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**Site Number:**  
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**CSD (1991): 4810004**

**Site Name: Ferintosh, Alberta**

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**Field Log:**

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**Position of Centroid:**

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**What boundaries are meaningful for residents? ...**

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**Distribution of population within CSD boundary: Concentrated**

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**Meaning of CSD boundaries to local contacts: ...**

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**Relevance of CSD boundary - for the community: Yes**

**Relevance of CSD boundary - for daily activities: Yes**

**Relevance of CSD boundary - where people live: Yes**

**Relevance of CSD boundary - where people work: No**

**Relevance of CSD boundary - other: 50 - 55% seniors**

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## **4.1 - SITE HISTORY**

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**- Major events & stories:** New name from Lassen to Ferintosh in early 1900s. Had 3 elevators. Lost them in 1985-1997. Lost tax base. Now close to 100% residential --

### **HISTORICAL PROFILE OF FERINTOSH, ALBERTA**

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**This profile is based on information obtained from the Ferintosh District History, 'Little Beaver Tales', published in 1986, supplemented by interviews.**

#### **Historical overview**

**The present Ferintosh area was originally a noted meeting place for Natives who named the area Amiskoogis Saskihigan, meaning, little lake belonging to the beaver. During the 1880s European fur traders hunted buffalo in the area and then traveled on to Winnipeg for the fur trade. In the 1890s ranchers established in the watershed area and discovering rich soil in the area, the first settlers began cultivation in the early 1900s creating the first economic activities in the area.**

**The first settlers arrived by rail from the Edmonton-Calgary railway that traveled through the Wetaskiwin area. The arrival of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway line in 1910 marked the year of settlers, homesteads and grain farming. The village of Ferintosh was originally known as Lassen after the first settlement of homesteads in the area belonging to J. H. Lassen. The village was renamed Ferintosh by resident Dr. J. R. Mcleod in 1910, a member of the first Alberta legislature, due to the mail delivery confusion with a near by town of a similar name.**

**The original settlers were from Ontario, Illinois, Minnesota and Nebraska, being Anglo-Saxon, American, Scandinavian and German. They purchased their land from the railway which had been advertising in the Middle United States for those looking to start a homestead. By 1903 most of the land in the Ferintosh District had been sold to private individuals.**

**The English language spoken by all settlers helped to form the community and to bring a school to Ferintosh. Local entertainment included gun shooting competitions, hunting, skating, curling and canoeing on the local lakes, picnics, tennis, hockey and house dances. The school was built in 1911, the year after the railway arrived. It had twelve grades by 1940.**

**Early farmers had to travel with horse-drawn wagons over 30 miles, travelling at a speed of five miles per hour, to sell their grain in Wetaskiwin. Farmers increased their acreage when the railway line was built through Ferintosh, but had to wait until 1915 for the first Imperial Elevator to be built. By 1928 three elevators stood and brought in three to four hundred thousand bushels**

per year.

Ranching was a popular enterprise with some cattle being shipped off by rail and some being locally butchered and packed until the 1930s. After 1930 trucking became the main means of transportation for livestock. 1953 estimates of livestock include 6,250 cattle, 500 horses, 500 sheep, 9,000 pigs, and 7,500 chickens.

Early enterprises included a hotel built with the vision of developing Ferintosh as a resort village. From the beginning of settlement Ferintosh was recognized by developers as aesthetically pleasing. The main asset was and presently is in the landscape amenity. The Ferintosh area exhibits forested rolling hills and the scenic Little Beaver Lake. The early hotel developer wished to create a lavish resort capturing the amenity asset. The hotel owner built a luxurious three-story hotel, complete with a hotel bar. Unfortunately the bar was a primary revenue source for the hotel and the hotel was torn down after the prohibition forced its closure in 1915. Other early enterprises began in the late 1910s.

Early businesses included a real estate agency, general stores, a creamery, meat markets and drug stores. These businesses opened to serve Ferintosh Village and the surrounding areas. A post office and telephone exchange kept Ferintosh in touch with the outside world. The commercial community expanded until the late 1940s with a barbershop, restaurant, pool hall, lumberyard, machine agency, livestock buying and selling agency, hardware store, butcher shop and packing plant, jewelry store, livery stable, garage, three grain elevators, and the Imperial Bank. The 1930s depression effected urban businesses and families.

The depression of the 1930s hurt village families, however most farmer managed to survive. Urban residents were forced to rely on government relief and keep some livestock in their urban homes to sell eggs or meat for extra income. Mixed farms were able to escape the worst effects of the depression with livestock and self-sufficient gardening. Those who survived became prosperous in the forties with better grain prices.

