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# Town of Watson

Small Town Today...

Your Town Tomorrow!



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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

**In the event of a Boil Water Advisory or an urgent emergency situation we will be notifying residents through the Voyent Alert! App first. Please register for this notification – if you don't want the app you can receive a text message.**

**Snow Removal:** We have been blessed this year with light snows, (*I take that back...*) 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.

Website: The Town of Watson is trying to improve our website functionality, and it should be launched by the time these newsletters are mailed out.

[www.townofwatson.com](http://www.townofwatson.com) please check it out and send us any suggestions you have for improvements, or information you would like to see online.

#### Watson & District Volunteer Fire Department:

2024 will be a huge year for our fire department. The Town of Watson has entered into an agreement to purchase the former OK Tire Building on Highway 6, to be used as our new fire hall. Equipment is getting larger and what we have now barely fits into the hall. A larger fire hall will also provide us with the space to create a regional EMO meeting center. In the event of any emergency we will be better prepared to protect our citizens. Our new fire hall will allow for the growth and expansion of our emergency services for the entire region.

The fire department has also ordered a new mobile command unit, to replace the one that is failing. Your volunteers have given countless hours of maintenance and service on this piece of equipment, but even their hard work and dedication cannot keep a worn out piece of equipment road ready. The volunteer fire men have been raising funds for some time to replace aging equipment. You can support the new Fire Hall or Equipment Fund by attending the fundraisers hosted for this purpose, or with a direct donation to the Town of Watson for the Fire Hall – building or equipment fund. We appreciate your support of this important part of Watson's core services.

I think this is a great opportunity to draw attention to the amazing work that our firemen have done for our community. Our past fire chiefs and volunteers had the foresight to build an effective, well running organization. Our current fire chief and volunteers were taught well and are continuing to work for our municipality in a progressive fashion. THANK YOU for the midnight calls, holiday's interrupted, and the situations that are difficult to be at, THANK YOU. This is a group of volunteers who do the majority of their work hidden from the public eye. THANK YOU.

## Up Coming Events:

**Arena:** There are several events upcoming in March and April – 4ON4 Tournament is scheduled for March 8+9, Curling Bonspiel will be throwing rocks around March 22+23, and a Mini Sticks tournament on April 14. If you like to play, sign up, but we would also love to have you come out and be a cheer leader!

**Quill Plains Health Care foundation:** Co-op & Sobey's Gift Cards are for sale at the Town Office stop by and pick one up today. Beef Raffle will be coming up again starting April 1, watch for your chance to buy tickets. Our High Tea is being hosted in Quill Lake on April 27 – come out for an afternoon of fun for a great cause. On June 14, the Quill Plains Health Care Foundation will be hosting Quick Dick McDick, tickets on sale soon! They will go fast so make sure you get yours. All proceeds from these events will go towards the QPHCF fundraising for equipment and furnishings in the new building. These are all great ways to support the foundation, thank you for your continued support.

**Watson & District Heritage Museum:** would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Watson and beyond for all the wonderful support in 2023 attending our house concerts, visiting us during the summer season, and taking part in our Santa Claus Day festivities. Thank you to those who attended our most recent Sunday afternoon House concert featuring Ellen Froese . A huge thank you to Jim and Jodi Haussecker for all their time spent on putting these concerts together. The Museum committee is very appreciative and feel privileged to be able to host these wonderful events. Our next concert is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2024 featuring Lachlin Neville 7:30 PM. Contact Jim @ 306.287.7130 for tickets.

Plans for our 2024 Season are now in progress, check out our Facebook page "Watson & District Heritage Museum" and the town website for more information. <https://www.townofwatson.com/p/watson-museum>

## What's Up Watson??

We are coming to the end of the Work on our Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw. We will be announcing a public meeting in the near future to give you another opportunity to provide us with some feedback and help guide the direction we take with our Official Community Plan.

Our Assessment Roll has been closed for 2024 and we will be moving forward with creating 2024 Tax Roll. We are also going to start Tax Enforcement Proceedings on all properties with overdue Taxes. Please make payment arrangements with the office as soon as possible to avoid additional charges being incurred.

**We continue to have pumps plugging at the booster station. We cannot stress enough that wipes of any size shape or brand are not flushable.**

2024 is an election year for our Municipality. Nominations will open later in the year, If you are interested in joining our Municipal Council, but don't have any idea what it will involve, come join us at one of our regularly scheduled meetings and you can observe the proceedings. Our next scheduled meeting is March 6, 2024 at 7PM in Council Chambers. There is also great information at [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca) for municipal councilors and their roles.

### 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

"Saskatchewan" is derived from  
from  
"Kisiskatchewanisipi" the  
Cree name for the  
Saskatchewan River. It  
roughly translates to "big  
swift-flowing river" which  
describes it pretty well.  
The current spelling was  
adopted when the  
province became a part of  
the Northwest Territories  
in 1882. So the next time  
someone complains about  
spelling Saskatchewan ask  
them to try spelling  
Kisiskatchewanisipi!