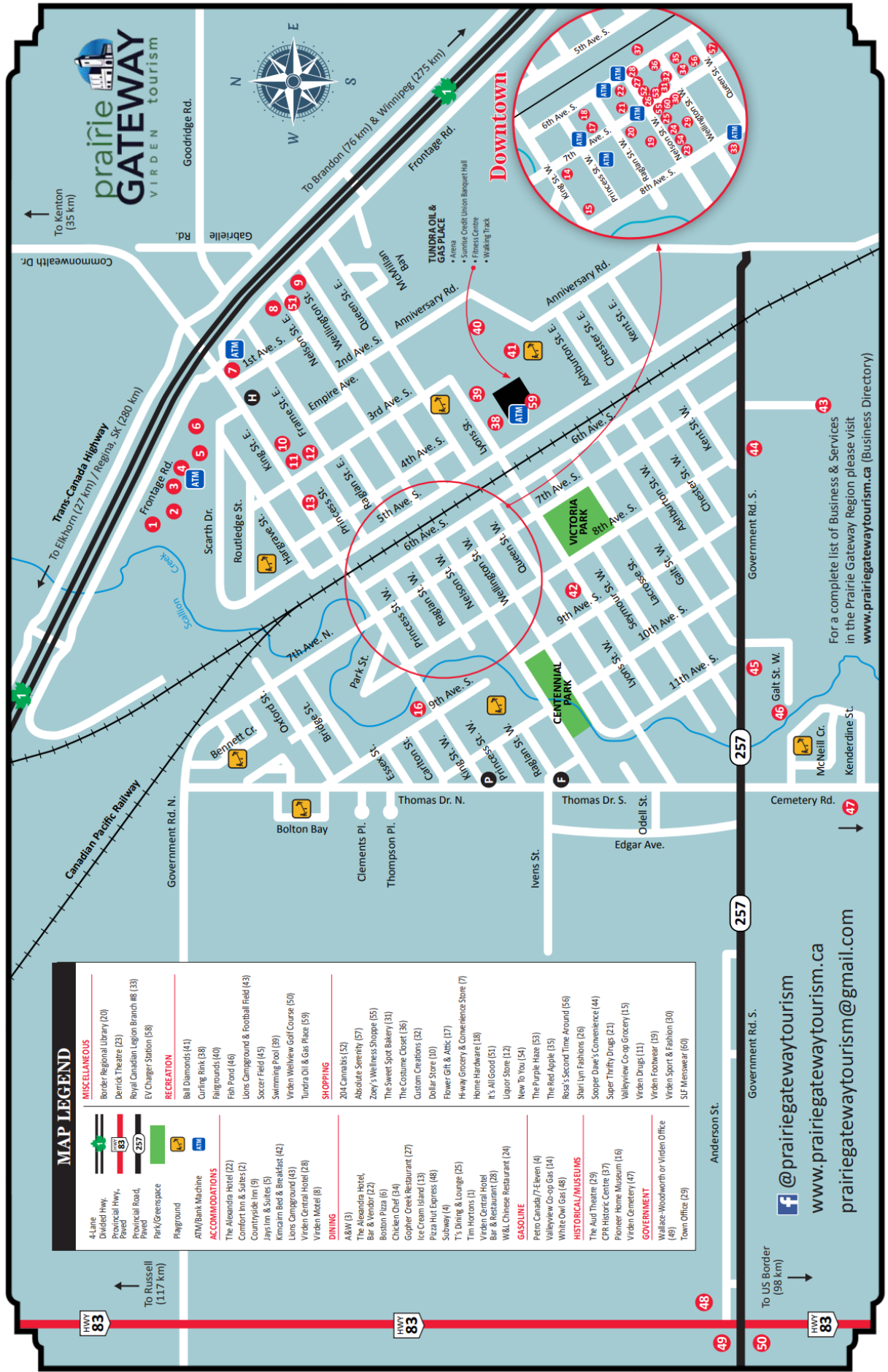


# VIRDEN



## Town of Virden **Relocation Guide**

# Welcome to Virden



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[prairiegatewaytourism@gmail.com](mailto:prairiegatewaytourism@gmail.com)

For a complete list of Business & Services  
 in the Prairie Gateway Region please visit  
[www.prairiegatewaytourism.ca](http://www.prairiegatewaytourism.ca) (Business Directory)

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# Welcome to Virden

In 1883 the community of Gopher Creek, created by settlers from Great Britain and Eastern Canada looking for opportunity and a better life, became Virden and an important node in the national rail system. The population swelled as the brick and flour industries grew in tandem with agriculture. The community became the hub of transportation, processing, and services for the greater region. Growth in population and the economy continued with investments in a Commonwealth Air Training Combat School during WWII, and the discovery of significant oil deposits in 1951 and 1953.

The sports and recreation communities in Virden are thriving. Local and regional sports groups make use of our arena (Tundra Oil & Gas Place), which boasts an NHL sized ice surface, indoor walking track, fitness centre and banquet halls. We also have an outdoor heated swimming pool with waterslide, curling rink, golf course, spray park, skateboard park, fishing pond, lawn bowling, soccer fields, and ball diamonds, along with many other activities available throughout the year.

Virden is home to the Virden Indoor Rodeo and Wild West Daze, an annual rodeo that has long been a source of entertainment and excitement for Virden and the surrounding area.

Victoria Park displays beautiful landscaping and greenspace, and an outdoor bandshell is available for many types of entertainment performances. Annual Canada Day celebrations are hosted at Victoria Park on July 1<sup>st</sup> for residents and visitors.

“The Aud” Theatre (originally opened in 1912, and again after renovations in 1983) is home to many entertainment groups. The Pioneer Home Museum takes visitors back in time, while the CP Station has an art gallery that is sure to please one’s artistic senses. The Border Regional Library offers many programs for a variety of ages and interests. Many of these activities are located in beautiful heritage buildings.

