

Town of Watson

Small Town Today...

Your Town Tomorrow!

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OFFICE HOURS

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

ADMINISTRATION

Lani Best
Connie Dickson
Kim Mitchell

MAINTENANCE

Jim Garman
James Dominey
Lloyd van der Buhs
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

2nd Monday
of each month at 1:30 pm

SCGA – Saskatchewan Common Ground Alliance hosted a Dig Safe Breakfast in Watson on April 12, 2023. It was our first year being asked to host, we had a good turn out and the Watson Community Club served an excellent breakfast for the 50 attendees. Thank you to all the local businesses who provided an item for our 'Swag Bags' – lots of positive feedback on our Community. We are looking forward to being a Host Community again next year.

Watson & District Donor's Choice Combined Appeal 2023

Enclosed is a Donor form replacing a door-to-door campaign. Please select the charities of your choice, complete donor information along with your signature. If Charity of your choice does not appear on Donor form, please feel free to donate to that Charity on your own. You can drop completed forms with payment off at the Town Office or Affinity Credit Union in Watson. Thank you for your continued support!

Curbside Compost Pickup – will resume on May 4th (May the fourth be with you). 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.

RCMP Retroactive Pay – In 2021 the Government of Canada and the National Police Federation negotiated a collective agreement for RCMP officers that includes substantial retroactive pay increases dating back to April 1, 2017. Since the contract was announced SUMA, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and other municipal groups have advocated to the Government of Canada to absorb the retroactive costs associated with the contract. Unfortunately the recently released federal budget did not include a federal commitment to absorb the costs of the RCMP retroactive pay decision. At this time we still do not know the financial impact to municipalities in Saskatchewan.

Taekwondo – Is doing a raffle for a basket of goodies to support their club. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available for sale at the Town Office and from local club members. Thank you in advance for your support!

Spring into Watson June 3, 2023

Something for everyone! Spring into Watson presented by the Watson & District Chamber of Commerce has lots to offer! Make sure you check out the events!! Kicking the day off is a pancake breakfast at the New Horizons, followed by a Tradeshow in the Arena and a Show & Shine on Main Street! There are games planned for the kids, and a town wide garage sale. We have you covered for lunch too – BBQ Lunch with elephant ears and Cat's Creamery Ice Cream. Wrap up your day with a Cabaret featuring Brock Andrews at the Civic Center.

Brock Andrews is a heartfelt, high-energy artist who proudly represents Saskatchewan on stages across North America. Brock is an award winning singer/songwriter with 15 SCMA nominations and is one of the most played country artists from Saskatchewan on Canadian country radio. It is exciting that Brock and his talented, award winning band will be performing on our stage here in Watson!!

Tickets are available for sale at the town office. Get yours today!!

Watson Fire Department 2nd Annual Street Fest – Save the Date!! Friday June 23rd come out and enjoy live music on Main Street featuring Eliza Doyle and SaskSteel. Watch for posters! Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards a new cube van.

The Town will be saying farewell to Connie Dickson, as she is retiring on May 31, 2023 – if you see her out and about I am sure she will let you know and give you an opportunity to say goodbye!! Connie has been a valuable asset to the community of Watson for the past 12 years and is leaving some big shoes to fill! We wish Connie the best in her retirement.

Quill Plains Health Care Foundation – Beef Lotto Tickets are available for sale, \$20.00 each. Pick up yours today at the Town Office or the Watson Pharmasave. Draw will be made on Saturday at Watson's Spring Into Watson celebration.

EQWL Regional Partnership – Watson is working with the Villages of Englefeld and Quill Lake and the RM of Lakeside to work together on regional interests. Our first successful venture was the formation of the EQWL Regional Board of Revision. Each municipality provides at least one board member to sit on the board to hear assessment appeals, saving us all time and money. More collaboration to come...

What's Up Watson??

We are needing more space in our fire hall. We are putting on an addition to ensure that our trucks will fit in the hall. The volunteers have it down to a science and everything just fits in now. We are needing to replace the cube van, and equipment just keeps getting bigger. Your support of Fire Department Fundraisers and direct donations are greatly appreciated for projects like these.

Our new grader is arriving this month. The grader is part of our strategic planning for improving our equipment infrastructure in Watson.

We are planning to get our Tax Notices out in May. The discount period runs until July 31. If you want to set up a monthly payment plan, contact Lani at the Office. Did you know that the Town Office offers both Notary Public and Commissioner of Oaths services? Give us a call or stop by and we are happy to help you.

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

Check out the July 21, 1982 issue of the Watson Witness when you visit the Museum – A band named "Dear Friends" was the entertainment at Horsepower Days. This band was Brock Andrews' Parents Band! The Andrews Family is coming full circle and performing in Watson again!!