

Mayor's Report

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow" Audrey Hepburn

Spring is finally in the air, the grass is starting to turn green, the trees are starting to bud and the bulbs are starting to sprout. I cannot help but feel the parallels of spring with what we are experiencing as a Council and a town. For the last year and half this Council has been designing and planting their garden and we are starting to see the results of our work. Just as you would design your garden, we have a process.

Step 1- We started with a vision. What does success look like by the end of our term? What does the town need? What issues are we currently facing? What is manageable and what is realistic?

Step 2- We developed a plan around our vision, a strategic plan for the next 3 years. We had many initiatives that we wanted to see accomplished, however knew we could not possibly do everything on the list, we had to prioritize. First, we had to break the tasks into core sections; services, economic development, community development and governance. This helped us to focus on dividing up the work load throughout the departments and committees. It was also important for this Council not to lose the initiatives that did not fit into the next three years, so we insured they were not lost and included them in the appendix. As we accomplish each item, we can simply move the appendix item into the plan and keep moving forward; this will also start a framework for the next Council to work from. You can find all of the details of our strategic plan at nanton.ca.

Step 3- We cannot do this alone; we need to make sure we have an amazing team that understands our vision clearly. They provide us with the information we need to achieve our goals. Besides our dedicated staff working through the initiatives every day, we also wanted to fast track items by focusing on our committee work as a Council. We now have 5 standing committees; services, governance, economic development, finance, and recreation and cultural committee. We did not want these committees to be made up of just Councillors, it was important for us to include residents and business owners at the table, to broaden our perspectives and be a part of the solutions. If you are interested in joining one of these committees, we are currently accepting applications.

Step 4- Start to see the results of our work, while staying focused and making sure everyone has the tools needed to keep things growing. As with any goal, we didn't just state what the goal was, we broke the goal down into strategies for achieving the goal, we set dates for accomplishing those goals and we set estimated budgets for each goal. Every month on the Council agenda there will be a status report of where we are at as a town for each item.

Step 5- Protect our work and be proactive. It has always been important to this Council to be proactive and not reactive. Proactive in how we communicate with the town and proactive in how we protect and maintain our towns assets. We are currently in year two of a three-year asset management plan that we are building. We have also just passed a preventative maintenance policy to ensure our current and future assets are maintained to extend their lifespans.

Step 6- Always be open to opportunities, feedback and new initiatives. In these tough economic times, we need to be adaptable, open-minded to ideas and seek new and creative ways for maintaining and operating our town.

It takes time and patience to get to where we are today. As a Town and as a Council we still have hills to climb, but having a clear path in front of us to keep us focused is imperative.

Jen Handley- Mayor

The Town has initiated a utility rate review and will be reporting the findings to council in June. Council will be considering changes later this year.



**WE ARE
HIRING**

We are looking for candidates to fill summer positions at the Town of Nanton. If you or someone you know is interested in a fun job where training is provided with competitive wages, think of us! We are offering positions with our team for the following:

- Senior & Junior Lifeguards
- Pool Supervisor
- Visitor Information Centre Summer Students

For more information call the Town Office at 403-646-2029 or drop off your resume!

Combined Assessment and Tax Notices will be mailed on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, if you do not receive yours please contact the town office.

May 2019

NANTON FREE-CYCLE IS BACK!
Saturday, May 11, 2019

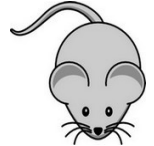
Your unwanted items could be someone else's treasure! Join Nanton's Free-Cycle day again this spring. Place your items in your yard or on your boulevard (not on the sidewalk please), starting May 10. Dumpsters will once again be available on May 13th and 14th, and are monitored via camera. No appliances, hazardous goods or paint will be accepted for the dumpsters. Please be considerate and follow the rules! Be sure to have your yard and boulevard cleared of any items by the end of the day on May 14th!



NANTON Notified



Meet our Shop Pest Patrol. These guys are super snuggly, but when there is work to be done (mouse patrol), they are on it!



Bylaw officers will be checking for unsightly properties this spring. Their focus this year will be on shrubs and trees to make sure they are not overhanging the property line as per Community Bylaw Section 4.

"failure to manage the growth of trees or shrubs or other vegetation upon such property or premises to ensure that the growth does not cause any obstruction, interfere with or endanger any visibility of streets or sidewalks, including signage for same, lines, poles conduits, pipes, sewers or other works of the Town, or otherwise present a safety hazard for pedestrians or traffic"

Please keep your property neat and tidy!

Nanton Parade of Garage Sales will be happening again on Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is FREE with a donation to the Nanton Food Bank. Contact Jen at 403-874-7328 for more details.



The Public Works department is gearing up to start street sweeping. Please check for signage and notices on our website and our Facebook page. The Operations Manager will be inspecting the roads for damage after the cold the town experienced this winter. Maintenance for potholes and other damage will be assessed and scheduled in the near future.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUR TOWN!

The Council of the Town of Nanton is currently seeking individuals to volunteer on two newly formed standing committees:

Economic and Community Development (2 residents of Nanton)
Recreation and Culture (2 residents of Nanton, 2 MDWC residents, 1 MD Ranchland resident), as well as our current Services, Finance & Governance committees.

The committees have been integrated into the **Standing Committee Bylaw**, which outlines the terms of reference for all committees, membership criteria and mandate for each one. Members will review and research bylaws, policy, initiatives and programs pertinent to the Committee responsibilities to provide recommendations to the Council of the Town of Nanton. A volunteer position as a Town of Nanton Representative is also open on the **Community Futures Highwood Investment Review Committee**. For more information regarding this opportunity, please contact our Council Representative, John Dozeman—igdozeman@nanton.ca or visit www.highwood.albertacf.com.

If you think you have the capacity to serve your community in any of these committees, please download the appropriate forms from the Town of Nanton's website www.nanton.ca or visit the Nanton Town Office at 1907—21 Avenue.

Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre (THRC) NEWS

Summer is coming and the staff at the THRC are getting excited and are on track for a May 21st pool opening! Staff are already planning CRAZY FUN activities for the entire family. Keep your eyes open to the THRC Facebook page and Town of Nanton website www.nanton.ca. All schedules and activities will be online along with printable registration forms, program schedules and events. **Every Friday in July and August the THRC will host a Themed Late Night Open Swim.**

NEW THIS YEAR!!

- 8 day swim lesson sets
- 5 day swim lesson intensives
- Teen Swim Lessons
- Adult Registered, Drop-in swim lessons
- Introduction to Kayaking classes
- Synchronized swimming & Water Polo Clinics

**Lifeguard training
& Volunteer
teacher training**