Oil was discovered in 1945 and presently there are about 40 oil wells northwest of Ferintosh. After the war, established farmers expanded their property and new immigrants to Ferintosh, with little income but established trades, moved on to the larger centres. Though grain prices improved Ferintosh businesses began to close their doors during the mid forties.

The 1940s saw the closing of the meat packing plant, the jewelry store, the butcher shop and the livery stables. These businesses were thought to have suffered from the 1930s depression and unfavorable management. This decade began the erosion of the Ferintosh business community.

During the fifties more businesses closed; a dry goods and furniture store, the hardware store, the livestock buying and selling agency, and the Imperial Bank. The Alberta Treasury Bank resumed banking services in Ferintosh in 1958. Transportation improvements were a factor in Ferintosh beginning to compete against larger economic centres in the surrounding area. The main highway number 21 was classified as a Secondary Highway and was then graded and paved in 1952. Eleven years later the base course was constructed and the road surface was paved. The highway improvements meant Ferintosh community residents, agricultural and livestock trucks and any other mobile industry could travel greater distances and speeds. Smaller villages including Ferintosh were bypassed for larger centres and they began to loose control of their economic future. The mixed farming based community began to explore other economic options for Ferintosh.

**During the sixties natural gas was discovered in the Ferintosh area and the community gained a valuable economic asset. The Battle River gas co-op began in 1968. The co-op was a success while other businesses continued to close. The restaurant, pool hall, and barber shop closed during the 1960s. The continual closing of businesses was thought to be a reflection of road improvements, residents retiring and young people leaving to larger centres. These events were thought to be a factor in the decrease of Ferintosh school enrollment.**

**In 1958 Ferintosh lost its high school students to New Norway. Ten years later the junior high was closed. The school closed in 1975 but remains as a recreation centre. The school closure left Ferintosh without a focus for youth organizations. The youth focus shifted outside of Ferintosh to New Norway and Bashaw communities.**

**One year later Ferintosh lost the focus of the economic community. Two out of three elevators were torn down in 1976. The village lost tax-based revenue and a pull to bring hinterland residents into the struggling village. Ferintosh was forced to exist with a continually smaller hinterland population.**

**The past twenty years has seen a stable population level and commerce. The Battle River Co-op continues to be a growing success. The King Kuba Sausage Store proved a hard working success bringing in people from the surrounding communities to buy the specialty sausages. Other community business successes have been the thrift store run by the Recreation Association and the Cut-Hut.**

**Presently Ferintosh is a quiet community with an aging population of 130 people. There are few opportunities for youth and they continue to leave. Those who find local employment in the oil fields or farming have the advantage of low cost housing. New retired immigrants look forward to a relaxed pace of life. The village's scenic amenity and strong social cohesion are felt to be a major asset.**

### **Economic and Social Structure**

**Ferintosh started out to serve a hinterland of farms and ranches. Ferintosh was originally built with small family businesses with the vision of becoming a resort town. The residents of the village and the mixed farming hinterland supported the small local businesses. Most farmers started with few dollars and long labour intensive years.**

**Community leadership in the 1920s consisted of local businessmen. The first mayor was elected in 1911. Councilors were chosen from the business community. Social leadership was provided from the village and hinterland residents. The government relief program provided early social services for the devastating economic depression of the 1930s. Clubs and organization were active until the 1980s when the combined effect of the school closing, television and more recently, Internet services diminished interest in community activities. Presently the Seniors Centre and the Community Club are the main social focuses.**

**Between 1945 and 1960 oilfield activities and following in the 1960s, natural gas brought additional prosperity to the Ferintosh Community. In comparison, the expansion of farm size decreased the population of the hinterland, creating rippling effects in the commercial and social life of the community. Few career choices for youth encouraged them to move to larger centres, to obtain higher education and careers.**

**The closing of the elevators diminished the commercial boundaries and tax base of the village. The**

result is a decrease in contact between the rural and urban communities. Recently municipal grant cuts have further diminished the village budget.

In 1999 successful existing businesses include the Battle River Gas Co-op, the Alberta Treasury Branch, the Cut - Hut, the Hotel, the General Store and Ron's Framing Gallery.

Ferintosh and surrounding hinterland is part of the metropolitan hinterland of Edmonton and the global economy. People commute within the region to work outside of Ferintosh. Ferintosh is focussing on its original scenic amenity, moving towards becoming a peaceful resort village. Industry development is welcomed but not at the cost of loosing their scenic amenity asset.

### Prosperity

The Ferintosh community is described as being prudently run and not indebted. This is felt due to the foresight and administration of the village council. Others describe Ferintosh as a vital, valuable, and successful place that is on the rise over the past five years.

