
Meadow Portage

Community Status

Meadow Portage is located on a narrow strip of land between Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipegosis, about 16 kilometres south of Waterhen and 48 kilometres to the east of Winnipegosis.

Meadow Portage developed as ranching and agricultural activities took place in the area. Since 1970, it has been recognized by the department and is currently governed by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

Community Contacts

By mail

Meadow Portage Community Clerk
Box 24, Meadow Portage Post Office
Meadow Portage, Manitoba R0L 1E0

By phone

Call (204) 732-2675
Fax (204) 2205

Office hours and staff

Office hours are:
Tues. to Thurs. 8:30 - 4:30

In addition to the clerk, the community also employs a public works employee, volunteer fire chief and a back-up WTP operator.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	145
1991	101
1996	85
2001	80

1985 figures includes the community of Spence Lake. Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are 34 housing units in the community along with 60-70 seasonal residences in the area.

By-laws

- Employee Benefits (by minister's regulation)
- Financial Reserves
- Fire Department

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 19318B. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	\$1,800
Real Property	2,864,000
Grants-in-lieu	865,600
Exempt	87,900
Total	3,819,300

Rate of Taxation (mills)

General Municipal	7.00
School levies	
Farm & Residential	5.75
Commercial & Other	17.00
Frontier School Division (#34)	25.00
Business Tax	4%

Emergency Services

Fire

Fire fighting capability is based on a well-equipped pumper truck from the community fire hall. Portable forestry equipment and a water trailer are also available for grass and brush fires. The volunteer fire department is a member of the Winnipegosis Mutual Aid District. All volunteers are equipped with Fleet Net Telephones. Call 911 for emergency service.

Police

Police response is from the Winnipegosis detachment, RCMP, phone 911 or (204) 656-4421. The Waterhen community constable also provides service to the community.

Medical

Medical response is based on ambulance service from Waterhen to hospitals in Winnipegosis, Ste. Rose du Lac or Dauphin. Call 911 for emergency service.

Community-based Services

Hydro

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

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

Hydro Office is located at Ste. Rose du Lac, phone (204) 447-2617.

Telephone

Meadow Portage is served by the MTS Rorketon and Winnipegosis Exchanges. Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual-line service and digital switching with toll-free calling to Camperville, Dauphin, Eddystone, Ethelbert, Fork River, Gilbert Plains, Grandview, Ochre River, Pine River, Sifton, Ste. Rose du Lac, Waterhen and Winnipegosis. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687.

Water

Water is pumped once a year when there is minimum turbidity from Lake Manitoba into a reservoir. In turn, it is filtered and chlorinated and pumped and stored in the pumphouse where residents can pick up quantities as required.

Waste Disposal

Two solid-waste disposal sites are provided because of the expanse of the community area.

Sewage is treated by means of septic tank and fields by the individual home owners.

Schools

School children are transported to either the Winnipegosis School or Rorketon School.

Recreation Facilities

- Ball diamond with bleachers
- Community Hall and office, 4130 sq. ft.
- Concession Stand, 1440 sq. ft.
- Open side picnic shelter, 1200 sq. ft.
- Outdoor rink with 2 hockey huts and change hut.
- Playground

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

Nearest commercial accommodation is at Waterhen.

Transportation

Gardewine North will provide freight service from the Dauphin Terminal.

Businesses

- Hill's Meadow Portage – phone (204) 732-2340
- Meadow Portage General Store – phone (204) 732-2592

Economic Overview

The terrain of the community is suitable for mixed farming and woodlands operations.

Ranching, farming, livestock and commercial fishing are central to the economy of the community. Agriculture, however, only provides a modest income. Fishing is a secondary source with all activity taking place on Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipegosis. The fishers bring their catch from both lakes to a private fish station in the community.

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