

July 2024

# Town of Watson

Small Town Today...

Your Town Tomorrow!



## TOWN OF WATSON

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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

## COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

This is our first year participating - What does this mean for Watson? An opportunity to showcase our Community and surrounding area. Watson will be judged for Communities in Bloom in mid July to late August. When driving through any community first impressions of what kind of community we are represented by this. Residents can and do contribute to our welcoming atmosphere by maintaining lawns, trimming trees, shrubs, boulevards, and overall tidiness. Communities in Bloom is not just about flowers!! With your continued projects, municipal staff and volunteer efforts on public properties we will show the judges our "best dressed" side! We are a well rounded community with many amenities to brag about! If you want your property showcased please contact Norma Weber or Jane Graf, so they can start planning the judges tour.

**Compost Pick Up** will continue over the summer. Pick up day is Thursdays. All compost must be in clear bags with a label or they will not be picked up. The town does not pick up tree branches or any other compostable item that does not fit in your clear bags.

**Garbage Collection:** We issue reminders via the Voyent Alert app for pick up days, please sign up for the service. Ensure when you put your bins out on the street that they are not over full and are not left too close to parked vehicles or the garbage truck will not pick them up. We have had a few days where garbage collection has gone quite late, some collection days are heavier than usual so collection times will vary.

Property Taxes for 2024 have been levied. Discount period is until the end of July, and applies to the Municipal Taxes only. The 2023 Audited Financial Statements are available on our website [www.townofwatson.com](http://www.townofwatson.com)

We are reviewing our policy on Mastercard and Visa Payments and may begin accepting them later in the year with a surcharge to be applied to those payments. Keep an eye out for notices on this. In the mean time payments can be made through the Credit Union, CIBC or via e-transfer to [town.watson@sasktel.net](mailto:town.watson@sasktel.net) please note your name or account number in the memo line of the email to ensure correct posting.

**Quill Plains Health Care Foundation:** Thanks you for your support in our most recent fundraisers. Our High Tea in Quill Lake raised over \$50,000, including donations. Quick Dick McDick in Watson raised over \$20,000 including donations. There are still Co-op and Sobey's Grocery Cards available for sale at the Town Office. We receive a percentage of the sales proceeds.

Our draw date for our Beef/Cash raffle is drawing near – August 1<sup>st</sup>. Prizes for first and second is a ¼ Prime 4H Beef – cut and wrapped, and third prize is \$250 cash. A sell out would bring in \$20,000 for the foundation. Help us make this a sell out, everyone can use some beef and/or cash!! Tickets are available for sale from any Foundation Board Member, Watson Town Office and the Watson Pharmacy.

### **Watson & District Heritage Museum:**

Springtime was a busy time for our museum. In May, our summer student Emery redesigned the displays on the main floor and had a huge role to play in the creation of the new summer exhibit. The new exhibit will be up until August and is named Watson's Hall of Fame, focussing on Watson's sports teams and finest players. This seemed to be a big hit at Spring Into Watson. As of now, the museum is open from Tuesday to Saturday all summer long. Make sure to stop by for a visit in your free time because the museum has some fun events planned which include a Murder in the Museum night and an Outdoor Movie Night. Another fun event going on every Friday is Caffeine and Culture from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. As well, there are big plans in store for the museum with an upcoming mural in progress.

Recently, we have had many visitors stopping by including a few people from abroad. We have also been busy with the Watson School Students, giving them tours and activities to do. Our museum looks forward to seeing many more friendly faces throughout the summer!

### **McNab Regional Park:**

**Golf Season is Here!!** Ladies' Night is on Tuesdays, followed by Men's Night on Thursdays. Mixed Nights are every second Friday starting July 12. Phone the club house for more information and to sign up. 306-287-4240

#### **Upcoming Tournaments are:**

**The McNab Regional Park MegaBowl 2 Person Scramble - July 6 and July 7 Par 3 Tournament – Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Senior Men's & Ladies' Open Tournament – Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual Watson Fire & Rescue Pink Ball Tournament – Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Check out their poster for a better listing of their events!!

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

We have received our first truck load of cold mix to begin our road repairs, and staff have been working hard to get this done. We will be repairing two sections of sidewalk this summer – Main Street in front of Canadian Organic and the entry to the Midway Co-op. Staff are assessing all the sidewalks in town and we hope to have an asset management plan set up for them before the end of the year.

Our purchase of the OK Tire Building for our new Fire Hall is progressing well – we are set to take ownership on July 31, 2024. Donations for the Fire Hall and Fire Truck project can be made at the Town Office. We appreciate all your support.

#### **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**

Tues – Friday  
12-5 PM

Saturdays  
1-4

(Closed Saturdays for long weekends)

306-287-3396  
Emery Sobchyshyn,  
Summer Curator

#### **Fun Fact**

Millions of years ago, a large landmass in Saskatchewan formed the bottom of a seafloor. Over time erosion transformed the landscape, creating the flatlands we see today. These plains were one home to mountains and hills that eroded away!