
Spence Lake

Community Status

Spence Lake community stretches along a 10 km portion of PR #276 between Ste. Rose du Lac, 60 km to the south, and Meadow Portage, immediately to the north.

Spence Lake is represented by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

Community Contacts

By mail

Spence Lake Community Clerk
Box 10, Rural Route #1
Rorketon, Manitoba, R0C 1R0

By phone

Call (204) 732-2583
Fax (204) 732-2579

Office hours and staff

Office hours are Mon and Fri 8:30 – 4:30.

The community has a part-time clerk, part-time public works employee, volunteer fire chief, and shares a recreation director with nearby Crane River.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	36
1991	52
1996	42
2001	44

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are 21 housing units in the community.

By-laws

- Employee Benefits (by minister's regulation)
- Fire Department
- Nuisance Grounds Operation

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 19507. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	nil
Real Property	\$1,007,700
Grants-in-lieu	287,300
Exempt	22,100
Total	1,317,100

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 limited to forestry-style portable equipment and personnel protective clothing. Additional support is available from the Meadow Portage fire department. 911 is in effect after March 31/03

Police

Police response is from the Winnipegosis detachment, RCMP, phone 911 or (204) 656-7000.

Medical

Medical response is based on a fully equipped ambulance service from Waterhen. Hospitals are located in Winnipegosis, Ste. Rose du Lac and Dauphin. Phone 911.

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 at Ste. Rose du Lac, phone (1204) 447-2617

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Telephone

Spence Lake is served from the MTS Rorketon Exchange. 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

A source of treated water is available in the nearby community of Meadow Portage.

Waste Disposal

A solid-waste disposal site and sewage disposal pit is available in Meadow Portage. Residents are responsible for their own solid wastes.

Schools

School children are transported to Rorketon school.

Recreation Facilities

- a cultural park and picnic area, including small kids playground, horse-shoe pits, softball field
- lighted hockey rink

Recreation Activities and Groups

- Adult co-ed ground hockey twice weekly all winter
- Monthly family nights
- Baseball night twice weekly May and June
- Canada Day Festival - July 1
- Christmas community supper

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 accommodation is at Waterhen.

Transportation

Gardewine North provides freight service from the Dauphin Terminal.

Businesses

None on record at this time.

Economic Overview

The terrain supports mixed farming and woodland operations. Ranching, farming, livestock, commercial fishing and local services are central to this community.

Agriculture provides a modest income. Fishing is a secondary activity, done mostly on Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipegosis. A private fish station is used by the community. Tourism also provides an additional area of activity.

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