

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
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

Boil Water Advisories – We had a Water Line break on the south side at the end of July. Only a small area was affected. Voyent Alert subscribers were aware of the issue and informed that the water was going off 20 minutes before we were able to get the door knockers out. In a larger distribution area this advance notice will be closer to a full hour. Residents have asked for more notice for incidents like this and need to do your part and sign up for Voyent. You can download the app or call the office and I can sign you up to receive text messages, phone calls or emails.

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.

We have discovered the occasional need for a white tablecloth for events in our Civic Center, if you have any that you no longer use and are looking to rehome, we would gratefully accept them at the Town Office.

Elections - Call for Nominations for our election will open September 24 if you or someone you know is interested in running for council, forms will be available at the Town Office. Deadline for Nominations is October 9 and elections, if required will be on November 13. Watson will also be having an advance poll on November 5 to ensure everyone has an opportunity to vote!

Fire Hall – We have finalized the purchase of the new Fire Hall, and our volunteers are busy getting it ready for move in. Thank you to everyone who has already made their donation towards this purchase, we appreciate the support! A down payment has been made on the Command Unit and we are hoping to receive the unit in early 2025. Community protection is a priority for Watson, and these new capital investments into our Fire Department will ensure we are able to continue to provide Fire and Rescue services for years to come. If you would like to make a contribution towards the fire department improvements you can do so at the Town Office and we will issue you a Charitable Donation Receipt.

Back Alleys behind fences and hedges are often missed, please make sure you keep those areas sprayed for weeds and trimmed to keep it neat and tidy!

Fire Department is hosting their Pink Ball Tournament on September 7, register online or call the park if you would like to attend.

Watson & District Heritage Museum: July and August were filled with excitement in the museum! In the month of July, we saw many visitors from all over the country and even from around the world. Our Caffeine and Culture event was every Friday afternoon and was always attended by people eager to come for some coffee while being surrounded by history and artifacts! As well, our museum just finished our weekly Nights At The Museum for the summer. This included a Murder In The Museum game alternating Thursday evenings with an outdoor movie night. With these three events alone, they brought in approximately 200 people into our doors!

The second week of August proved to be an exciting week for the museum as our dream of a mural was being seen to fruition. The concept of this project first began in May once we secured Kent Ness and his artistry. Once started, he had the mural completed within 16 hours. It was amazing to watch this process unfold, and we couldn't be more pleased with the results! The image represents the farming community that Watson is by showcasing our elevator and a combine in a wheat field. It is located on the south side of the museum, so make sure to check it out!

To end off the year, the museum hosted a windup party on August 22nd. This fun filled day included the last Murder In The Museum game, coffee and dainties in the museum, a streetside farmers market, live music played by The Horse's Mouth, and an excellent BBQ. This was the perfect way to wrap up a jam-packed summer. We also would like to give out a few thank yous to people that helped our museum this summer. The outstanding museum board, our creative summer student, our town administrator and town employees. Along with everyone who came to visit, toured our building, and attended our many events. Your support was very much appreciated! The museum will now be closed for the season, if you are still interested in a tour, phone Judy Schmid at 306-419-0503.

What's Up Watson??

With the high cost of the fire department this year, we did not do any new sand seal, instead Kelly and John have put over 30 tonnes of cold mix into patching and repairing our streets. We have been working to improve our drainage, and the first ditch we re did was by the Quick Stop Diner along Highway 6. Many of our ditches need to be dug out and ensure that culverts are open to facilitate water drainage. With September upon us we feel we are running out of time to get all this work completed! We are hoping for a good fall so we can continue to make progress on all of our improvement projects.

Council has already started working on our 2025 budget – getting estimates for sewer lining is one of the projects. This can be a very expensive endeavor, but lining is still easier and more cost effective than digging up to replace. We are hoping we can begin some of this work in 2025.

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

There are over
100,000 lakes in our
Province. The
largest fish ever
caught in
Saskatchewan was a
Lake Sturgeon
weighing 260
pounds. Do any of
your fish stories
measure up to this??

The First commercial
airport in Canada
opened in Regina in
1928.