



NANTON NOTIFIED

November-December 2020

Mayor: Jennifer Handley
 Councillors: Victor Czop, John Dozeman, Dan McLelland, Dave Mitchell, Beryl West, Terry Wickett

Council Meetings	MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR	
First and third Monday of the month @ THRC Warm Room, 7pm. Regular Meetings are open to the Public.	<p>I'm just reading back on the Mayor's reports from 2020, as it truly has been quite the year to reflect on. I was reminded in January I had declared that Council's goal for 2020 was "Community" and stated that "our focus needs to be on Nanton and on building our community up from within". Working within our means but also being open to opportunities and creative solutions to the issues we are facing. In tough times we all need to come together to sustain ourselves". Little did I know at that time what 2020 had in plan for us. Here we are, still in the midst of the uncertainty this pandemic has brought upon our town and the world, but my goodness, have we ever grown and come together as a community.</p> <p>Over the last few months, we have seen numerous people moving from larger centers to our town, seeking a simpler life, proximity to the mountains, spacious yards and the ability to now work from home. Welcome! And thank you for choosing Nanton to now call home. We have seen new businesses emerge showcasing local products and talents, and many of our existing businesses have had to adapt and find creative new ways to sustain. I have also received more inquires (than ever before) from people wanting to start a business in our town. I have noticed and heard a shift in people's buying patterns, where shopping local and the luxury of not having to leave our town to shop is being appreciated. Thank-you goes out to the Nanton Lions for making the Farmers market happen this year, it was great to find a safe solution for vendors and participants every week. I know it took a lot of volunteer hours to pull this together on a weekly basis. Congratulations also goes out to the new Canadian Grain Elevator Society board who have big plans for our elevators. Preservation, active tours and hosting new and exciting events and showcasing the agricultural history of the region are all in the works. Be sure to check out their website www.nantongrainelevators.com and follow them on social media.</p> <p>In early September Council returned to in-person meetings. In order to achieve this, we moved the Council Chambers from the Firehall to the THRC Warm Room. At that time we also learned that Council meeting at the fire hall was supposed to only be a temporary meeting location until a more permanent one was found - that "temporary" solution was 10 years ago! This move to the THRC allowed us to open the meetings up to public again while adhering to safe COVID-19 recommendations and spacing. The Warm Room was selected over other spaces in the community as it enabled us a more permanent set up and also had the appropriate wifi capabilities so we could continue to stream our meetings online live. During this move we started to discuss other opportunities this could present the town. Upstairs at the THRC has over 4000sqft of unused space, including a retro hot tub room that totally made sense in the 80's. We are currently exploring affordably redeveloping this unused space for meeting and other purposes that could reduce the need for other municipal spaces or buildings. Finding efficiencies and creative solutions to cost centres are always a priority.</p> <p>Council meets the first and third Monday of every month at 7pm. You can attend in person at the THRC (access on the West side) or watch live online or watch our past council meetings at nanton.ca They are saved on the website for two weeks, to conveniently watch on your own schedule.</p> <p>We also offer an opportunity on the first Thursday of every month from 10am-12pm to connect with Council and management with any of your questions, ideas and concerns. You can come in person to the THRC Warm Room or chat with us online, from your home or office. Chat link posted on social media and on the website the morning of the meeting.</p>	
Town Office		<p>Mayor Jennifer Handley</p>
OPEN 8:30am-4:00pm Monday to Friday 1-877-365-3901 Closed on statutory holidays		
Website		
www.nanton.ca		
Garbage & Recycling		
Monday mornings		
Yard Waste		
Yard Waste continues to be managed by the Town - Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dump Gump now operates the Recycling Centre on Thursdays, noon to 5 p.m. Fees may apply.		
Licences		
Business Licenses & Dog Licenses EXPIRE December 31, 2020. Watch for Business License invoices the first week of December. Pay early & avoid penalties!		
Follow us on Facebook		
https://www.facebook.com/TownofNanton/		
COVID-19 and the Town		
Monitor our website and Facebook page regularly as regulatory and procedural changes are frequent in the current climate.		

ANNUAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Budget deliberations for Capital & Operating budgets for next year take place during the Fall and Winter. Contact the Town Office if you wish to make representations or submit written ideas to Council or the Finance Committee on the following matters:

<p>TAX & UTILITIES POLICY</p> <p>CAPITAL PRIORITIES</p> <p>OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES</p>	<p>LOCAL SERVICES</p> <p>CONTRIBUTION GRANTS</p> <p>ASSETS AND RESERVES</p>
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IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S TAXES OR BUDGET, DON'T WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR TO LET US KNOW!

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We're approaching the time when we really need to hear from our clubs, societies and service organizations about any requests pertaining to the operating or capital budget for 2021. Please contact the Town Office if there is an 'ask' of Council for this year.

Don't wait until April!

Remembrance Day

Cenotaph Service only at 11am. Legion members will be the only ones participating at this year's service. If you wish to attend please wear a mask & social distance.



Nanton Lights the Way



Nanton still lights the way to Christmas this year!