Virden has a strong service and education community. Virden’s many churches and service groups work hard to make our community a great place to live. These groups are active in meeting the needs of Virden’s residents through dedicated volunteerism. Virden has four schools and many organizations who strive to bring education and literacy opportunities to residents.

Virden is located, quite literally, at the Centre of It All. Located on the Trans–Canada Highway and the cross–Canada CPR line, Virden is also on Highway 83, which bisects the entire continent, running over 3000 km straight south to the Gulf of Mexico – known as the ‘Palms to Pines’ route. We are centered between two provincial capitals, and at the virtual centre of the nation’s east and west coasts. With our diverse natural resources, thriving agricultural industries, abundant water, skilled workforce, and affordable quality lifestyle opportunities – Virden continues to draw new and diverse families, businesses, and industries to the region.

# Municipal Government

## Town Office:

236 Wellington Street West

Phone: 204-748-2440

Fax: 204-748-2501

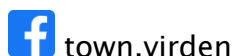
Email: [info@virden.ca](mailto:info@virden.ca)

Website: [www.virden.ca](http://www.virden.ca)

Monday-Friday

8:30 AM-12:00 PM

1:00 PM-4:30 PM



## Administrative Staff

Rhonda Stewart	Chief Administrative Officer	cao@virden.ca
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## Mayor

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Lynette Grumpelt	204-851-5658	l.grumpelt@virden.ca
Tara Maxwell	204-851-1280	t.maxwell@virden.ca
Travis Penner	204-748-7970	t.penner@virden.ca



# Housing

The Town of Virden has several new subdivisions including the more recently constructed Bolton Bay as well as Kenderdine Subdivision.

Average house sales range from \$120,000 up to \$350,000+ for newer homes. Monthly rental rates range from \$800–\$1200 on average.

## Property Tax

**Due Date:** October 31 (or the Friday prior) of each year

**Payment Methods:** Cash, cheque, debit, online banking or e-transfer

**Penalties:** On all taxes remaining unpaid after the due date, there shall be, added on the first day of each month, a penalty of 1% until paid or until the property has been sold for the arrears of taxes.

**Tax Sale:** All lands in arrears for more than one year on December 31 each year are liable to be sold for the arrears of taxes.

**Tax Prepayment Discount:** The Town of Virden offers tax prepayment discounts as outlined below to taxpayers wishing to pay an installment or installments on their current year's property taxes. Those wishing to prepay may pay an amount or a series of amounts that, in total, does not exceed the amount of their previous year's property taxes. The discount rate is equivalent to an effective annual interest rate of 3%.

Month of Payment	Discount Rate	Savings on \$1,000.00
January	2.25%	\$22.50
February	2.00%	\$20.00
March	1.75%	\$17.50
April	1.50%	\$15.00
May	1.25%	\$12.50
June	1.00%	\$10.00
July	0.75%	\$7.50

*Tax prepayments made in the months of August, September, or October will be accepted at par.*

# Rental Properties & Landlords

Contact Person	Contact Info	Address	Building Type/Name
Sundell Enterprises Alex Sundell	204-748-6820	664-7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	Midget Mansions 8 units
		302-332 Queen St. W.	Queen Street Apartments 7 units
		562-8 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	Duplex - 2 units
		568-4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.2	4 <sup>th</sup> Ave Apartments 3 units
		204 Lyons St. W.	Duplex - 2 units
Infinite Properties inc.	204-761-7750 Infinitepropertiesinc.com	570 Wellington St. E.	Manchester Place 16 units
Dale Heaman	204-851-0840 <a href="mailto:dkheaman@mts.net">dkheaman@mts.net</a>	240 Queen St. W.	Fourplex - 4 units
		308 Wellington St. W.	Fourplex - 4 units
Herb Warkentin	204-748-1717 204-748-5250	1205-9 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	
		180-8 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	4 units
		190-8 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	1 unit
Barb & Don Widger	Box 536 Virден, MB R0M 2C0	multiple properties	
Carla McLean	204-748-2977	427-7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	3 units
Neil Murray	204-748-3861	236 Nelson St. W.	Scott Block 12 units
Faye Gerring	204-748-7173	244 Bridge St. E.	RBH Apartments 4 units
Jason Creller	Box 2504 Virден, MB R0M 2C0	415-7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	Midtown Apartments 4 units
Todd Sparwood	204-512-8015	257 Raglan St. W. & others	Tara Place 9 units
Grath Limited Rob Reimer	204-724-2655	588 Lacrosse St. W.	Virден Arms 11 units
Roger Branum	204-855-2450	208-1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. E.	Plex Life 6 units
Nixon Properties & Development Inc.	204-851-1176	600 & 610 Edgar Ave.	12 units
Maurice & Candice Kernel	Box 755 Virден, MB R0M 2C0	180-10 <sup>th</sup> Ave. N.	4 units
Allan Brown	204-748-1577 204-851-3880	327 Government Rd. S.	2 bedroom house
Brady Potter	204-851-6602 <a href="mailto:potterbrady@gmail.com">potterbrady@gmail.com</a>	535-5 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	Townhouse 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath

# Senior Housing

## **Kin Place**

460 Frame St. E.

Phone: 204-851-1042

 Virden Kin Place Inc.

21 unit, 55+ life-lease senior's complex located at 460 Frame Street East in Virden. With a 6-plex located at 208-1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. Appliances, laundry & primary utilities included. Includes indoor parking, desk, elevator, exercise room and common room.

## **Bolton Place**

560 Thomas Dr. N.

Phone: 204-748-1100

Bolton Place offers affordable life-lease accommodation for seniors aged 60+, owned by Infinite Properties Inc. The new building is fully visitable, with three fully-accessible suites, a large common room on the main floor, elevator, balconies, in-suite laundry, and a parking space for each suite.

## **Princess Lodge**

247 Princess St. W.

Phone: 204-748-3231

Princess Lodge is a senior's residence centrally located in Virden's downtown area. Close by to grocery shopping, banks as well as the local library. Parking is available.

