
Spence Lake

Community Overview

History

Spence Lake stretches along a 10 kilometre (km) portion of Provincial Road 276 and is primarily an agricultural farming area.

Access

The community is situated between Ste. Rose du Lac 60 km to the south and Meadow Portage immediately to the north.

Governance

The community is represented by a mayor and council under The Northern Affairs Act.

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.

Contacts

Spence Lake Community Council
Box 10, RR#1
c/o Rorketon, MB R0L 1R0

Phone: 204-732-2583

Fax: 204-732-2579

Email: spence.lakecc@outlook.com

Office hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Staff

The employs a part-time community administrative officer and public works person. The Crane River recreation director serves the area.

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	36
1991	52
1996	42
2001	44
2006	54
2011	46
2016	53
2021	45

**information is from Statistics Canada*

Households

There are 19 housing units (3 of which are seasonal).

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 19507. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Information is from the 2023 assessment roll and Tax Rates Regulation (2023) of Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$2,000
Real Property	\$2,924,920
Total	\$2,926,920
Grants-in-lieu	\$218,160
Exempt	\$77,320
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	5.7 mills
Business Tax	3.75%
School Levies	
Education Support	8.140 mills
Frontier School Division #48	12.422 mills

Emergency Services

Fire

Firefighting capability is limited to forestry-style portable equipment and personnel protective clothing. Additional support is available from the Meadow Portage volunteer fire department.

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Police

Police response is from the Winnipegosis RCMP detachment. Phone: 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.

Communication Services

Phone

BellMTS Rorketon Exchange provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to: Dauphin, Camperville, Eddystone, Ethelbert, Fork River, Gilbert Plains, Grandview, Ochre River, Pine River, Sifton, Waterhen, Ste. Rose du Lac, Winnipegosis. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

Cellular Service/Wi-Fi

Unavailable.

High-Speed Internet

Rural available.

Community-Based Services

Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office toll free: 1-888-624-9376.

Water

A source of treated water is available from Meadow Portage by truck and pail fill.

Wastewater

Individual septic services are available.

Waste Disposal

Residents transport their solid waste to the regional site in Waterhen.

Schools

Students attend Rorketon School in Rorketon operated by Frontier School Division which serves 84 students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Phone: 204-732-2525.

Recreation Facilities

- cultural park and picnic area, including tots playground, horseshoe pits, baseball field
- outdoor rink

Recreation Activities

- adult co-ed ground hockey twice weekly all winter
- monthly family nights
- baseball night twice weekly May and June
- Canada Day festival
- Christmas community supper

Commercial Services

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service from the Dauphin Terminal.

Government Services

Provincial Government Departments

Manitoba Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources

Regional Operations, Western Region, District Office Phone: 204-656-7030 and conservation officer Phone: 204-656-7033 in Winnipegosis. Fire operations manager Phone: 204-627-8267 in The Pas.

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

Regional drinking water officer Phone: 204-648-5200 and environment officer Phone: 204-648-4794 in Dauphin. The 24 hour environmental emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care

Public health inspector Phone: 204-622-2126 in Dauphin.

Manitoba Indigenous Economic Development

Communities Economic Development Fund (CEDF) Phone: 204-778-4138 in Thompson (Head Office) or toll free: 1-800-561-4315.

Manitoba Justice

Circuit court sits at Dauphin coordinated by the Dauphin Regional Court Office Phone: 204-622-2192.

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Manitoba Labour and Immigration

Employment Standards Branch Phone:
204-945-3352 in Winnipeg or toll free:
1-800-821-4307.

Inspection and Technical Services, building
inspector Phone: 204-945-3373 in Winnipeg or
Email: TechnicalServices@gov.mb.ca.

Workplace Safety and Health Branch toll free:
1-855-957-SAFE (7233).

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations

Northern Affairs, North Central Region Phone:
204-622-2110 in Dauphin. The 24 hour
emergency number toll free: 1-866-735-3111.

Community and Regional Planning Branch,
Regional Office Phone: 204-622-2115 in
Dauphin.

Community Development Branch, Westman/
Parkland Region regional consultant Phone:
204-268-6021 in Brandon.

Office of the Fire Commissioner, emergency
services officer Phone: 204-726-6855 in
Brandon or Email: firecomm@gov.mb.ca. The
24 hour emergency response number toll free:
1-888-253-1488.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure

Emergency Measures Organization, General
Office and emergency management advisor
Phone: 204-945-3050 in Winnipeg or toll free:
1-888-267-8298.

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