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# Waterhen

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## Community Overview

Waterhen is situated on the east shore of the Waterhen River midway between Waterhen Lake and Lake Manitoba.

### Access

The community is located at the intersection of Provincial Road (PR) 328 and PR 276 providing access to Gypsumville due east and Ste. Rose du Lac due south. As a result of these connections, significant traffic flows through to a number of nearby communities, including Skownan First Nation (8 kilometres north), Mallard, Meadow Portage, Salt Point and Homebrook.

### Governance

The community was recognized in 1970 and is represented by a mayor and council under The Northern Affairs Act.

## Community Contacts

Waterhen Community Council  
Box 68  
Waterhen, MB R0L 2C0

Phone: 204-628-3358  
Fax: 204-628-3270  
Email: [wcc@inetlink.ca](mailto:wcc@inetlink.ca)  
website: [www.waterhen.ca](http://www.waterhen.ca)

### Office Hours and Staff

Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The community employs a community administrative officer, public works employee, water treatment plant operator, community safety officer, volunteer fire chief, caretaker, recreation leader and solid waste employee.

## Economic Overview

Commercial fishing, trapping and livestock production form the base for economic growth.

Most of the fishing is done on Lake Manitoba. Trapping is in the Waterhen Registered Trapline Zone.

The community formed the Loon Development Corporation to assist in economic development. Council manages the Wayside Ferry Park.

## Community Statistics

Population	
1985	171
1991	187
1996	193
2001	171
2006	163
2011	169

*\*Information is from Statistics Canada.*

### Households

There are 96 housing units.

### Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18829A. See map.

### Property Assessment and Taxes

Information is from the 2015 assessment roll and Manitoba Regulation 117/2015 tax rates and levy of Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$26,800
Real Property	\$1,692,890
Grants-in-lieu	\$427,320
Exempt	\$333,860
Total	\$2,480,870
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal mills	5.7
Business Tax	3.75%
School Levies	
Foundation mills	11.61
Frontier School Division #48 mills	15.399

## Emergency Services

### Fire

Fire fighting capability is based on two pumper trucks, rescue van and equipment from the fire hall. Portable forestry equipment is available for grass and brush fires. The fire department is a key member of the Winnipegosis Mutual Aid District.

### Police

Police response is from the Winnipegosis RCMP detachment Phone: 204-656-7000. The community safety officer also responds Phone: 204-628-3476.

### Medical

Medical response is from a fully equipped ambulance service which serves several nearby communities and provides transportation to hospitals in Dauphin and Ste. Rose du Lac. There is a scheduled nurse's clinic and community health worker.

## Communication Services

### Phone

Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to Camperville, Pine River, Winnipegosis, Ethelbert, Fork River, Rorketon, Sifton, Gilbert Plains, Grandview, Dauphin and Ochre River. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

### Cellular Service/Wi-Fi

Unavailable.

### High-Speed Internet

Rural available.

## Community Based Services

### Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office toll free: 1-888-624-9376.

### Water and Wastewater

Water is pumped from the Waterhen River into a 32 million litre reservoir. It is then chlorinated and pumped to standpipes and a limited distribution system. Homes in the subdivision

and Frontier School Division buildings are connected to the distribution line.

Sewage is piped by low pressure sewer lines to a community lagoon. Individual septic services are also available within the community.

### Waste Disposal

Solid waste pick-up service is provided and materials are transported to a solid waste disposal site near the community.

### Schools

The Waterhen School operated by Frontier School Division serves the communities of Waterhen, Rock Ridge, Salt Point and Mallard. The school serves 72 students from Nursery to Grade 9. Phone: 204-628-3443.

### Recreation Facilities

- Multi-purpose recreation building with hall
- Outdoor rink with change house

## Government Services

### Manitoba Sustainable Development

Regional Operations, Central Region, District Office and Conservation Officer Phone: 204-659-5208 in Gypsumville. Eastern Region, Fire Control Officer Phone: 204-345-1419 in Lac du Bonnet.

Environment Officer Phone: 204-622-2134 and Drinking Water Officer Phone: 204-622-2153 in Dauphin. After hours emergency number toll free: 1-855-944-4888 (officers on call).

### Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living

Public Health Inspector Phone: 204-622-2062 in Dauphin.

### Manitoba Justice

Circuit court sits at Dauphin coordinated by the Dauphin Regional Court Office Phone: 204-622-2192.

### Manitoba Growth, Enterprise and Trade

Employment Standards Branch Phone: 204-726-6926 in Brandon or toll free: 1-800-821-4307.

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Office of the Fire Commissioner, Deputy Fire Commissioner Phone: 204-726-6855 in Brandon. The 24 hour emergency number toll free: 1-888-389-3473.

Communities Economic Development Fund (CEDF), Head Office Phone: 204-778-4138 in Thompson or toll free: 1-800-561-4315.

Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations  
North Central Regional Office Phone: 204-622-2110 in Dauphin. The 24 hour emergency number toll free: 1-866-735-3111.

Recreation and Regional Services Branch  
Phone: 204-622-2022 in Dauphin.

Community and Regional Planning Branch,  
Regional Office Phone: 204-622-2157 in Dauphin.

### **Commercial Services**

#### **Accommodation**

- Harvest Lodge provides accommodation.

#### **Transportation**

- Gardewine North provides freight service from the Dauphin terminal.

#### **Business Directory**

<b>Business</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Loon Development Corporation	204-628-3358
Harvest Lodge	204-628-3491 Toll free: 1-855-629-3491

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