

Saltcoats Tartan

Did you know Saltcoats has its own official tartan? The Saltcoats Tartan was designed by Joan Farquharson in June of 2006 to reflect the town's Scottish heritage. The Saltcoats Tartan and many others can be viewed in the Community Hall's "Tartan Room". The Town's tartan has been fashioned into a wide variety of wool and hand-woven cotton products. These products are available to buy at the Town Office, with the proceeds going towards the Community Hall. Come check them out!

The Story of the Tartan

By Walter Farquharson

The inspiration for this tartan comes from our deep appreciation of the Saltcoats community and the people who live here and who have lived here in years past.

The tartan has a strong grey component. The Town of Saltcoats was first named Stirling by the Scottish Settlers who arrived here in the early 1880s. Stirling Castle, an imposing grey stone structure, dominated the area around Stirling, Scotland. A seat of royal power and government, it was difficult to conquer and proved a scene of many dramatic turns in Scottish history. Crofters from the Outer Hebrides, Scots from the Orkney Islands and many other Scottish settlers constituted one of the primary groups of early settlers who came to Stirling, later Saltcoats. However, the grey colour stands for the homespun and would honour the many settlers who came from places such as Wales, Ireland, England, Hungary, Ukraine, Germany, and the Scandinavian countries, as well as Eastern Canada and the USA. Most were of peasant and small farmer stock, while others were fisher folk, artisans, and labourers. Most lived plainly and knew how to eke a living from the hard and often unforgiving land.

Giving accent to the tartan are vivid primary colours. To these is added a substantial green, with further contrast provided by the white and black threads. The First Nations People who welcomed the first settlers and helped many of them survive their first winters spoke of the four seasons, represented by the colours black, red, yellow and white.

Children seem naturally drawn to these basic colours and the excitement they reflect and elicit. Early settlers arriving in spring or summer months wrote of prolific prairie meadows and sweeps of short and medium-grass prairie. Everywhere, brilliant colours could be seen in the grasses and in such flowers as the Western Red Lily, our provincial flower.

The green represents the grasslands and trees of the place where prairie meets parkland and the rich crops and gardens for which the area is famous.

The yellow speaks of golden grain, bright fields of canola, our town wildflower the Hoary Puccoon, and the abundance of yellow lady slippers that delight young and old each spring.

The red speaks of courage, the courage of pioneers and of all community builders throughout every decade of the community's life. It reminds us also of the sacrifice of young men and women who answered the call to military, medical and peacekeeping services in times of war and conflict. The amazing statistics of volunteers and of lives sacrificed recorded on the War Memorial located centrally within the Town, witness to a community response to the call to such service. Red also represents the red serge of the North West Mounted Police and their successors the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The Town of Saltcoats was home for a NWMP detachment that opened in 1888 when a sergeant and six constables were stationed in the Town. There was a residence for the North West Mounted Police Inspector built in 1889 and a barracks. Red may also remind us of the prairie fires, once a source of great renewal and purification for the prairies, but later a threat to the safety of the agricultural settlers and their farms.

The light blue speaks of the seemingly endless prairie skies and their daytime and night-time wonders. And of course the blue speaks of Anderson Lake— place of recreation, amazing habitat for birds, amphibians and small animals, and we could say it honours our penchant for calling ourselves The Laketown!

The dark blue speaks of loyalty and faithfulness. Our churches, communities of faith and faithfulness, have played a huge part in the life of the community from its beginnings to the present. The long-lived, now defunct Agricultural Society has lived out a record setting number of years of community service and promotion of agricultural stewardship and excellence. Over the years, a variety of other organizations have played their part in community life.

The black represents the rich soils of the area.

Finally, white represents the winter snows and hoarfrost, winter being a powerful reality for the prairie people. Winter sports like skating, hockey, and curling brought community together. Musical entertainment, played, a variety of socials, and also many educational events tended to flourish in the winter months, offering a plethora of opportunities for local children. White also represents the sea salt for which Saltcoats, Scotland was originally given its name.

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All About Tartan Day

Tartan Day is a celebration of Scottish heritage held every year on April 6th around the world. It is celebrated on April 6th because that is the date the Declaration of Arbroath, also known as the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed in 1320. Tartan Days are celebrated with parades of pipe bands, Highland dancing and sports and other Scottish-themed events. Each province and territory with the exception of Nunavut has its own tartan. Canada also has a national tartan, known as The Maple Leaf Tartan.

Upcoming Council Meetings

April 20, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

May 18, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

June 15, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

Persons wishing to make a request or presentation to Council must fill out and return a Request for a Delegation form to Town of Saltcoats Council at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to be included on the agenda. Written submissions must be submitted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to be included in the meeting package. Thank you.

Council will continue to provide information to residents via the Town of Saltcoats Facebook Page, Website, and our Monthly Community Newsletter.

Residents are encouraged to communicate their concerns or questions by: letter, phone call to (306) 744-2212 or attend in person to the Town Office.

Attention Pet Owners

Yorkton Animal Health Centre (YAHC) is holding their Annual Vaccination Clinic at the Saltcoats Skating Rink on Saturday April 23, 2022 from 11am - 12pm. To attend the clinic, you must sign up by calling YAHC at (306)782-6620. Arrangements for payment will be made when signing up.

Public Information Meeting to be held on May 17th, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Community Hall at 213 Glasgow Ave.

Reminder to Residents

When putting items in the Over-Sized Household Waste dumpster and the Metal dumpster, both located on High St, please be mindful that the items are being put in the appropriate dumpster. For inquiries regarding what items can be put in the dumpsters, please call the Town Office. If you need help putting items into the dumpsters, please call the Town Office and we will be happy to help.

