
Meadow Portage

Community Overview

History

Meadow Portage is located on a narrow strip of land between Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipegosis and developed as ranching and agricultural activities took place in the area.

Access

The community is 16 kilometres (km) south of Waterhen and 48 km east of Winnipegosis.

Governance

The community has been recognized since 1970 and is represented by a mayor and council under The Northern Affairs Act.

Economic Overview

The terrain is suitable for mixed farming and woodlands operations. Ranching, farming, livestock and commercial fishing are central to the economy. Agriculture 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 Winnipegosis.

Contacts

Meadow Portage Community Council
Box 24
Meadow Portage, MB R0L 1E0

Phone: 204-732-2675

Fax: 204-732-2205

Email: meadowportagecc@gmail.com

website: www.meadowportage.ca

Office hours: Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Staff

The community employs a community administrative officer, public works employee/water operator and backup and fire chief. A regional recreation director from Crane River serves the area.

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	145
1991	101
1996	85
2001	80
2006	70
2011	69
2016	67
2021	72

**information is from Statistics Canada*

Households

There are 30 housing units, along with 199 seasonal residences in the area.

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 19318B. 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	0
Real Property	\$5,374,440
Total	\$5,374,440
Grants-in-lieu	\$662,920
Exempt	\$573,500
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 based on a pumper truck from the fire hall. Portable forestry equipment and a water trailer are available for grass/brush fires. The volunteer fire department

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responds locally and is a member of the Winnipegosis Mutual Aid District.

Police

Police response is from the Winnipegosis RCMP detachment. Phone: 204-656-7000. The community safety officer in Waterhen can also respond. Phone: 204-628-3476.

Medical

Medical response is based on ambulance service from Waterhen to hospitals in Ste. Rose du Lac or Dauphin.

Communication Services

Phone

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

Cellular Service

Unavailable.

High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi

Rural available through personal satellite services.

Community-Based Services

Hydro

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

Water

Treated water is pumped from Waterhen by a rural waterline to a pumphouse near the community hall. A truck/pail fill at the pumphouse provides water to residents.

Wastewater

Septic and holding tank pumpouts are taken to the Waterhen regional lagoon.

Waste Disposal

Solid waste is transported to a regional site in Waterhen.

Schools

Students attend either the Winnipegosis School or Rorketon School. The Rorketon school is operated by Frontier School Division and serves 84 students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Phone: 204-732-2525.

Recreation Facilities

- baseball diamond with bleachers
- community hall and office
- open side picnic shelter
- arena
- playground

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- Nearest is at Waterhen.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service from the Dauphin Terminal.

Business Directory

Business	Phone
Hill's	204-732-2340
Post Office	204-732-2240

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.

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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.

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:
204-726-6068 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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