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# Spence Lake

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## 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 Council  
Box 10, Rural Route #1  
Rorketon, Manitoba, R0C 1R0

### By phone

Call (204) 732-2583  
Fax (204) 732-2579  
Email: spencelaketree@msn.com

### Office hours and staff

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

The community has a part-time Community Administrative Officer, 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
2006	54

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	\$897,990
Grants-in-lieu	177,130
Exempt	24,060
Total	1,099,180

### Rate of Taxation (mills)

General Municipal	5.20
School levies	
Foundation	12.33
Frontier School Division (#34)	17.60
Business Tax	3.75%

Information from 2010 assessment roll and tax bylaw of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs.

## 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	\$ 6.85 /month
First 900 kWh	6.25 cents/KWH
Balance	6.30 cents/KWH

Hydro phone 1-888-MBHYDRO (1-888-624-9376).

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### Telephone

Spence Lake is served from the MTS Rorketon Exchange. MTS Allstream Inc. 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.

### High-speed Internet

Internet access provided by I-NetLink Wireless Inc. Brandon, toll free: 1-877-333-1198

### 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

- Cultural park and picnic area, including small kids playground, horse-shoe pits, softball field
- 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 Agriculture Food & Rural Initiatives; North Parkland Go Team – Dauphin Go Centre, business and community development support (204) 622-2007.

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 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.

Parkland Regional Development Corporation provides support for community and regional community economic development; contact (204) 622-2145. [www.parklandrdc.ca](http://www.parklandrdc.ca)

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