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# Waterhen

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## Community Status

Waterhen is located on the east shore of the Waterhen River midway between Waterhen Lake and Lake Manitoba. The community is located at the intersection of PR #328 and PR #276 providing access to Gypsumville, due east, and Ste. Rose almost due south. As a result of these connections, significant traffic flows through to a number of nearby communities including the Waterhen Indian Reserve, eight kilometres north, Skownan, Mallard, Meadow Portage, Salt Point and Homebrook.

Waterhen has been represented since 1970 by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*. In 1985, the community took on additional responsibility through the block funding program.

## Community Contacts

### By mail

Waterhen Community Administrator  
Waterhen Post Office  
Waterhen, Manitoba, R0L 2C0

### By phone

Call (204) 628-3358  
Fax (204) 628-3270

### Office hours and staff

Office hours are:  
Mon. to Fri. 8:30 - 4:30

The community employs two part-time clerks, a public works employee, Back-up Water treatment plant operator, community constable, volunteer fire chief, caretaker, rink caretaker, recreation leader and an ambulance services co-ordinator.

## Community Statistics

### Population

1985	171
1991	187
1996	193
2001	171

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

## Households

There are 96 housing units in the community.

## By-laws

- Ambulance Services
- Employee Benefits
- Financial Reserves
- Fire Department
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## Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 18829A. See map.

## Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment	
Business	\$32,400
Real Property	2,786,900
Grants-in-lieu	708,600
Exempt	262,200
Total	3,790,100

### Rate of Taxation (mills)

General Municipal	7.00
School levies	
Farm & Residential	5.75
Commercial & Other	17.00
Frontier School Division (#48)	22.75
Business Tax	4%

## Emergency Services

### Fire

Fire fighting capability is based on two pumper trucks and equipment from the community fire hall. A rescue van is also based here. Portable forestry equipment is also available for grass and brush fires. The Fire Department is a key member of the Winnipegosis Mutual Aid District. Phone 911.

### Police

Police response is from the Winnipegosis detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 656-7000. A community constable serves the community, phone (204) 628-3358, or call 911.

### Medical

Medical response is based on a fully equipped ambulance service, which serves several nearby communities and provides transportation to hospitals in Dauphin and Ste. Rose du Lac. A scheduled dental clinic, nurses clinic and two community health workers serve the community.

### Community-based Services

#### Hydro

Provided by Manitoba Hydro as land-line electric power. Residential rates :

Basic charge	\$ 6.25 /month
First 175 kWh	5.78 cents/KWH
Balance	5.16 cents/KWH

Hydro Office is at Ste. Rose du Lac, phone 447-2617.

#### Telephone

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. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687.

#### 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.

#### Waste Disposal

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

#### Schools

The Waterhen School serves the communities of Waterhen, Rock Ridge, Salt Point and Mallard. Phone (204) 3443.

#### Recreation Facilities

- Ball field with outdoor toilets
- Multi-purpose recreation building with hall, 6,670 sq. ft.
- Museum
- Outdoor rink with change house
- Toboggan slide

### Government Services

Communities Economic Development Fund, Head Office located at Thompson, phone (204) 778-4138.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Western Region, District Office located at Winnipegosis, phone (204) 656-4871.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Western Region, Natural Resources Officer is located at Dauphin, phone (204) 622-2211.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Western Region, Public Health Office is located at Brandon, phone (204) 726-6060.

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, Regional Services Branch, Parkland Regional Office located at Dauphin, phone (204) 622-2022.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Economic Development, Regional Office located at The Pas, phone (204) 627-8389.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Planning Services, Regional office located at Dauphin, phone (204) 622-2115.

Manitoba Justice Regional Court sits at Dauphin, phone (204) 622-2087.

Manitoba Labour, Employment Standards Branch, Employment Standards Officer is located in Brandon, phone (204) 726-6926.

Manitoba Labour, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Assistant Fire Commissioner is located at Dauphin, phone (204) 1-888-253-1488.

### Commercial Services

#### Accommodation

Three lodges/motels provide year round accommodation.

#### Transportation

Gardewine North provides freight service from the terminal at Dauphin.

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### **Businesses**

- Loon Development Corporation – phone (204) 628- 3365
- Northstar Tourist Camp – phone (204) 628-3462
- Sunset Trailer Park – phone (204) 628-3428
- Waterhen General Store – phone (204) 628-3481
- Waterhen Lake Resort – phone (204) 628-3321
- Waterhen River Lodge – phone (204) 628-3491

### **Economic Overview**

Commercial fishing, trapping and livestock production form the base for economic growth in the community. Most of the fishing is done on Lake Manitoba.

Trapping is in the Waterhen Registered Trap Line Zone.

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

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