# Personal Care Homes

## **The Sherwood Home**

223 Hargrave St. E.

Phone: 204-748-1546

- Long term care - 46 beds
- Facility respite
- Regional dietician services
- Home care
  - Community bath program
  - Congregate meals

## **Westman Nursing Home**

427 Frame St. E.

Phone: 204-748-4335

- Long term care - 50 beds
- Facility respite
- Regional dietician services
- Home care
  - Community bath program
  - Meals on Wheels
  - Adult day program

# Independent Living

## **Association for Community Living – Virden**

216 Bridge St. W.

Phone: 204-748-1444

Email: [aclvirden@wcgwave.net](mailto:aclvirden@wcgwave.net)

This organization has many dwellings within the community and offers 24-hour care for those with disabilities. Inclusion Westman's Vision is to create a community that fosters inclusive and equitable participation for persons and/or families living with disabilities.

## **Seniors Access to Independent Living (S.A.I.L.)**

455 Frame St. E.

Phone: 204-748-2323

Email: [virdensail@mymts.net](mailto:virdensail@mymts.net)

In Virden, Seniors Access to Independent Living, or S.A.I.L., is just a call or email away. Coordinators can help with a variety of needs, from setting up LifeLine devices, to finding a ride to an appointment, or arranging Meals on Wheels.

## **Habitat for Humanity**

Phone: 204-748-3872

Email: [karenmck@mymts.net](mailto:karenmck@mymts.net)

 VirdenHFH

Habitat for Humanity is a worldwide organization that provides affordable housing for low income, deserving families that could not otherwise own their own homes. Homes are built through volunteer labor. To date, Virden has built homes for 4 families.

# Realtors

A complete listing of available real estate can be found at [www.realtor.ca](http://www.realtor.ca).

## Century 21

Craig Russell

Phone: 204-851-0461

[www.craig-russell.c21.ca](http://www.craig-russell.c21.ca)

## Re/Max

Terri Cosens

Phone: 204-748-7699

[www.remax.ca/mb/terri-cosens-123216-ag](http://www.remax.ca/mb/terri-cosens-123216-ag)

## Royal LePage

Carla McLean

Phone: 204-748-5049

[www.royallepagebrandon.ca/agent/carla-mclean](http://www.royallepagebrandon.ca/agent/carla-mclean)

Felicity Hagan

Phone: 204-851-2311

[www.royallepagebrandon.ca/agent/felicity-hagan](http://www.royallepagebrandon.ca/agent/felicity-hagan)

Matt McLean

Phone: 204-851-0460

[www.royallepagebrandon.ca/agent/matt-mclean](http://www.royallepagebrandon.ca/agent/matt-mclean)

## Sutton Realty

Kelsey Gerrand

Phone: 204-851-5332

[www.suttonharrison.com/agent/kelsey-mead](http://www.suttonharrison.com/agent/kelsey-mead)

# Building Permits & Services

## Development Officer & Building Inspector

When doing renovations or adding on, including building fences and sheds, a permit may be required. For permit information, please contact:

### **Trans Canada West Planning District**

Cory Nixon, Development Officer

Phone: 204-851-0028

[devofficer@tcwpd.ca](mailto:devofficer@tcwpd.ca)

## Storage Facilities

### **Harwood Enterprises**

953-6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Phone: 1-877-222-6554

[www.harwoodselfstorage.com/virden.html](http://www.harwoodselfstorage.com/virden.html)

## Tree Trimming & Removal

### **Branching Out Tree Service**

Phone: 204-512-1415

[www.branchingoutvirden.com](http://www.branchingoutvirden.com)

## Electrical Services

### **LRB Electric**

526-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Phone: 204-748-2790

[www.lrbelectric.ca](http://www.lrbelectric.ca)

### **D.B. Higginbotham Electric**

270 Commonwealth Drive

Phone: 204-748-1753

Email: [info@higgelec.com](mailto:info@higgelec.com)

[www.higgelec.com](http://www.higgelec.com)

## Windows & Glass

### **Barrier Window & Glass**

Phone: 204-851-7247

# Construction & Contracting

## **BTN Construction**

Phone: 204-851-1256

## **Mad Dog Spray and Coatings**

Phone: 204-851-0200

## **Denolf Contracting**

Phone: 204-851-0023

## **RLH Construction Inc.**

Phone: 204-851-1792

## **Kliever Konstruction**

Phone: 204-845-2210

## **Sparks Sand & Gravel**

Phone: 204-748-3019

## **Terry Wilkinson Drywall**

Phone: 204-748-1896

# Plumbing & Heating

## **Pinnacle Plumbing & Heating**

171-7<sup>th</sup> St. N.  
204-748-1788

## **Cross Plumbing & Heating**

128 Goodridge Rd.  
204-748-2108

# Health Services

## Manitoba Health Information

[www.gov.mb.ca/health/mhsip](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mhsip)

In order to receive free health care, you must have a Manitoba Health number. All applicants can contact the Manitoba Health Office in Winnipeg at 204-786-7101 or toll-free at 1-800-392-1207 for help in completing the Manitoba Health application.

When applying for a Manitoba health card:

- The Manitoba health card takes approximately four to six weeks to arrive.
- There is no cost to apply for a Manitoba health card and no monthly fees.
- The Manitoba health card is required when visiting a doctor, obtaining services from the hospital, or filling a prescription.

### **Immunizations:**

Immunization is recommended for individuals of all ages to prevent serious illness and disease. Immunizations also protect those who cannot be immunized due to underlying health conditions. For information contact Public Health Services at 204-748-2321 or your doctor.

## Pharmacare:

[www.gov.mb.ca/health/pharmacare](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/pharmacare)

Pharmacare is a drug benefit program for any Manitoban, regardless of age, whose income is seriously affected by high prescription drug costs. Coverage is based on both your total family income, and the amount you pay for eligible prescription drugs. Each year, you are required to pay a portion of the cost of your eligible prescription drugs. This amount will be your annual Pharmacare deductible. Your deductible is set based on your annual family income.

