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# Meadow Portage

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## Community Status

Meadow Portage is located on a narrow strip of land between Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipegosis, about 16 kilometres south of Waterhen and 48 kilometres to the east of Winnipegosis.

Meadow Portage developed as ranching and agricultural activities took place in the area. Since 1970, it has been recognized by the department and is currently governed by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

## Community Contacts

### By mail

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

### By phone

Call (204) 732-2675  
Fax (204) 732-2205

### Office hours and staff

Office hours are: Tues - Thurs 8:30am - 4:30pm

In addition to the Community Administrative Officer, the community also employs a public works employee, volunteer fire chief and a back-up WTP operator.

## Community Statistics

### Population

1985	145
1991	101
1996	85
2001	80
2006	70

1985 figures includes the community of Spence Lake. Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

### Households

There are 34 housing units in the community along with 60-70 seasonal residences in the area.

### By-laws

- Employee Benefits (by minister's regulation)
- Financial Reserves

- Fire Department

### Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 19318B. See map.

### Property Assessment and Taxes

#### Values of Assessment

Business	\$500
Real Property	1,758,340
Grants-in-lieu	320,000
Exempt	108,430
Total	2,187,270

#### 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 based on a well-equipped pumper truck from the community fire hall. Portable forestry equipment and a water trailer are also available for grass and brush fires. The volunteer fire department is a member of the Winnipegosis Mutual Aid District. All volunteers are equipped with Fleet Net Telephones. Call 911 for emergency service.

### Police

Police response is from the Winnipegosis detachment, RCMP, phone 911 or (204) 656-4421. The Waterhen community constable also provides service to the community.

### Medical

Medical response is based on ambulance service from Waterhen to hospitals in Winnipegosis, Ste. Rose du Lac or Dauphin. Call 911 for emergency service.

### 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).

#### Telephone and Internet

Meadow Portage is served by the MTS Rorketon and Winnipegosis Exchanges. 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 Broadband Internet access provided by I-NetLink Wireless Inc. Brandon, toll free: 1-877-333-1198

#### Water

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

#### Waste Disposal

A solid-waste disposal site is provided; Hours of operation year round are Wednesday; 9:00 – 11:00 am and additional hours during the summer from 2:00 – 4:00 pm Sundays.

Sewage is treated by means of septic tank and fields by the individual home owners.

#### Schools

School children are transported to either the Winnipegosis School or Rorketon School.

#### Recreation Facilities

- Baseball diamond with bleachers
- Community Hall and office, 4130 sq. ft.
- Open side picnic shelter, 1200 sq. ft
- Indoor rink & recreation facility with canteen
- Playground

#### 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 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 commercial accommodation is at Waterhen.

#### Transportation

Gardewine North will provide freight service from the Dauphin Terminal.

#### Businesses

- Hill's Meadow Portage – phone (204) 732-2340
- Meadow Portage Post Office - phone (204) 732-2240

### Economic Overview

The terrain of the community is suitable for mixed farming and woodlands operations.

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Ranching, farming, livestock and commercial fishing are central to the economy of the community. Agriculture, however, only 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.

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