
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, fire chief, emergency coordinator, 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
2021	182

**information is from Statistics Canada*

Households

There are 112 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 2023 assessment roll and Tax Rates Regulation (2023) of Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$29,700
Real Property	\$4,955,420
Total	\$4,985,120
Grants-in-lieu	\$1,307,080
Exempt	\$579,110
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	5.7 mills
Business Tax	3.75%
School Levies	
Foundation mills	8.140 mills
Frontier School Division #48	12.422 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 volunteer fire department responds locally and 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. A conventional treatment plant provides piped water to portions of the community. A truck/pail fill is available.

Homes in the subdivision and the school buildings are connected to the distribution line.

Wastewater

A regional lagoon accepts truck haul pumpouts. Individual septic services are also available within the community.

Waste Disposal

A regional waste site provides service to the community and surrounding areas.

Schools

The Waterhen School, operated by Frontier School Division, serves 60 students from Nursery to Grade 9. Phone: 204-628-3443.

Recreation Facilities

- community hall
- outdoor rink with change house

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- The local lodge provides accommodation.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service from the Dauphin terminal.

Business Directory

Business	Phone
Frontier Transportation Office	204-628-3047
Harvest Lodge on Waterhen River Inc.	204-628-3491 Toll free: 1-855-629-3491
Primary Health Care Clinic	204-628-3329
Waterhen and District Daycare	204-628-3502
Waterhen General Store	204-628-3481
Waterhen Post Office	204-628-3686

Government Services

Provincial Government Departments

Manitoba Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources

Regional Operations, Western Region, District Office and conservation officer Phone: 204-659-5208 in Gypsumville. Fire operations manager Phone: 204-345-1419 in Lac du Bonnet.

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

Regional drinking water officer Phone: 204-648-5200 and environment officer Phone: 204-648-4794 in Dauphin. The 24 hour environmental emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care

Public health inspector Phone: 204-622-2126 in Dauphin.

Manitoba Indigenous Economic Development

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

Manitoba Justice

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

Manitoba Labour and Immigration

Employment Standards Branch Phone: 204-945-3352 in Winnipeg or toll free: 1-800-821-4307.

Inspection and Technical Services, building inspector Phone: 204-945-3373 in Winnipeg or Email: TechnicalServices@gov.mb.ca.

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

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations

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

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

Community Development Branch, Westman/Parkland Region regional consultant Phone: 204-726-6068 in Brandon.

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

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure

Emergency Measures Organization, General Office and emergency management advisor Phone: 204-945-3050 in Winnipeg or toll free: 1-888-267-8298.

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