

January 2024

# Town of Watson

Small Town Today...

Your Town Tomorrow!



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

**Please don't forget to download the Voyent Alert! App, or call the office to register for text or email notification. Enrolling in this will ensure that you are always notified of current events in a timely manner. Stop by the office if you require assistance or have any questions. We would love to help you.**

**Quill Plains Health Care Foundation:** Thank you to the amazing support of the foundation fundraisers. Our Jess Moskaluke concert brought in just over \$23,000 – thanks to our generous sponsors. The Watson Quilt Guild raffled a Santa Quilt, Quill Lake High Tea, at the Moon Lite Madness, our Filipino community provided a supper, and Christmas Pudding sales were a few that raised funds this year. With all the hard work of volunteers, and generous donations from you, the Quill Plains Health Care Foundation has raised just over \$1 Million for our project. We thank you for your continued support, and watch for more upcoming events including the High Tea in Quill Lake again this spring.

First Garbage Collection for 2024 is January 3. The Voyent Alert! Notifications are sent out the day before to remind you of the pick up schedule. You must bag the garbage, and your lid must close completely to be picked up. Pick up has been going late – make sure you leave your bin out long enough!

**Snow Removal:** We have been blessed this year with light snows, but you never know when the big one is coming. Please keep your vehicles off the streets as much as possible. Your cooperation enables us to do a better job removing snow for you.

**New2You:** Our New2You venture on main street has had an amazing start. Thank you to all the hardworking volunteers that make it happen, and for taking such care and attention to all the small details. If you would like to volunteer, there are sign up forms at the store. Proceeds from this venture will be divided between the four municipalities in the EQWL Regional Partnership (Englefeld, Quill Lake, Watson and the RM of Lakeside). Each community can distribute those funds to their community clubs, projects or improvements as needed. Contact your municipal office if you are in need of some extra funding!! We are planning to begin distributing funds in 2025.

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## OFFICE HOURS

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

## ADMINISTRATION

Lani Best  
Melissa Chegus  
Kim Mitchell

## MAINTENANCE

Kelly Gerspacher  
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

**Watson and District Heritage Museum:** Thank you for all your support over the past year. Exciting things to come in the next few years again, as we have been the recipient of a grant to help us continue building improvements.

### Watson & District Fire & Rescue

Well, another year is coming to an end. The Watson Fire Department wants to thank the Town, R.M.'s and surrounding communities for all of the support that we have received over the last year. Whether it be our Street fest , Burger sales, Golf Tournament or just the kind words and conversations that are had. Your support assists us in being able to better serve the area we serve in training and equipment.

Currently we are in the process of replacing our mobile command unit with a new one that we are finalizing the details on and continued fund raising is going towards that, as well upgrading our general equipment and training as needed.

A friendly reminder during the holiday season about the increased travel that happens in sometimes adverse weather conditions. Travel safe, check road conditions, have an emergency kit in your car and it is recommended to always have at least half a tank of gas in case you get stuck, and have to wait it out. At home with increased electrical cords, decorations, lights, and plug in heaters ensure that they are in good condition , and the heaters have appropriate clearances as per manufacturers recommendations.

On behalf of the Watson Fire Department stay safe and have a Merry Christmas and New Year. – Glenn Thacyk

### What's Up Watson??

Work continues on our Official Community Plan and our Zoning Bylaw. We are hoping to have it completed before the summer months are upon us.

We have been busy cleaning up trees that are dying or in need of trimming. We have added some more Christmas Lights to trees at Piccadilly Square (Signboard at the end of Main Street) Thank you to Friesen Farms for the use of their man lift.

2024 will be an election year for your Municipal Council. The Current council continues to work diligently to improve Watson Services and Infrastructure, while also creating policy and procedure to ensure the effective continuation of services during times of change in either council or staffing. We are focusing on improving our asset management plans to assist in budget decisions.

New Turbidity Meters for our Water Treatment Plant have been ordered as well as many pump repairs at the lift station. **Please remember that wipes of any kind are NOT flushable.** They plug up the pumps and sewer will back up into your home if we can't pump it away. Prevention is a more effective cost savings, please do your part and stop flushing wipes.

Our new Grader arrived safely, and is a wonderful addition to our equipment. In preparation of snowfall we have built a snow bucket for the loader to ensure we can continue to remove snow in an efficient manner – just waiting for the opportunity to put it to work.

Voyent Alert! Third mention in this newsletter – please make sure you sign up for notifications – text, email or use the APP. Call the office to sign up or if you need assistance. We are asking you to help us keep you informed of emergencies. In emergency situations our office is extremely busy – we have heard that you want faster notification, but we cannot get it to you if you don't sign up.

#### 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  
Every Second  
Wednesday 7:00 am

#### Watson & District Heritage Museum

Off Season Bookings  
Call  
Judy 306-287-9401

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

Call the Office

#### Fun Fact

In 1822, Clement Clarke Moore wrote a poem for his children called "A Visit from St. Nicholas". In the poem, Moore describes St. Nicholas as a jolly old elf who has supernatural abilities such as being able to enter a chimney with a chime of his head. The poem was published anonymously and is popular today as "The Night Before Christmas."