You qualify if:

- You are eligible for Manitoba Health Coverage.
- Your prescriptions are not paid through another provincial or federal program.
- Your prescription drug costs are not fully covered by a drug insurance program.
- Your eligible prescription drug costs exceed your Pharmacare deductible.

For more information please contact:

### Manitoba Health

Phone: 204-786-7141


Toll Free: 1-800-297-8099

Email: [pharmacare@gov.mb.ca](mailto:pharmacare@gov.mb.ca)

*Application forms are available at any retail pharmacy.*

## Prairie Mountain Health

Website: [www.prairiemountainhealth.ca](http://www.prairiemountainhealth.ca)

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 PrairieMtHealth

Prairie Mountain Health (PMH) was established in June 2012 through the amalgamation of Assiniboine, Brandon, and Parkland Regional Health Authorities. PMH spans an area from the 53<sup>rd</sup> parallel in the north to the United States border in the south and reaches from the Saskatchewan border across to the lakes and central Manitoba.

PMH provides health care through a network of hospitals, health centres, personal care homes and community-based services. Medical and surgical care, long term and transitional care, rehabilitation, mental health care, home care, public health and primary care, and emergency medical service are delivered.

PMH works diligently to meet our Vision of “Health and Wellness for All” and achieve our Mission statement: “Together, we deliver quality health services that meet the needs of the population.”



### Virden Health Centre

480 King Street East

Phone: 204-748-1230

- Acute Care
  - 25 beds
  - Inpatient services
  - High-care needs
  - Palliative care
- Outpatient services
- Emergency services
- Diagnostic Services
  - Lab, xray, ekg
- Community rehabilitation service
- Therapy services

### Virden Health Unit

480 King Street East

Box 400

Virden, MB R0M 2C0

Phone: 204-748-2321

- Mental health services
- Public health services
- Home care

## Dental Care

### Prairie Life Dental

490-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Phone: 204-707-7000

Website: [www.prairielifedental.com](http://www.prairielifedental.com)

 prairielifedental

### Virden Medical Clinic

455 Frame Street East

Phone: 204-748-1345

- Primary care physicians

### QDoc

Website: [qdoc.ca](http://qdoc.ca)

- Virtual or phone appointments
- MB health card required

### Family Doctor Finder

Toll Free: 1-866-690-8260

Website:

[www.gov.mb.ca/health/familydoctorfinder](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/familydoctorfinder)

### Virden Dental Clinic

258 Nelson St. W.

Phone: 204-748-2856

Email: [virdendentalclinic@gmail.com](mailto:virdendentalclinic@gmail.com)

Website: [www.virden-dental-clinic.business.site](http://www.virden-dental-clinic.business.site)

 virdendentalclinic

## Eye Care

### Virden Eyecare Centre

170 Nelson St. W.

Phone: 204-748-1094

Website: [www.virdeneyecare.com](http://www.virdeneyecare.com)

# Fitness & Wellness

## Fitness Resolution

251 Nelson St. W.

Phone 204-851-0747


Website: [www.fitnessresolution.ca](http://www.fitnessresolution.ca)

 [fitnessresolutionvirden](https://www.facebook.com/fitnessresolutionvirden)

## Virden & Area Fitness Co-Cop

190 Lyons St. E

*Located inside Tundra Oil & Gas Place*

 Virden Fitness Coop

Buy memberships at the Town Office

# Physiotherapy

## PhysioFirst

426-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Phone: 204-748-3608

Website: [www.physiofirstclinic.ca](http://www.physiofirstclinic.ca)


# Massage Therapy

## Healing Hands Massage by Courtney

275 Queen St. E.

Phone: 204-576-0199

Email: [courtneymay919@gmail.com](mailto:courtneymay919@gmail.com)

 Healing Hands Massage by

Courtney

## Relieve Therapeutic Massage by Haylee Rinn

111 Queen St. W.

Phone: 204-851-2674

Email: [hayleerinn1@gmail.com](mailto:hayleerinn1@gmail.com)

## Triple H Therapy by Kacee Gee

Phone: 204-851-2674

Email: [kac.gee29@gmail.com](mailto:kac.gee29@gmail.com)

 [triplehtherapy2020](https://www.facebook.com/triplehtherapy2020)

## Pattie Routledge, RMT

Phone: 204-764-0208

Email: [pattieroutledge@hotmail.com](mailto:pattieroutledge@hotmail.com)

## Studio 49

269 Nelson Street West

Phone: 204-534-0566

 [rmt.daniellacg](https://www.facebook.com/rmt.daniellacg)

# Mental Health Services

## Metta Counselling & Mental Health Services

250 Nelson St. W.

Phone: 204-512-0032

Website: [www.mettacounselling.ca](http://www.mettacounselling.ca)

 [mettacounselling](https://www.facebook.com/mettacounselling)

# Emergency Services

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY – CALL 911

### Fire Department

330–11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Fire Chief: Cory Nixon

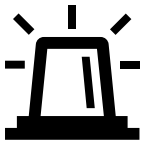
Phone: 204–748–1304

Email: [wdfd1@wcgwave.ca](mailto:wdfd1@wcgwave.ca)

Website: [www.wdfd.ca](http://www.wdfd.ca)

 Wallace District Fire Department

The Wallace District Fire Department (WDFD) consists of two fire stations situated in the Town of Virden and the Village of Elkhorn. WDFD covers the RM of Wallace–Woodworth, Town of Virden, Village of Elkhorn, Kola and portions of the RM of Pipestone.



#### What is that blaring siren!?!?

The Wallace District Fire Dept. uses an air siren to notify firefighters that there is an emergency call, and to notify residents to watch for emergency vehicles.

### Royal Canadian Mounted Police

RCMP Detachment General Office

541 King St. W.

Phone: 204–748–2046

Non–Emergency phone: 204–748–2135

Police services to the Town of Virden are supplied under contract by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police through the local detachment.

### Ambulance/EMS

**Virden Health Centre**


480 King. St. E.

Phone: 204–748–1230

24 hours/7 days per week ambulance service is provided through the Virden Health Centre. In addition, air ambulance service is available through the local airport.

