
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
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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. A recreation director is nearby in Crane River.

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	36

1991	52
1996	42
2001	44
2006	54
2011	46
2016	53

**information is from Statistics Canada*

Households

There are 21 housing units.

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 2020 assessment roll and Tax Rates and Levy Regulation (2020) of Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$2,100
Real Property	\$2,220,850
Grants-in-lieu	\$111,060
Exempt	\$169,930
Total	\$2,503,940
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	5.7 mills
Business Tax	3.75%
School Levies	
Education Support	8.828 mills
Frontier School Division #48	13.202 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 fire department.

Police

Police response is from the Winnipegosis RCMP detachment. Phone: 204-656-7000.

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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 Conservation and Climate

Drinking water officer Phone: 204-648-5200 and environment officer Phone: 204-622-2316 in Dauphin. The 24 hour emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

Regional Operations, Western Region, District Office and conservation officer Phone: 204-656-7030 in Winnipegosis. Fire control officer Phone: 204-627-8332 in The Pas.

Manitoba Economic Development and Training

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

Manitoba Finance

Employment Standards Branch Phone: 204-726-6926 in Brandon or toll free: 1-800-821-4307.

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

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living

Public health inspector Phone: 204-622-2162 in Dauphin.

Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations

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

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Manitoba Infrastructure

Emergency Measures Organization, General Office and emergency management advisor toll free: 1-888-267-8298.

Manitoba Justice

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

Manitoba Municipal Relations

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

Parkland Region, Recreation and Regional Services Branch Phone: 204-622-2022 in Dauphin.

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

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