The festive season is fast approaching and Nanton merchants and business owners are eager to serve you. It's been a tricky year for everyone, and local shops and services have been busy figuring out how to navigate the new realities of serving the public given COVID; but entrepreneurs are nothing if not creative and flexible.

Nanton Lights the Way will look quite a bit different this year, with a long game approach to help you get your Christmas list looked after. From mid-November on, you can expect to find unique gift ideas for everyone at competitive prices and with friendly small-town service. Don't see what you have in mind? Just ask, and chances are Nanton businesses can help. The Nanton Community Centre has stepped up to fill the market void this year with a special 2020 COVID-careful market November 27-29. A full slate of 25 socially-distanced vendors will be on hand with all kinds of interesting options for you.

We're still working on what other surprises the season will have in store, so stay tuned to the Nanton Lights the Way, Visit Nanton Facebook pages and the Nanton Chamber's Instagram and Twitter handles to keep updated. Looking forward to seeing you out and about this holiday season.....and, as always, think local first when deciding on your holiday food, shopping and experiences.

Non-Residential Assessment Sub Class

Businesses and/or property owners who want to take advantage of the Small Business Property Sub Class or are eligible to be removed from the Vacant Non Residential Property Sub Class have until January 31st 2021 at the latest to submit a completed Statutory Declaration to the Town Office. Please contact us if you have any questions.

<https://www.nanton.ca/392/Non-Residential-Property-Tax-Changes>

Updated THRC Covid –19 Guidelines

- Siblings & immediate family (including grandparents) are now allowed into the facility.
- Please read the complete set of rules as there are still several restrictions such as only one guardian and no siblings in the dressing room. All children to be within arms-reach of their parent/guardian at all times.
- Masks are not mandatory but recommended until further notice.
- With the continued compliance of all users of the THRC we hope that we can maintain these lesser restrictions
- Public skate is budget-dependent and numbers will be strictly limited for social distancing.

Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

The Town of Nanton is pleased to welcome Carmen Gareau to our team as our newest administrative office staff. Our customers are greeted with Carmen's excellent customer services skills and outgoing personality as she is quickly settling into the Tax/Utility Clerk position.

In October, we said a fond adieu to the MD of Willow Creek's two Peace Officers with whom we've all gotten to know quite well here at the office. Please join me in wishing both Adam Schneider and Andrea Young all the very best in their future endeavours .

The MD of Willow Creek has hired two new Peace Officers and regular service should resume in late October/ early November. We look forward to meeting them and seeing them out and about in Nanton. Please extend a warm welcome when you see them. Our thanks also go to the MD's Manager of Emergency Services, Kelly Starling, who has stepped in to fill the Peace Officer void temporarily while he has recruited new staff.

In these unusual times, we have also welcomed a couple of new faces to our part-time team at the Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre in order to provide the levels of cleaning and staffing that keep the arena open to users and the general public . Our Recreation Department has undoubtedly been the most impacted by COVID-19 so far in terms of closures and restrictive guidelines, so we thank all users and spectators for their continued patience.

In general, this year has been a bit of an *annus horribilis* for many dealing with the COVID-19 situation in all manner of ways. It has been a challenge for families, employees, employers and all manner of governments and institutions. Our employees have responded well to the pressures it has created thus far. Next year will no doubt bring new challenges as we adapt to the fiscal and political landscape that will develop.

2021 is also municipal elections year. Anyone out there who is contemplating running for office is more than welcome to make an appointment with me to find out more about what serving on Council involves. I strongly encourage taking in a few Council and Committee meetings as a spectator to get a bit of a flavour of both procedure and business.

Neil Smith
Chief Administrative Officer



Town Of Nanton Council (picture by Lori Stuart)

Snow Removal Information

All Property Owners and/or Occupants are encouraged to review section 18 of Bylaw #1327 regarding Snow removal requirements (nanton.ca/DocumentCenter/View/161/1327-Nanton-Traffic-Bylaw).

The Town **does not** clear private driveways or sidewalks in front of private property. Sidewalk snow and ice clearance is a **property owner/occupant responsibility** that may be enforced by our Peace Officers.



Nanton Quality of Life Foundation

Nanton Quality of Life Foundation (FCSS) will be closed from December 24 to January 2, 2021. During this time if you require information or resources you can email quallife@telus.net or call 403-646.2436 to leave a message. Both email and phone messages will be monitored throughout the closure. We want to wish everyone a safe Holiday Season.

Advertising at the Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre

Annual rates start at \$76 for a THRC Wall sign up to 2'x4'; \$250 for a THRC Rink Board Sign up to 32 sq ft; \$158 for THRC Ice Signage 3'x6'. Various sizes & options of advertising are available. Please inquire with the Town Office for more information.

New Donation Wall and Program

Council launched the new donation program at Westview Pond on September 24th with the unveiling of the installation (pictured) and the planting of two Mountain Ash trees.

Full details: <https://www.nanton.ca/355/Sponsor-or-Donate>

Contact: clerk@nanton.ca



OFFICE CLOSURES AND HOLIDAY HOURS

November 11 — CLOSED Remembrance Day.

December 24 — CLOSED at Noon

December 25 & 28 —CLOSED, **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

January 1—CLOSED, **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