# Westman Emergency Group

Website: [www.virden.ca/p/westman-emergency-group](http://www.virden.ca/p/westman-emergency-group)

 [westmanemergencygroup](https://www.facebook.com/westmanemergencygroup)

Westman Emergency Group services the R.M. of Wallace–Woodworth and Town of Virden. The purpose of this emergency plan is to provide for a prompt and coordinated response to emergencies or disasters affecting our municipalities.

## Connect Virden Emergency Alert System

The Town of Virden’s communication system keeps you alerted on the latest news and events, weather and emergency alert messages from Canada’s national emergency alerting system (Alert Ready). Decide how to receive information, by text message, social media, phone call or email.

Register and never miss out on the latest news, upcoming events, emergency alert messages from Canada’s national emergency alert system (Alert Ready), and weather updates for the Town of Virden. Register at: [www.virden.ca/p/register-for-connect-virden](http://www.virden.ca/p/register-for-connect-virden).

## Crisis Information

24-hour Crisis Line for Adults	1-888-379-7699 / 204-725-4411
24-hour Crisis Line for Children/Youth	1-866-403-5459 / 204-578-2700
24-hour Klinik Crisis Line	1-888-322-3019
24-hour Manitoba Suicide Line	1-877-435-7170
Crisis Stabilization Unit	204-727-2555
First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Helpline	1-855-242-3310
Health Links	1-888-315-9275
Kids Help Phone	1-800-668-6868
Manitoba Farm, Rural & Northern Support Services	1-866-367-3276
Manitoba Environmental Health Branch	204-726-6601
Manitoba Suicide Prevention and Support Line	1-877-435-7170
Manitoba Addictions Helpline	1-855-662-6605
Sexual Assault Crisis Line	1-888-292-7565

# Media Outlets

## Newspaper

**Virден Empire Advance** – weekly newspaper

305 Nelson St. W.

Box 250

Virден, MB R0M 2C0

Phone: 204-748-3937

Email: [accounts@empireadvance.ca](mailto:accounts@empireadvance.ca)

Website: [www.empireadvance.ca](http://www.empireadvance.ca)

**Brandon Sun** – daily newspaper

501 Rosser Ave.

Brandon, MB R7A 0K4

Phone: 1-800-542-8900

Website: [www.brandonsun.com](http://www.brandonsun.com)

## FM Radio

**CJ 103.3 FM – The Voice of Virден**

Website: [www.cj103radio.com](http://www.cj103radio.com)

**94.7 STAR FM – Brandon (Alternative)**

Website: [www.starfmradio.com](http://www.starfmradio.com)

**96.1 BOB FM – Brandon (Classic Rock)**

Website: [www.961bobfm.ca](http://www.961bobfm.ca)

**101.1 iHeart Radio Pure Country**

Website:

[www.iheartradio.ca/purecountry/brandon](http://www.iheartradio.ca/purecountry/brandon)

**91.5 Q Country FM Brandon**

Website: [www.qcountryfm.ca](http://www.qcountryfm.ca)

## AM Radio

**990 Q Country AM Brandon**

Website: [www.qcountryfm.ca](http://www.qcountryfm.ca)

# Transportation

## Manitoba Public Insurance

For detailed information about licensing a vehicle in Manitoba or obtaining a Manitoba driver's license, please contact the Manitoba Public Insurance Customer Service line at 1-800-665-2410  
Website: [www.mpi.mb.ca](http://www.mpi.mb.ca)

Hours of Operation:	Monday–Friday	8:00 AM–6:00 PM
	Saturday	8:30 AM–4:30 PM

### **Guild Insurance Brokers**

326 King St. E.  
Phone: 204-748-2300  
Fax: 204-748-2340

### **Westland Insurance**

322-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Phone: 204-748-2734  
Fax: 204-748-3734

### **Vehicles**

If you are purchasing a vehicle you may want to know if it was involved in an accident. MPI Service Centres can do a vehicle search for you in order to provide collision information on a specific vehicle. You must have an accurate serial number with you when you request a vehicle search. If you ask, they will also send out the “estimate sheet” that sets out the details of previous damage. This process can take a few days.

### **Drivers**

If you hold a valid driver's license from another jurisdiction, you may operate a motor vehicle in Manitoba for up to three months. After three months, you will be required to exchange your valid out-of-province driver's license for an equivalent Manitoba license without completing written and road tests.

Jurisdiction information is available by contacting MPI or visit [www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/new-to-manitoba.aspx](http://www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/new-to-manitoba.aspx) if you have a valid driver's license from a jurisdiction that does not have a reciprocal arrangement with Manitoba, you may operate a vehicle in Manitoba for up to three months. After three months, you will be required to successfully complete a knowledge test and a road test. Before taking these tests, you must register as a Manitoba Public Insurance customer and provide proper identification documents.

New licensees will be required to complete the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program. More information can be found at: [www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/graduated-driver-licensing.aspx](http://www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/graduated-driver-licensing.aspx)

To obtain information on Driver License Identity requirements, visit the MPI website at: [www.mpi.mb.ca](http://www.mpi.mb.ca) or call 1-800-665-2410.

The maximum cost (excluding merits or demerits) per year for a driver's license is \$65.00. Driver's licenses other than Class 5 (private vehicle) or 6 (motorcycle) require a medical exam.

## Taxi Service

**Virден Cab** – Rick Walker

Available 24/7

Phone: 204-908-2920

Email: [kw665@icloud.com](mailto:kw665@icloud.com)

 Virден Cab

## Highways

### Location

Virден is located near the junction of two major highways, the Trans Canada Highway (#1) and Provincial Trunk Highway #83 (the 'Palms to Pines' route). The Trans Canada Highway passes through Virден for east-west traffic and the Provincial Trunk Highway #83 passes along the west side of Virден for north-south traffic.

The Canada/US Port of Entry on Provincial Trunk Highway #83 is located near Westhope, North Dakota and is open from 8:00 AM-9:00 PM, seven days a week.