April 2022

**** To have your event added to the calendar, contact the town office. ****

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 -United Church Service @ 9:30am	4	5	6 -Garbage pickup -Tartan Day	7	8	9
10 - Anglican Church Service @ 9am	11	12	13 -Recycle pickup	14	15 -Good Friday -Town Office closed	16
17 -Easter Sunday -United Church Service @ 9:30am	18	19	20 -Garbage pickup -Council Meeting @ 6pm	21	22	23 -YAHC Vaccination Clinic @ 11am-12pm
24 - Anglican Church Service @ 9am	25	26	27 -Recycle pickup	28	29	30

Town Wide Garage Sales

Mark your calendars! Town Wide Garage Sales are happening in Saltcoats on Saturday June 4th, 2022. Anyone that is interested in being put on the Garage Sale Map, please contact the town office by May 27th. There is a \$10 fee to be put on the map. More information is to come.

Please **DO NOT** leave trees and branches at the dump entry gate. If the gate is closed you must come back when it is open.

Please **DO NOT** leave furniture and other large items beside the oversized household waste dumpster located on High Street. All items must be put in the dumpster. If help is needed to put items in the dumpster, contact the Town Office and we will be happy to help.

Contest Time!

Attention children of all ages! Enter to win a prize from the Town of Saltcoats! How to enter? Draw a picture of your favorite outdoor spring activity and bring it to the Town Office to be put on display. All who enter will have their name put in a basket. Whoever's name is drawn will be the winner! Draw date is May 31.

Spotlight on Business

Lakeside Manor Care Home

Lakeside Manor Care Home is home for 30 residents. Construction started in 1985 on the site of where the old high school stood and opened its doors in 1986. There was a lot of community support for the Care Home to be built in Saltcoats so that residents could remain in the community they called home. To this day, Lakeside Manor Care Home residents and staff continue to benefit from the generosity and support of the people of Saltcoats and the surrounding areas. We have received extensive support, both in monetary donations as well as people giving of their time to help plant and weed the residents' flower beds as well as helping out at events and other activities. As always, if anyone is interested in volunteering they can contact the Recreation director or the manager.

Presently, almost 50 people work at LMCH in various departments for which they are trained. Regardless of the area in which they work, all the employees work hard to provide services and care that is kind and considerate and have the resident as their focus. The administrative assistant works five days a week to look after office functions including client records and to ensure there is staff in every department on a daily basis. The kitchen staff provides delicious home-cooked meals while being conscientious of the residents' dietary requirements. The Laundry is staffed three days a week so the residents' personal clothing can all be laundered at the Care Home. Housekeeping staff work every day to provide a safe clean environment for our residents to live. The Continuing Care aides provide around-the-clock care under the supervision of Nurses who are also on duty 24 hours a day. Of course, when something goes wrong the maintenance man comes to the rescue and fixes things in a very timely manner. Our Maintenance department also does a lot of preventative maintenance work so that equipment is kept running, as it should, and not fail when it's needed most. Recreation staff is continually searching for ways to have fun with the residents while trying to keep the residents minds and bodies active. Laughter often echoes down the halls while there is a game of curling, bowling, or hockey (with pool noodles) being played. Others prefer to occupy their time doing something a little quieter like knitting, reading, playing cards, watching TV or putting puzzles together. The all-time favorite is Friday afternoon Bingo and Happy Hour.

Over the last couple of years, the staff has learned to adapt their care in response to the pandemic. New hand hygiene protocols and social distancing as well as extra cleaning have been incorporated into everyone's lives including the lives of the residents who live here. All of our residents can have essential support persons come to spend time with their loved ones. Masks are still required upon entering the Care Home as they are in all Saskatchewan Health Care facilities. The work everyone does isn't always easy especially over the last couple of years with all the changes and visiting restrictions but it is definitely worthwhile when the residents and families express their appreciation. Not long ago one of our residents summed up his life at Lakeside Manor Care Home by saying, "I've never had it so good!"

Linda Orosz
Health Services Manager
Lakeside Manor Care Home

Resident Profile

Anna Emma (Schultz) Toth was born on February 24, 1922 on a farm north of Saltcoats. With her father passing at a very young age, once she was old enough she took on many responsibilities alongside her brother tending to the animals and fieldwork. In 1947, she moved to Fort Qu'Appelle for 7 months where she worked as a nurse's aide caring for tuberculosis patients at Fort San. She worked there to save money for her wedding.

On November 5, 1947, she married Walter Toth and they were blessed with three children - Ivan, Sylvia, and Delmar. Anna and her family lived on a farm by Saltcoats where she worked hard in the fields, raising chickens and milking cows. Anna loved to garden and always had a big one from which she supplied fresh vegetables for her extended family along with fresh eggs. Anna had many hobbies including embroidery, dancing, beadwork, knitting, sewing and quilting. She was always up to trying new things.

Anna has three grandchildren who were born to Delmar and his wife Marie in Saskatoon. The oldest two grandchildren - Lindsay and Tanner also live in Saskatoon and the youngest, Rylan lives in Vancouver.

In the later years, after Anna's husband had passed, she moved into the units in Saltcoats. She lived in the units for over 20 years. Since March 2021, Anna resides at Lakeside Manor Care Home. Anna just celebrated a milestone birthday of turning 100. She celebrated this special day with many family members.

Advice from Anna - "Live life to the fullest!"

