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# Meadow Portage

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## **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

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Email: meadowportagecc@gmail.com

website: [www.meadowportage.ca](http://www.meadowportage.ca)

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

### **Staff**

The community employs a community administrative officer, public works employee/water operator and backup and volunteer fire chief.

## **Statistics**

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

*\*information is from Statistics Canada*

### **Households**

There are 34 housing units, along with 60 to 70 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 2020 assessment roll and Tax Rates and Levy Regulation (2020) of Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Real Property	\$3,322,600
Grants-in-lieu	\$10,700
Exempt	\$1,025,360
Total	\$4,358,660
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 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 is a member of the Winnipegosis Mutual Aid District. All volunteers are equipped with radios.

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### **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 Winnipegosis, 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/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**

Water is pumped once a year when there is minimum turbidity from Lake Manitoba into a reservoir. It is filtered and chlorinated and pumped and stored in the pumphouse where residents can pick up quantities as required.

#### **Wastewater**

Wastewater is contained in septic tanks and fields by the individual home owners.

#### **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 with canteen
- 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 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.

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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.

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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