### Ferintosh Clubs and Organizations

Ferintosh was tied to its hinterland through collective action of volunteer organizations. Many organizations ceased to exist following the Ferintosh school closure. The village felt a loss of social focus in the community. Presently four volunteer community associations are active, the Hi-U Senior Centre, the Community Club, the Recreation Association and the Ferintosh and District Fire Department.

1. Fire Co-op - 1968 bought fire truck 1969, new truck in 1982, 1984 had 208 shareholders, presently a run by the Ferintosh and District fire department and is volunteer based
2. Lakeside Campgrounds - 1982 to present, 11 serviced sites (power and water), 7 non-serviced sights
3. Seniors Drop-in Centre - 1978 to present, Hi -U club, games and activities, blood pressure readings and health clinics
4. Not-Forgotten Club - 1940 - 1945, sent parcels to soldiers overseas
5. Ladies Auxiliary - 1951-1961, presently existing as the Community Club, annual town clean up and Book Bank Exchange
6. Board of Trade - 1951- present
7. Recreation Centre - (old school) 1979 to present
8. Alta 4 -H 'ers - 1950 - 1951
9. Clothing Club - 1954 -1955
10. Band - 1939-1941
11. United Church Explorers - 1962 - 1984
12. Canadian Girls in Training - 1959-1980 church group
13. Messengers - 1978 - 1979, young children's church group
14. West Women's Institute - 1952-1959 - general community aid
15. Horticultural society - 1960- present, 1967 became part of the Community club- flower shows
16. Cubs, Beavers and Scouts - 1911-1914, 1954-1980s, 1973-1980s Beavers

### Ferintosh Sports

1. Ball Diamond - 1937- 1960 Baseball teams
2. Curling Club- 1929 - 1992, presently a public skating rink

3. Skating Rink - 1940 - present
4. Hockey Teams - 1930- 1975
5. Light Horse Club- 1975-1981
6. Tennis Club - 1942-1945
7. Women's Basketball-1915

#### **Ferintosh Fires**

1. Drugstore - 1918, was rebuilt 1920
2. House fires -1932, 1975, 1995
3. Dry Goods store - 1947 - rebuilt as Hotel 1952
4. Post Office - 1965, not rebuilt
5. Royal light Bulk Gas and Oil station- 1972, not rebuilt
6. Hotel - 1997, some damage, now rebuilt

#### **Ferintosh Businesses 1999**

1. Battle River Co-op
2. Alberta Treasury Brach
3. Cut-Hut
4. Hotel
5. General Store and Post Office
6. Ron's Framing Gallery
7. Bed and Breakfast Heritage Manor
8. Second Hand Store
9. Construction - 7 different contractors
10. Painter's Printing
11. Tax Preparation
12. Bobcat Service
13. Dairy Farms- 2
14. Turkey Farm
15. Hog Operations - 5
16. Natural Gas Plant
17. Home Baking
18. Organic Farm Operations

**The strong existing businesses appear as the top eight in the above list. The hotel recently suffered from a fire but was rebuilt and under new ownership. The general store commercial boundaries are described as the boundaries of the Fire Departments Jurisdiction, much smaller than in the past. The Bed and Breakfast is attempting to market the scenic amenity of Ferintosh to visitors.**

#### **Conclusion**

**Ferintosh has historically survived through strong community cohesion. The scenic value of the Ferintosh area has drawn people to the area over the past hundred years. This amenity may allow for future existence of the retired bedroom community.**

**The community struggles with the lack of youth involvement or presence but remains active through the senior community's commitment to self-sufficiency.**

Ferintosh's history suggests that the community has nothing more to loose, with a stable population and a desire to explore their amenity asset the community could pull together for control over the next stage of history.

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### 5.2.1 - SERVICES

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#### WATER

- municipal water to everyone: Yes
  - municipal water to some:
  - sewage collection and disposal: Yes
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#### GARBAGE COLLECTION

- open garbage dump:
  - sanitary landfill: Yes
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#### SIDEWALKS

- sidewalks throughout village/town: Yes
  - sidewalks in center of community only:
  - cable TV: No
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#### INTERNET ACCESS

- to everyone willing to pay: Yes
  - free through community centre:
  - specific institutions/individuals:
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#### LOCAL NEWSPAPER

- **daily:**
  - **weekly:**
  - **monthly:**
  - **newsletter (no regional or area news): Yes**
  - **national newspaper: Journal, Sun & Camrose papers**
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## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- **paid, full time professionals:**
  - **volunteers: Yes**
  - **approximate response time to centroid: 10 mins.**
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## **POLICE**