### Road Conditions – MB511

Website: [www.manitoba511.ca](http://www.manitoba511.ca)

Phone: 511

Manitoba511 is a free traveler information service, operated by the Government of Manitoba, that may be accessed via phone, mobile device or computer.

Users within Manitoba may access the information via phone toll-free by simply calling '511' similar to the way they would call '911' for emergencies or '411' for directory assistance.

Computer and mobile device users may also visit the Manitoba511 website at: [www.manitoba511.ca](http://www.manitoba511.ca).

Having both phone-in and website components ensures Manitoba 511 is available to the widest range of users. Manitoba 511 is part of a North American approach to providing weather and traveler information.

# Childcare

## Manitoba Online Childcare Registry

Phone: 1-888-213-4754 / 204-945-0776

Website: [www.manitoba.ca/fs/childcare/mccs](http://www.manitoba.ca/fs/childcare/mccs)

The Online Child Care Registry makes finding and applying for childcare easier by:

- Managing all childcare applications on a single website
- Providing current information on all available licensed providers
- Providing information on each provider that can help choose facilities that best meet your family's needs
- Providing notification when child care providers are accepting applications
- Allowing you to apply to several providers at once
- Keeping your contact and service needs information up-to-date
- Allowing you to update for all providers at once

Parents can register online or by phone.


## Childcare Centres

### Funshine Early Learning Centre Inc.

Box 1989

Virden, MB R0M 2C0

Website: [www.funshineearlylearning.ca](http://www.funshineearlylearning.ca)

 Funshine Early Learning Centre Ltd.

### Funshine Early Learning Centre

125-10<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Phone: 431-645-2324

Email: [funshine2@funshineearlylearning.ca](mailto:funshine2@funshineearlylearning.ca)

### Funshine II Early Learning Centre

211 Oxford St. W.

Phone: 204-748-1623 ext. 1

Email: [funshine1@funshineearlylearning.ca](mailto:funshine1@funshineearlylearning.ca)

### Funshine Early Learning Preschool/School-Age Program

Located at Mary Montgomery School

455 Lyons St. W.

Phone: 204-748-4462

Email: [preschool@funshineearlylearning.ca](mailto:preschool@funshineearlylearning.ca) / [schoolage@funshineearlylearning.ca](mailto:schoolage@funshineearlylearning.ca)



## **Rhythm & Glue – Nursery School & School–Age Program**

Located at Goulter School

200 Queen St. E.

Phone: 204–851–0056

Email: [lansing@rfnw.com](mailto:lansing@rfnw.com)

Hours of operation: Monday to Friday 7:30AM–5:30PM

Before and after school care and in–service days. Offers summer care for July and August for school–aged children.

## **Town of Virden Community Day Camp**

The Town of Virden hosts an annual summer day camp for school–aged children, ages 5–11.

Programming information, hours of operation, and registration details are available at [www.virden.ca](http://www.virden.ca) or at the Town Office, in–person or by phone by calling 204–748–2440.

# Education

## Fort La Bosse School Division

523–9<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Phone: 204–748–2692

Website: [www.flbsd.mb.ca](http://www.flbsd.mb.ca)

Virden is home to two elementary schools, one junior high and one high school all within the Fort La Bosse School Division. The schools serve the local community and provide high school services to an extended area.

## **Virden Collegiate Institute (VCI)**

538 Government Rd.

Phone: 204–748–2205

Website: [www.sites.google.com/gdrive.flbsd.mb.ca/virden-collegiate-institute/home](https://www.sites.google.com/gdrive.flbsd.mb.ca/virden-collegiate-institute/home)

 [VirdenCollegiateInstitute](https://www.facebook.com/VirdenCollegiateInstitute)


Virden Collegiate Institute offers Senior One to Four classes (Grades 9–12) with a diverse variety of programming including trades and technology. In addition to the normal high school diploma, diplomas are also issued for Business Education and Power Mechanics.

### **Virden Junior High**

447 Princess St. W.

Phone: 204-748-1932

Website: [www.sites.google.com/gdrive.flbsd.mb.ca/virdenjuniorhigh/home](http://www.sites.google.com/gdrive.flbsd.mb.ca/virdenjuniorhigh/home)

 VirdenJuniorHigh

Virden Junior High offers Grades 5–8 classes, the home of the Saints! VJH is a middle years school with approximately 300 students.

### **Goulter School**

200 Queen St. E.

Phone: 204-748-2294

Website: [www.sites.google.com/gdrive.flbsd.mb.ca/goulterschool/home](http://www.sites.google.com/gdrive.flbsd.mb.ca/goulterschool/home)

 Goulter School

Goulter Elementary School offers Kindergarten to Grade 4 classes. Goulter School is committed to educating the whole child by providing a caring environment that recognizes the uniqueness of all children. We are committed to providing the best possible educational experiences to help prepare them for future challenges.

### **Mary Montgomery School**

445 Lyons St. W.

Phone: 204-748-3122

Website: [www.sites.google.com/gdrive.flbsd.mb.ca/marymont/home](http://www.sites.google.com/gdrive.flbsd.mb.ca/marymont/home)

 Mary Montgomery School

Mary Montgomery School offers Kindergarten to Grade 4 classes. Mary Montgomery School is committed to working together with parents and communities to lay the foundation for lifelong learning by providing quality education in a caring environment. Further information can be found at the website above.

## **A.P.P.L.E.**

585-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Phone: 204-748-2384

Fax: 204-748-3509

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Thursday 9:30AM–3:30PM

Email: [vapplevdn@mymts.net](mailto:vapplevdn@mymts.net)

 A.P.P.L.E. Virden

The Association of Parents and Professionals for Literacy Education (A.P.P.L.E.) is a non-profit Adult Literacy Center in Virden, MB. They support adults who are 19 years of age and older and who have been out of school for more than 1 year.

Available programs include:

- Literacy and math upgrading
- Mature Student Diploma or GED completion
- Online high school courses
- English as an additional language and English improvement
- Distance education exam proctoring
- Courses in:
  - Introduction to Personal Computers
  - Microsoft Word
  - Microsoft Excel
  - Quickbooks

Programming varies throughout the year – contact A.P.P.L.E. directly for upcoming programs, or to suggest training course topics.

