**July 2023** 

# Town of Watson

# Small Town Today...

# Your Town Tomorrow!



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**OFFICE HOURS** 

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

#### ADMINISTRATION

Lani Best Shae Bold Kim Mitchell

MAINTENANCE
Jim Garman
James Dominey
John Sommer
Chase Nordick

#### TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR Norma Weber

COUNCILORS
Mike Brost
Aron Friesen
Glenn Pastl
Rebecca Paszt
Lindsey Sobchyshyn
Jeff Turchyn

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

**MAYOR HOURS** 

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 1:30 pm Technical Safety Authority – IF you now have a plastic line coming into your house please see the attached information sheet regarding House Grounding.

## Watson & District Donor's Choice Combined Appeal 2023

Have you returned your form to either the Affinity Credit Union or the Town Office? We still have some forms here if you still want to get your donation in.

<u>Curbside Compost Pickup</u> – service has resumed. We will pick up your compost every Thursday from May until the first week of November. Again this year, compost must be in a clear bag. **Bag tags are available at the Town Office free of charge, as we require your address on each bag**. Animal feces and garbage cannot be in this bag, or it will be left behind.

**New to Watson??** Please stop by the office an introduce yourself. If you are looking for information on local groups and clubs we will do our best to help you out! It takes community members dedication to help us provide all the services we currently have in Watson.

The Town of Watson hosted two events in June. Spring into Watson was a day full of entertainment. From Food and cars to shopping and great music. Thank you to everyone who organized and worked at the events. Thank you to everyone who came out to support and participate.

The Fire Department held a street dance and BBQ June 23, 2023 to help raise funds to put the addition on the fire hall and to purchase a new to us cube van. You can make donations to the Fire Hall through the Donor's Choice Appeal or drop off a check to the Town of Watson and we can issue a charitable receipt.

Congratulations to our Watson High School Graduates!! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors and hope you will always call Watson home.

Watson and District Heritage Museum will be opening up soon. The local board works hard raising funds to operate the museum and to make improvements to the property. Stop in to show appreciation for their hard work – if you are interested, volunteer to offer your expertise to continue their improvements.

### **Quill Plains Health Care Foundation:**

Thank you to everyone for your support in our many fundraisers thus far, and we encourage any groups and communities who have an idea for an event to raise money for equipment and furnishing for this regional project, to please help the foundation out in any way you can.

On Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> we met with members of Saskatchewan Health and representatives of the various municipalities to make everyone aware that this project is in progress. We are not sure what our new facility is going to look like, but they are working on the business plan, and expect that to be completed by this fall. Once the business plan is completed we can begin to do a high level estimate on the costs, and start to work on an actual design plan. Until then we are continuing to raise funds.

The Board for the foundation will be working on board development and strategic planning to ensure we continue to provide professional leadership for this project.

## What's Up Watson??

The Town of Watson has signed up for Voyent Alert. This is a notification service that we will use to advise our residents. The primary purpose of this is for emergency notification. It will only take minutes to get the information out to all of our residents. If you have not already, please sign up to receive notifications. You can download the APP on your smart phone, or register online to receive your notification by Text, email or land line call. There is absolutely no fee to sign up for this service, if they are asking for a fee you are not downloading the correct APP. Call or drop in at the office and we would be happy to help you register. Our new grader has arrived, and our maintenance crew is busy learning how to operate it efficiently. It will make grading a lot easier, and save us money on repairs and maintenance.

Sand Seal for 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW has been contracted out to Diamond Asphalt Repair. This will complete the Sand Seal on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Costs have risen considerably, therefore we are doing a smaller section this year to help keep our tax increases down.

We have not scheduled any large water or sewer projects for 2023. Even though we haven't scheduled projects, we needed to budget for any maintenance or repairs that may arise. Already for 2023 we have made several sewer line repairs – interestingly enough they were not any that were on our radar as possible issues. Great to get them fixed properly, and know that this will no longer be an issue for those residents.

There are a few smaller projects that we are working on completing – the Library is looking forward to a fresh coat of paint, and the hail storm has introduced the need to repair a portion of the museum shop roof.

Last but not least, our garbage bins will be arriving in July. Last day for tag a bag pick up will be July 12 and the first day that we will do the automated curbside pick up is scheduled for July 19. We will have a pamphlet on the garbage bins to advise you of all the ins and outs!! We will also send out reminders for pickups on the Voyent Alert System as pick up will be every two weeks — it will take us all some time to get used to this.

PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

> Librarian Val McLean

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

306.287.3642

**REACT** 

306.682.1955

LANDFILL

Winter Hours:

Monday (May-Oct)

3:00 PM -7:00 PM

Wednesday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Garbage Pick Up Wednesday's 7:00 am

Watson & District
Heritage Museum
Closed for the Season
For a tour or a special
booking please call Judy
Schmid to arrange
306-287-9401

New to Watson? Want to meet people and get involved??

Call the Office

#### **Fun Fact**

Santa Claus is actually an English pronunciation of the Dutch word "Sinterklaas", which translates back into English as Saint Nicholas.

Canada has the longest coastline in the world, stretching over 200,000 KM, enough to circle the earth 5 times.