

## A Walk through the Historic Saltcoats Cemetery

### Part 4 of 4

Written by Walter Farquharson

At the urging of George Gunn, (\*flag) local funeral director and long-serving councilor and mayor, a deliberate program of perpetual cemetery care was initiated. Visitors would enjoy a stop at Gunn Park, located on Crescent Lake Road. This park, honouring George Gunn's years of service to the community, provides a pleasant rest spot with a wonderful view of Anderson Lake.

Gunn Park adjoins the War Memorial. Here is another place worthy of the visitor's time. The Veteran's Section of the cemetery is the resting place for many who returned after serving their country in the military. (\*flag). Many would have taken part, year after year, in Remembrance Day Services at the Saltcoats and District War Memorial. Erected in 1920, it honoured first the 79 men of the district who paid the supreme sacrifice in the 1914-1918 war. Two hundred and twenty men from Saltcoats and area had enlisted. One can hardly fathom the impact of that war and its casualties – on families, communities, and the country. The captured German gun was given by the Dominion of Canada in honour of the tremendous community support of the Victory Loan campaigns. The cenotaph, of course, also honours those who died in the 1939-1945 war. Twelve men and one woman (F. Polgreen, R.N.) have their names inscribed there. Again, Roots and Branches offers additional information.

As part of Millennium celebrations, the "Fuss" 2000 – Heritage and Hope Committee, recognizing the increasing popularity of cremation, urged the community to establish a scattering garden and erect a columbarium. (\*flag). Christie-Hill Funeral Chapel and Crematorium contributed generously to this project and installed the columbarium. Many trees were also planted as part of this program.

Over the years visitors have often commented on the well-kept cemetery. A series of cemetery care-takers have done their job well – and often served as guide to visitors who have stopped because of family connection or out of an interest in history. These caretakers have created a heritage of conscientious service to the community.

While here in Saltcoats, or when next you return, check out our Town Office and Community Services Building, the Regional Park and camp grounds, the local museum, our friendly businesses, our parks and arboretum, the Leflay Nature Trail, the post office mural, the lovely gardens, and friendly people. Welcome. Come again!

#### Council will continue to provide

- information to residents via the Town of Saltcoats Facebook Page, Website, and our Monthly Community Newsletter.

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- 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.

#### Reminder to Parents

- Please **do not** let your children play in the big snow banks. It is a safety hazard as Public Works is frequently pushing snow with the loader and grader.

#### Public Notice to Saltcoats Residents to Avoid Frustration

- We would like to clarify that all Bylaws and Policies are made by decisions of Council, past and present.
- The office staff are responsible to initiate and follow the Bylaws and Policies.
- If anyone feels that something is unfair or missed, please send in a letter to the office and your concern will be taken to council for review.

Thank you

#### Upcoming Council Meetings

*January 19, 2022 @ 6:00 pm*

*February 16, 2022 @ 6:00 pm*

*March 16, 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.

Thank you to Blair Jaquet for his kind words regarding Hans Bosshard's hard work removing snow.

#### Did You Know?

When OSS Waste Disposal is sorting recycling, they do not accept anything in black or non-see through bags. Due to not being able to see any potentially hazardous material inside the non-see through bags, they are thrown into the garbage and the town is charged a contamination fee.

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**Administrative Assistant**

Lisa Maddaford

**Caretaker**

Melissa Nabozniak

**Town Foreman**

Dennis Hunt

**Public Works Assistants**

Hans Bosshard  
 Paul Bulmer - On leave

Q: Why was the snowman  
 looking in the bag of  
 carrots?

A: He was picking his nose!



## Recreation and Culture Committee Highlight

### Laketown Leaders

Laketown Leaders is an organization of seniors taking part in various activities (coffee, potlucks, birthday parties, etc.) to promote fellowship and inclusion for all! They have approximately 20 members with years of service ranging from 10-40 years. For more information on this group, contact Monique Smith at (306) 744-2341.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Shelwin House and Salvation Army. Also, thank you to the Credit Union for being one of the drop off locations. Everything was very much appreciated.

Saltcoats United Church

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A big thanks to the crew – Les Pearson, Dennis and Hans—that lit up the big outdoor spruce trees. The trees have sure grown since they were first decorated (thanks to Bob and Wendy Hume). We will have to get more strings of lights on them next year and hire a tree climbing kid—haha. Thank you also to The Tree Guy, Charles Schindle, for the donation of a load of wood chips for the tree plantations.