# Westman Immigrant Services

## Westman Immigrant Services – Virden

585–7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9:00 AM–3:30 PM

Phone: 204–748–1560

Email: [virden@westmanimmigrantservices.ca](mailto:virden@westmanimmigrantservices.ca)

 WISVirden

Westman Immigrant Services (WIS) is a community-based charitable organization that assist immigrants and new Canadians by providing three core services: English as an Additional Language (EAL) classes, Settlement Services, and Brandon Community Language Centre Interpreter services. WIS partners with other organizations in order to provide expertise in addressing services gaps for immigrants within the broader community.

Settlement assistance includes orientation to life in a new community, including information about Canadian culture, citizen rights and responsibilities. Referral and access to community services such as medical, legal, educational and financial services are provided as needed.

Immigrants wishing to improve their English are assessed at Westman Immigrant Services in order to attend government-funded classes at Westman Immigrant Services or at Assiniboine Community College Adult Collegiate (Brandon). A variety of English language programs are available for the Canadian Language Benchmarks levels of 1 to 4. WIS also provides an EAL family literacy program that allows parents with young children to attend a class as a family.

English classes are designed to help newcomers live and work successfully in our community.

Professional, accredited interpreters are available through the Brandon Community Language Centre (BCLC). By hiring a qualified BCLC interpreter for high-risk appointments where accurate communication is vital, you can be assured of accuracy, confidentiality and impartiality. This service is offered on a user-pay basis. Contact the office for more information and to book.

Volunteer programs provide personalized assistance by matching immigrants with community volunteers for friendship and support. Westman Immigrant Services has a variety of volunteer opportunities available.

# Employment Resources

## Virden Employment Skills Centre

227 Wellington St. W.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday 8:30 AM–4:30 PM

Phone: 204-748-6083

Email: [vesc@wcgwave.ca](mailto:vesc@wcgwave.ca)

Website: [www.vdnesc.ca](http://www.vdnesc.ca)

 [virdenemploymentskillscentre](https://www.facebook.com/virdenemploymentskillscentre)

VESC is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting individuals with employment needs. Helping unemployed Manitobans prepare for, find, and keep jobs by providing a variety of short-term employment-related services.

## Job Postings

- Virden Empire Advance – local weekly newspaper
- Town of Virden Employment Opportunities [www.virden.ca/p/employment-opportunities](http://www.virden.ca/p/employment-opportunities)
- Prairie Mountain Health Careers [prairiemountainhealth.ca/careers](http://prairiemountainhealth.ca/careers)
- Province of MB Job Board [www.gov.mb.ca/govjobs](http://www.gov.mb.ca/govjobs)
- Virden Jobs Group on  [www.facebook.com/virdenjobs](https://www.facebook.com/virdenjobs)
- Online classifieds [www.ebrandon.ca](http://www.ebrandon.ca)
- [ca.indeed.com](http://ca.indeed.com)
- [classifieds.brandonsun.com](http://classifieds.brandonsun.com)
- [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)
- [www.mbjobs.ca](http://www.mbjobs.ca)

# Banking & Financial Services

## Banking

### CIBC

204 Nelson St. W.  
Phone: 204-748-1236  
Website: [www.cibc.com](http://www.cibc.com)

### RBC

229-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S  
Phone: 204-748-2145  
Website: [www.rbcroyalbank.com](http://www.rbcroyalbank.com)

### Sunrise Credit Union

220-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S  
Phone: 204-748-2907  
Website: [www.sunrisecu.mb.ca](http://www.sunrisecu.mb.ca)

## Financial Services

### BDO

255 Wellington St. W.  
Phone: 204-748-1200  
Website: [www.bdo.ca](http://www.bdo.ca)

### MNP

590-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Phone: 204-571-7799  
Website: [www.mnpdebt.ca](http://www.mnpdebt.ca)

### Farm Credit Canada

245-A King St. E.  
Phone: 204-748-4150  
Email: [mbviriden@fcc-fac.ca](mailto:mbviriden@fcc-fac.ca)  
Website: [www.fcc-fac.ca](http://www.fcc-fac.ca)

### The Mortgage Group – Jessica Brown

Phone: 204-851-1296  
Email: [jessica.brown@mortgagegroup.com](mailto:jessica.brown@mortgagegroup.com)  
Website: [www.jessicabrown.tmgbroker.com](http://www.jessicabrown.tmgbroker.com)

### Keystone Wealth Services

512 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S  
Phone: 204-748-6823  
Website: [www.keystonewealth.ca](http://www.keystonewealth.ca)

### Westland Insurance

322-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S  
Phone: 204-748-2734  
E-mail: [viriden@westlandinsurance.com](mailto:viriden@westlandinsurance.com)  
Website: [www.westlandinsurance.ca](http://www.westlandinsurance.ca)

# Income Tax & Accounting

## **BDO LLP**

255 Wellington St. W.  
Phone: 204-748-1200  
Website: [www.bdo.ca](http://www.bdo.ca)

## **Keystone Wealth Services**

512 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Phone: 204-748-6823  
Website: [www.keystonewealth.ca](http://www.keystonewealth.ca)

## **Farley Kempthorne Chartered Professional Accountants LLP**

463-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Phone: 204-748-2963

## **Masson & Associates**

512-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Phone: 204-748-2892  
Website: [www.massoncpa.ca](http://www.massoncpa.ca)

## **Frank Bennett CPA**

300 Nelson St. W.  
Phone: 204-748-1633

## **MNP LLP**

590-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Phone: 204-571-7799  
Website: [www.mnpdebt.ca](http://www.mnpdebt.ca)

## **Hayward Tax Preparation**

463-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Phone: 204-748-3179

## **Sensus Chartered Professional Accountants Ltd.**

275 Nelson St. W.  
Phone: 204-748-3135  
Email: [brandon@sensuscop.ca](mailto:brandon@sensuscop.ca)  
Website: [www.sensuscpa.ca](http://www.sensuscpa.ca)

## **Kary Kirkup Agencies**

#2, 372-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Phone: 204-748-2844

# Business Information

## Business Directory

A directory of businesses located within the Town of Virden can be found on the Town of Virden website at: [www.virden.ca/p/business-directory](http://www.virden.ca/p/business-directory).

