health care in the region.

Other:

In 2025, the Town continued its partnership with the Nanton & District Chamber of Commerce through an annual contribution of \$19,500 funded through business licence revenues, supporting local business promotion, economic development initiatives, and community engagement activities.

2025 Capital budget					
		Estimate	Funding source		Actuals
Roadway infrastructure					
	Sidewalks	50,000.00	CCBF		49,244.00
	Road Rehab	50,000.00	CCBF		42,280.10
	29th Avenue	75,000.00	CCBF		75,952.58
	Road assessment	50,000.00	MSI/LGFF	Completed but not invoiced	
Utility infrastructure					
	Water main valves	75,000.00	CCBF		38,846.47
	29th Avenue	225,000.00	MSI/LGFF		201,887.10
	Sewer re-lining	100,000.00	CCBF		92,896.00
	WWTP membranes	362,840.00	MSI/LGFF		490,620.00
	WW Flusher w/truck	75,000.00	MSI/LGFF		85,552.00
	Westview pond	17,000.00	Reserves		9,277.50
Buildings					
	Pool liner	200,000.00	Reserves		239,059.34
	Arena elevator	300,000.00	MSI/LGFF	Delayed until 2026	
	Transfer switch	35,000.00	Taxes		18,967.19
	Community Ctr	100,000.00	MSI/LGFF	Delayed until 2026	
	Firehall	25,000.00	MSI/LGFF	Delayed until 2026	
	Library	20,000.00	Reserves	Delayed until 2026	
Equipment					
	Skid steer	75,000.00	Reserves		66,156.88
	Bucket truck	90,000.00	MSI/LGFF		62,492.00
	Mower	30,000.00	Reserves		11,499.03
	Toolcat	50,000.00	Reserves		70,000.00
	WWTP equipment	83,000.00	MSI/LGFF		63,897.72
	Fire engine	75,000.00	Taxes		75,000.00
Total		2,162,840.00			1,693,627.91



In 2025 Administration, Council, staff, volunteers, community organizations, and regional partners worked collaboratively to address challenges, advance important projects, and support the services and programs that contribute to a strong and resilient community.

The Town would like to extend its sincere appreciation to residents, businesses, volunteers, local organizations, and community partners for their continued support, engagement, and contributions throughout the year. The dedication, collaboration, and community spirit demonstrated across Nanton continue to play an important role in shaping the future of the community. In 2026 we remain committed to delivering responsible governance, sustainable infrastructure, and effective municipal services while continuing to build a vibrant and welcoming community for all.



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