

Mayor's Report

Welcome to 2020!

Have you heard of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF)?

This is a provincially mandated tool to facilitate cooperation between municipalities to ensure municipal services are provided to residents efficiently and cost effectively. For Nanton, this means working with our M.D. of Willow Creek neighbours (who we've always had a great, longstanding and informal relationship with) to make sure our collective services are now clearly defined and equitable for all parties.

As you can imagine this has been a long process, almost 2 years now. It has involved a lot of meetings with the M.D of Willow Creek and the four municipalities within the M.D. All parties are equally passionate about protecting the interests of their residents and all striving for options to collaborate and find efficiencies within the region.

Some of the items under discussion include fire services delivery and recreation services. Fire services involves everything from equipment and vehicle inventories, bulk purchase opportunities and cost sharing agreements. Recreation will be discussed over the next 18 months and it will involve discussions on how to equally share the responsibilities of the capital and operating costs of these facilities. As these facilities are within the towns, the towns manage them and maintain them. Both residents of the town and the M.D. use these facilities and the M.D. gives all of the towns a grant to assist in the operating costs. Recreation centres are not cheap to operate and maintain and discussions need to be had on the best use of these facilities across the region as well as equitable cost sharing options for M.D. ratepayers and town ratepayers. A regional study is planned in this regard.

We are all facing economic struggles right now, so we also have to consider what is manageable and reasonable for the municipalities involved. The ICF is mandated to be completed by the end of March 2020 and we are striving to have the fire agreement completed by the end of May and the recreation agreements completed by the end of June 2021. There will be councillor representatives from each council on an ICF committee to work through and negotiate terms. Nanton's Council reps are myself, Councillor Beryl West and Councillor Victor Czop.

On March 15 at 2pm at the community centre we will be hosting a community forum; all are invited to join us. We will be discussing the 2019 year in review, plans for 2020, budgets and the RCMP will be presenting on stats in our region and rural crime in general.

If that date does not work for you, I encourage you to join us for coffee with council the first Thursday of every month at the town office at 10 am. for a more informal question and answer chat with Council and the CAO.

We are currently in the midst of operating budget discussions and will have this year's 2020 budget approved by the end of March. This is the budget that sets the tax rate for the year. Thank you to our Corporate Services Manager, Clayton Gillespie, our Chief Administrative Officer, Neil Smith, and their team for bringing us options for cost savings and efficiencies within the town. Thank you to Council for being practical and challenging each other over priorities in the town and ultimately for always advocating for our residents and business owners.

Jen Handley
Mayor of Nanton



March 2020

NANTON Notified

REMINDER—The Recycling Depot will be closing March 31, 2020. A revised plan for disposal of yard waste and tree debris will be forthcoming. There will be no change to curbside collection of recycling bins for residential properties.

Please remember your sidewalks, adjacent to your property, must be cleared, edge to edge, of snow and ice within 24 hours of a snowfall. Snow must be piled on your property, NOT on the roads or boulevards. For extra slippery sidewalks, sand can be picked up from the Town shop.

Business Licenses for 2020 are now **past due**.

If your license has not been renewed, please do so as soon as possible. A penalty for late payment has been applied to your account in accordance with Bylaw No. 1280/16. If you no longer require your business license, please call the town office to let us know.

For more information about the Town of Nanton business licenses, contact Cheryl at 403-646-2029.

2020 DOG LICENSES

Dog Licenses are now **past due**.

Please remember by licensing your furry friend, if lost and found, it is easier for us to return them to you!

Sterilized Dog	Unsterilized Dog
\$20—Before Jan. 31	\$35—Before Jan. 31
\$30—After Jan. 31	\$45—After Jan. 31

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.nanton.ca/35/Doing-Business>

The Town has recently undertaken a Business Retention and Expansion Strategy project and, as part of that work, we're aiming to strengthen and improve this section and its connectivity to important information throughout the website. Keep coming back as we will be continually updating many of these links and pages.

You are invited! Town of Nanton Community Open House

On Sunday March 15th Nanton Town Council and Administration will be hosting an informal open house at the Community Center. Discussion and information regarding the 2019 annual report, the strategic plan, 2020 operating and capital budgets, urban chickens and bees, potential policing changes, along with updates from council committees will be available. Come on down and meet your council & administration, provide your input, learn about what's happening in your community and have a coffee and doughnut on us.



Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.