

# Town of Watson

Small Town Today...

Your Town Tomorrow!

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#### OFFICE HOURS

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

#### ADMINISTRATION

Lani Best

Kim Mitchell

#### MAINTENANCE

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

2nd Monday  
of each month at 1:30 pm

July 11, 2023 saw our first critical need of Voyent Alert for a North Side Water Disruption and Boil Water Advisory. If you want as much advance notice as we can possibly give, you must do your part by signing up for Voyent Alert! If you need help please stop by the office and I would be pleased to help you.



I hope the new transition to Automated Curbside Pickup has been easy for you all. I send out notices on Voyent to remind residents of curbside collection days. If you have not already done so, please sign up!

Billing for the Garbage bins will be on your Water and Sewer bills. The cost is \$10.00 per month. If you have auto pay set up, remember to change the amount to \$100.00 to ensure you keep your account current. You are responsible for the replacement of your bin if it is damaged from negligence – ensure you store it close to your house so it does not get damaged by wind.

Building Permits: When doing home renovations, please remember that you must get a building permit for any interior work which alters the structure of your home. This would include windows of a different size, bay windows, moving walls or building a basement bedroom. If you have any questions you can call the office for clarification.

**Golf Cart Bylaw:** There has been lots of talk province wide over new Golf Cart Laws. These changes are different for each municipality. The Town of Watson is not making any changes to our current bylaw. Golf Carts are only allowed on roadways from your home to the golf course via the most direct route. If you have questions on this please call the office.

### **Watson and District Heritage Museum:**

The Museum, housed in the original Canadian Bank of Commerce, wishes to welcome visitors to our community and to the museum while you are here. The Museum's collection of artifacts depict pioneer life in our district, memorabilia specific to our /town and community. This year "School Days" is our main display, taking us back in time to the 1950's & 1960's including photos, year books and so much more! Thank you Hailey and Emery, our summer students, for all their hard work making the museum a wonderful experience for all our visitors this year. The Museum Board also thanks all who have volunteered their time, skills, knowledge and creativity – both past and present, working together to make the Museum the beautiful Heritage Tourist Stop that it is today. We are currently looking for volunteers and board members who want to help us maintain and continue building on our beautification of our local Museum. If this is something that would interest you, please contact Judy Schmid at 306-287-9401.

### **Watson Community Club:**

The Community Club was organized in 1945 as a service club working for the betterment of the community and the people within it. The club undertakes fundraising projects such as the Arts Show & Craft Sale, raffles, Christmas Greeting Board Advertising Sales, bake sales, and catering. All funds raised by this group benefits the residents in the form of cash contributions towards community groups. This past year, the Watson Arena, McNab Regional Park, Sharon Putnam Public library, Quill Plains Centennial Lodge Activity Department, Watson Housing Authority Tenant Association, Watson School, and a Grade 12 Academic Award were recipients of cash support. Thank you to all that have supported fundraisers over the years. The Community Club is always looking for more members and/or volunteers to help continue to provide this level of support to our community groups. Please contact Judy Schmid at 306-287-9401 if interested in helping.

Quill Plains Health Care Foundation – We are selling Co-op gift cards as a fundraiser to support our project. Cards are available for sale at the Town Office in either \$50 or \$100 denominations. Thank you for your support.

Hedge Trimming- this is often missed in back alleys and along sidewalks. Please keep your hedges neat and tidy by trimming them yearly.

### **What's Up Watson??**

Partnering with Englefeld, Quill Lake and the RM of Lakeside, we have received a \$100,000 grant to assist us with the costs of updating our Official Community Plan and making any necessary amendments to our Zoning Bylaw. Please watch for invites to community planning meetings – we need your input and ideas to ensure our new plans truly represent what Watson is and can be.

We have outgrown our fire hall and are beginning to plan and fundraise for a new building. You can make your donations at the Town Office. Any help is appreciated Did your property suffer damages in the rain storm? Provincial Disaster Assistance Program Applications are available at the town office to help you mitigate the cost of damages.

#### **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**

#### **OPEN**

Tuesday-Saturday  
12:00PM -5:00PM  
July and August

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

Call the Office

#### **Fun Fact**

The Puritans of New England were not a fan of Santa Claus. In 1659 a law was passed which made it illegal to celebrate Christmas. They believed Christmas was just a pagan custom that Catholics took over without any biblical basis.