- **RCMP: No (Bashaw detachment - 22 kms.)**
  - **provincial:**
  - **municipal:**
  - **number of personnel:**
  - **approximate response time to centroid: 14 - 15 mins.**
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## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

- **911: Yes (Nov. 97)**
  - **road ambulance service: Yes**
  - **approximate response time to centroid: 30 mins. (Camrose)**
  - **air ambulance service: Yes**
  - **approximate response time to centroid: No experience**
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**ROADS**

**(type and condition):** Paved; no potholes... (selection 5)

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**6.1 - SOCIAL SERVICES / EDUCATION**

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**Elementary school**

- distance from centroid (km): 11
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 11
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: Yes
  - comments:
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**High school**

- distance from centroid (km): 11
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 11
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: Yes
  - comments:
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**Technical school**

- distance from centroid (km): 39
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39
- special transportation needs:
- wheelchair access:
- comments:

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### University

- distance from centroid (km): 100 (USA - Anquitana)
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: Yes
  - comments:
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### Extension courses

- distance from centroid (km): Available by correspondance
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### Other institutions

- distance from centroid (km): Many
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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## 6.2 - SOCIAL SERVICES / HEALTH

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### Hospital

- **distance from centroid (km): 39 & 22**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39 & 22**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:**
  - **comments:**
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### **Blood/urine testing facility**

- **distance from centroid (km): 39**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:**
  - **comments:**
- 

### **X-ray facility**

- **distance from centroid (km): 39**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:**
  - **comments:**
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### **Baby delivery facility**

- **distance from centroid (km): 39**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

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### **CT scan facility**

- **distance from centroid (km): 39**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

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### **Nursing home**

- **distance from centroid (km):39**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

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### **Doctor(s)**

- **distance from centroid (km):22 & 39**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 22 & 39**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

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### **Nurse(s)**

- **distance from centroid (km): 22 & 39**

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 22 & 39

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### **Dentist(s)**

- distance from centroid (km): 39

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### **Dental Surgeon(s)**

- distance from centroid (km): 39

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### **Optometrist(s)**

- distance from centroid (km): 39

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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**Home care / visits**

- **distance from centroid (km): Comes to Ferintosh**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): Comes to Ferintosh**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:**
  - **comments:**
- 

**VON**

- **distance from centroid (km): n/a**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:**
  - **comments:**
- 

**Social worker(s)**

- **distance from centroid (km): 0 km**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 0 km**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:**
  - **comments:**
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**Other (specify)**

- **distance from centroid (km): 0 km**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 0 km**

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### 6.3 - SOCIAL SERVICES / LEGAL

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#### Lawyer

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39 km

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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#### Notary

- distance from centroid (km): n/a

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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#### Citizenship court

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km (Provincial)

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39 km

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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## 6.4 - SOCIAL SERVICES / FINANCIAL

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### Bank

- distance from centroid (km): Treas Br (?) agency
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): same
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments: CIBC left about 43 years ago
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### Credit Union

- distance from centroid (km): 22 km
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 22 km
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### ATM

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): n/a
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Micro-financing group**

- distance from centroid (km): n/a
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Insurance office**

- distance from centroid (km): 39+22 km
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39+22 km
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**6.5 - SOCIAL SERVICES / CARE**

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**Daycare**

- distance from centroid (km): 11 km (Formal) - Informal, on again / off again
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 11 km (Formal) - Informal, on again / off again
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
- 

**Seniors / retirement home**

- distance from centroid (km): 22km & 39 km (Low cost housing, lodge)

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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## 6.6 - SOCIAL SERVICES / GOVERNMENT

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### **E.I. office**

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39 km
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### **Revenue Canada office**

- distance from centroid (km): 100 km
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 100 km
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### **Auto insurance office**

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39 km
- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### **Welfare office**

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39 km

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### **Town hall**

- distance from centroid (km): 0 km (Village office)

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 0 km

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### **Band council**

- distance from centroid (km): n/a

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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## **6.7 - SOCIAL SERVICES / LOCAL**

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**Food bank**

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km (Affil. to Camrose)
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Clothing exchange / depot**

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Secondhand stores**

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km & 100 km
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Drop-in centre**

- distance from centroid (km): 0 km
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 0 km

- special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### **Halfway house**

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### **Counseling services**

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km (FCSS called Camrose Dist. Soc. Services)
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### **Family distress**

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km (FCSS called Camrose Dist. Soc. Services)
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
-

**Women's shelter**

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km (FCSS called Camrose Dist. Soc. Services)
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Alcohol / drug abuse**

