
Waterhen

Community Overview

History

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 due south is Ste. Rose du Lac. As a result of these connections, significant traffic flows through to a number of nearby communities, including: Salt Point, Skownan First Nation (eight kilometres north), Mallard, Meadow Portage, Homebrook.

Governance

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

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. A community development corporation was formed to assist in economic development. Council manages the Wayside Ferry Park.

Contacts

Waterhen Community Council
Box 68
Waterhen, MB R0L 2C0

Phone: 204-628-3358
Fax: 204-628-3270
Email: wcc@inetlink.ca
website: www.waterhen.ca

Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Loon Community Development Corporation
Phone: 204-628-3358

Staff

The community employs a community administrative officer, public works employee, water operator and backup, community safety officer, volunteer fire chief, caretaker, recreation leader and waste site attendant.

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	171
1991	187
1996	193
2001	171
2006	163
2011	169
2016	152

**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 2020 assessment roll and Tax Rates and Levy Regulation (2020) of Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$24,800
Real Property	\$2,756,980
Grants-in-lieu	\$502,480
Exempt	\$1,099,650
Total	\$4,383,910
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	5.7 mills
Business Tax	3.75%
School Levies	
Foundation mills	8.828 mills
Frontier School Division #48	13.202 mills

Emergency Services

Fire

Firefighting capability is based on two pumper trucks, rescue van and equipment from the fire hall. Portable forestry equipment is available for grass/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 transports patients to hospitals in Dauphin and Ste. Rose du Lac. There is a scheduled nurse's clinic and health worker.

Communication Services

Phone

BellMTS 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, 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

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.

Wastewater

Wastewater is piped by low-pressure wastewater lines to a community lagoon. Individual septic services are also available within the community.

Waste Disposal

Solid waste is transported to a site near the community.

Schools

Waterhen School, operated by Frontier School Division, serves 82 students from Nursery to Grade 9. Phone: 204-628-3443.

Recreation Facilities

- community hall
- outdoor rink with change house

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- Harvest Lodge provides accommodation.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service from the Dauphin terminal.

Business Directory

Business	Phone
Harvest Lodge on Waterhen River Inc.	204-628-3491 Toll free: 1-855-629-3491

Government Services

Provincial Government Departments

Manitoba Conservation and Climate

Drinking water officer Phone: 204-648-5200 and environment officer Phone: 204-622-2134 in Dauphin. The 24 hour emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

Regional Operations, Western 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.

Manitoba Economic Development and Training Communities Economic Development Fund

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

Manitoba Finance

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

Workplace Safety and Health Branch toll free:
1-855-957-SAFE (7233).

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living

Public health inspector Phone: 204-622-2162 in
Dauphin.

Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations

Northern Affairs Branch, North Central Region
Phone: 204-622-2110 in Dauphin. The 24 hour
emergency number toll free:1-866-735-3111.

Manitoba Infrastructure

Emergency Measures Organization, General
Office and emergency management advisor toll
free: 1-888-267-8298.

Manitoba Justice

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

Manitoba Municipal Relations

Community and Regional Planning Branch,
Regional Office Phone: 204-622-2115 in
Dauphin.

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

Office of the Fire Commissioner, emergency
services officer Phone: 204-726-6855 in
Brandon. The 24 hour emergency response
number toll free: 1-888-253-1488.

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