Saltcoats Beautification Committee

### Building and Development Permits

All new buildings that have a roof requires a permit. Building and Development Permits must be acquired before work can begin. For more information, please call or email the Town Office.

# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 -Town Office closed	4	5 -Recycle pickup	6	7	8
9 -Anglican Church Service @ 9am	10	11	12 -Garbage pickup	13	14	15
16 -United Church Service @ 9:30am	17	18	19 -Recycle pickup -Council Meeting @ 6pm	20	21	22
23 - Anglican Church Service @ 9am -United Church Service @ 9:30am	24	25	26 -Garbage pickup	27	28	29
30	31					

## A Year In Review (Nov 2020 - Dec 2021)

As chair of the communications committee I was asked to do "A Year in Review" of Council Activities. The review will actually be for 14 months so as to include the total time of the recent elected council. The current Mayor and Council were elected on November 9, 2020 and Council "hit the streets running" so to speak. On November 12, 2020 a special meeting was called to put a working Council in place. During the election campaign all councillors agreed that there was a feeling of a lack of communication between Council and citizens. At the first regular council meeting held on November 18, 2020, all on Council agreed a communications committee needed to be established. The Town of Saltcoats now has five working committees.

The year in review will be highlighted by Committee.

### Public Works and Facilities Committee:

Completed Installation of Water Meters

New self-sustaining utility and water rates have been established - that was an extremely huge task

The lagoon upgrade has been completed

The water treatment plant has been started and the target is to be operational in early spring. There will still be landscaping work to be done in the spring along with some clean-up of odds and ends.

The lift station has been upgraded

Paving was completed on Crescent Lake Road from Commercial Street to Allan Avenue

A snow removal strategy has been developed that provides guidelines for what would be an efficient way for snow removal

### Personnel and Office Committee:

In January 2021, Cindy Larson passed her probation period and became the permanent full-time CAO for the Town of Saltcoats

Billie-Jo Baumung resigned from her position as Office Assistant to further her education

Temporary Public Works Assistant, Hans Bosshard was hired to assist Dennis in Paul's absence

Council sought the services of Robert Morgan to assist Public Works with the water treatment plant upgrades. We felt it was important to have an onsite individual through the process.

After a few tries a new Administrative Assistant, Lisa Maddaford was hired

Nancy McIntyre retired after 29 years as Cemetery Caretaker

Melissa Nabozniak has been hired as Community Caretaker

Melissa is also the skating rink caretaker and was grounds keeper this summer at the Saltcoats District Regional Park

A new updated salary grid was established for employees

### Finance and Community Planning and Development Committee:

Early in 2021 the annual budget was prepared

Early in 2022 the budget process will take place

The Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning bylaws for the town are being worked on. Northbound Planning Ltd have been hired to help guide Council in this process. The OCP is in draft form. The Zoning portion is still in the revising state.

Council, along with Saltcoats District Regional Park Board continue to research possibilities for Anderson Lake clean up

Council has sponsored a "shop local business" ad in the Four Town Journal for all local businesses to advertise at no cost to the business.

The Accounting firm of Miller Moar Grodecki Krekewich & Chorney have been hired as our Auditors.

The final Auditors report will be available in Spring (possibly March).

### Recreation and Culture Committee:

This Committee met to re-establish themselves

20 local volunteer groups and organizations were identified as part of recreation and culture in our community

The committee reached out to each of these groups offering Council support and assistance

A community calendar has been initiated in the Town newsletter

Each of the groups are encouraged to submit notices, events, work bees, etc. that they would like to have put on the calendar.

All groups/organizations are listed on the town webpage.

Communications Committee:

The Communications Committee was newly established by current Council  
The committee developed a communication strategy policy

Policies developed pertaining to:

1. What information can be legally shared and in what manner
2. Process for notification of meetings
3. The Monthly Newsletter
4. Facebook page
5. Webpage
6. Annual Public Information meeting
7. Process for sending and receiving e-mails
8. Virtual meetings

Part of this committee's mandate is to plan for the Annual Public Information Meeting. As you may be aware the 2021 Public Information Meeting had to be postponed due to Covid. Plans are to have the Public Information Meeting this spring. All will depend upon Covid restrictions.

In review I would like to say your council has been extremely busy over the last 14 months. None of which could have happened without the hard work of our town employees. We are so fortunate to have the staff that we do. They are hardworking and committed to our town. We have an excellent team.

Respectfully Submitted By

Shirley Pearson  
Chair of Communication Committee