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km (FCSS called Camrose Dist. Soc. Services)
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**6.8 - SOCIAL SERVICES / PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

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**Bus**

- distance from centroid (km): 0 km (seniors bus)
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 0 km
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Freight train**

- distance from centroid (km): (truck)

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:**
  - **comments:**
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### **Passenger train**

- **distance from centroid (km):**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:**
  - **comments:**
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### **Scheduled air service**

- **distance from centroid (km): 100 km**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:**
  - **comments:**
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### **Small plane**

- **distance from centroid (km): 39 km**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:**
- **comments:**

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### Connecting flights

- distance from centroid (km): 100 km
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### Helicopter

- distance from centroid (km): ?
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### Boat

- distance from centroid (km): n/a
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### Regular ferry / taxi

- distance from centroid (km): n/a
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):



- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### On demand

- distance from centroid (km): n/a

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### Car taxi

- distance from centroid (km): none

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): none

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### Other (specify)

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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## 6.9 - SOCIAL SERVICES / FACILITIES

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### **Curling**

- distance from centroid (km): 11 km
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 11 km
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### **Municipal indoor pool**

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 39 km
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### **Municipal outdoor pool**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### **Municipal indoor skating rink**

- distance from centroid (km): 0 km

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 0 km

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### **Municipal outdoor skating rink**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### **Community playing field**

- distance from centroid (km): yes

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): yes

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### **Community gym**

- distance from centroid (km): 39

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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**Community centre**

- distance from centroid (km): yes (rec centre & senior centre)
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): yes
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**YM/YWCA**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Municipal athletic club**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Private athletic club**

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### **Commercial athletic club**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### **Theatre**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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### **Cinema**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Museum**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Library**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Parks**

- distance from centroid (km): yes
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): yes
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Other (specify)**

- distance from centroid (km): yes (campground)
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): yes
- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### **Community organized teams (juniors / children)**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### **Community organized teams (adults)**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### **Municipal art programmes**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### **Private art programmes**

- distance from centroid (km): sometimes
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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#### **6.10 - SOCIAL SERVICES / VOLUNTEER & SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS** yes (one church)

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##### **Religious groups**

- distance from centroid (km): yes
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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##### **Rotary club**

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km (Camrose)
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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##### **Historical society**

- distance from centroid (km): 39 km
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):



- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### Other 1

- distance from centroid (km): seniors

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments:

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### Other 2

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### Other 3

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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**Other 4**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Other 5**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Services named by citizens as unavailable:** None at this time

**Publicly funded programmes specific to community:** PFRA prog. to put in wells to replace lake water

**Accessibility Codes:**

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## 7.0 - ECONOMIC FORTUNES

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- List of businesses w/ number of employees:**
1. General Store / Post Office = 1 FT + 2 PT
  2. Hairdressing = 1 FT
  3. Treasury Board Agency = 1 FT + 2PT
  4. Hotel / Lounge / Restaurant = 2 FT + 2PT
  5. Antique Shop / 1 FT + 1 PT
  6. Contractor (Home-based) = 1 FT + 1 PT
  7. Contractor, new (Home-based) = 1 FT
  8. Art Gallery / Framing (Home-based) = 1 FT + 1 PT
  9. Carpenters (Home-based) = 2

**10. Gas Co-op = 4 FT + 2 PT**

**11. Tire Shop = 1 PT**

**List of home-based businesses w/ activity:**

**List of businesses that ship goods out of area:**

**Major suppliers and locations for each business:**

**Information from Chamber of Commerce: n/a**

**Degree of Optimism Perceived:** Feeling is optimistic. 2 new homes last year. 2 more this year. Historical site being renovated. Bed & breakfast + painting studios. Well water has added optimism

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## **8.0 - RESOURCE BASE & AMENITIES**

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**Special environmental and/or resource features:** Historical bldg. Scenic valley location on shores of Little Beaver Lake. Campground on lake is heavily used.

**Negative features:** Some eyesores - private property owners. Lacking rail & road trans. access. Industrial land, good water

**Local strategies or projects engaged or planned:** Water improvement prog. Ongoing struggle with eyesores.

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## **9.0 - DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL CHANGE**

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**Current population: 135**

**Net migration (in/out/net): positive net**

**Current Number of Households: +/- 60**

**Average family Size: +/- 2.2**

**Age Structure:**

**Language: 100% English**

**Religion: Don't know. Church is United**

**Literacy levels:** No major literacy issues

**Social changes (population, characteristics, problems):** No major trends. Stable situation

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**EXTRA INFORMATION (when available)**

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