## Business Licensing (Annual)

A copy of the Town of Virden By-Law No. 2529 – Business License By-Law is available at: [www.virden.ca/p/business-licenses](http://www.virden.ca/p/business-licenses). Please note that it is an offense to carry on business in the Town of Virden without a valid Business License.

## Application & Fees

Business License forms are available at the link above and at the Town Office. Please submit completed forms to the Town Office along with the appropriate payment.

The fees required to obtain a Town of Virden Business License as required under By-Law No. 2529 (fees are determined based on primary location of the business):

- Virden – \$50.00
- Wallace, Pipestone, Woodworth, Sifton, Oak Lake & Elkhorn – \$100.00
- Other – \$200.00

For more information about opening a business in the Town of Virden, please contact:

**Candace Murray, Economic Development Manager**

Phone: 204-748-2440

Email: [edm@virden.ca](mailto:edm@virden.ca) / [info@virden.ca](mailto:info@virden.ca)

Website: [www.virden.ca/p/economic-development](http://www.virden.ca/p/economic-development)

# Library Services

Border Regional Library serves the member communities of Virden, Elkhorn and the RM's of Wallace-Woodworth and Archie. Branches are located in Virden, Elkhorn and McAuley. Each branch offers reading, reference materials, non-fiction books, audio-visual materials, free community internet access and printing (fees apply). Additional material is available through the Inter-Library Loan program or through the Manitoba Public Library Services' on-line catalogue "MAPLIN".

312-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Hours of Operation:            Tuesday-Saturday    10:00 AM-5:30 PM

   Thursday                    10:00 AM-8:00 PM

Phone: 204-748-3862

Email: [borderregionallibrary@rfnw.com](mailto:borderregionallibrary@rfnw.com)

Website: [www.borderregionallibrary.ca](http://www.borderregionallibrary.ca)

 Border Regional Library

# Animal Services

## Virden Animal Hospital

NE 20-10-26 Hwy 83 South

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00-5:00PM

Phone: 204-748-3950

Email: [reception@virdenanimalhospital.ca](mailto:reception@virdenanimalhospital.ca)

Website: [www.virdenanimalhospital.ca](http://www.virdenanimalhospital.ca)

 Virden Animal Hospital

Virden Animal Hospital is a full-service mixed animal hospital and welcomes both emergency treatment cases (24/7 on call) as well as patients in need of routine medical, surgical, and dental care. Our veterinarians have years of experience treating serious conditions and offering regular animal care.

## Animal Control

### Animal Control Officer

Phone: 204-748-2440

Animal Control within the Town of Virden is regulated by By-Law No. 2614 (under review) and is enforced by Animal Control Officers. The complete Animal Control By-Law can be found at: [www.virden.ca/p/animal-control](http://www.virden.ca/p/animal-control), or by contacting the Town Office at 204-748-2440.

### License Fees (Annual)

The owner of every dog and cat over the age of six (6) months shall obtain and renew annually, a license to keep the dog or cat. Animal licenses can be purchased at the Town of Virden Office at 236 Wellington St. W.

For each spayed female or neutered male dog or cat	\$5.00
For each dog or cat that is not spayed or neutered	\$10.00

### Animals Not To Run At Large

Pursuant to section 5(1) of the Town of Virden By-Law No. 2614:

Except where permitted by a municipal By-Law passed in accordance with The Municipal Act, or a By-Law of a local government district passed in accordance with The Local Governments Districts Act, no owner or person in charge of an animal shall allow it to run at large.



# Garbage & Recycling

## Garbage Collection

All garbage for pickup should be at the curb in front of your home ready for collection on your designated pickup day no later than 7:00 AM. Bins should be placed at least 3 feet apart, and away from vehicles or other obstacles which may prevent collection.

Schedules are available at the Town Office or at [www.virden.ca/p/garbage-recycle](http://www.virden.ca/p/garbage-recycle).

## Recycling Collection

### Loraas Disposal

Phone: 204-748-2846

Website: [www.loraasdisposal.com](http://www.loraasdisposal.com)

Schedules and a list of accepted recycling materials are available at the Town Office, or at: [www.virden.ca/p/garbage-recycle](http://www.virden.ca/p/garbage-recycle).

Each residence has their own blue roll-out cart, stamped with a serial number that will be assigned to the address of the house (carts are not assigned to the homeowner, or resident). If you move, the cart must stay at the address for the next owner or resident.

These carts are to be placed in their appropriate location (as they were placed when first dropped off at your residence – normally at the curb) on your collection day. If you have questions about where to place your bins for pickup, please contact the Town Office at 204-748-2440.

\*\* Please remember to rinse containers and remove lids from containers/jars for recycling. \*\*

## Household Hazardous Waste

For information about recycling or disposing of household hazardous waste that is not accepted by our landfill or Loraas, please visit [www.productcare.org](http://www.productcare.org).

Each year, in late August, the Town of Virden hosts an annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in order to allow residents a safe location to dispose of non-landfill materials. For a list of accepted items, or for more information on this year's event, contact the Town Office at 204-748-2440.

# Landfill

Managed by: **Secure Energy (Onsite Services) Ltd.**

SE 24-11-26W

Hours of Operation: Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Phone: 204-748-6033

Website: [www.secure-energy.com](http://www.secure-energy.com)

Effective July 1, 2013, there is a \$10.00 minimum charge collected at the gate on all refuse taken in. The landfill will accept cash, Interac, and Visa/Mastercard payments.

- Fridges, air conditioners or freezers containing Freon must be certified that Freon has been removed prior to disposal.
- Refuse being transported to the site must be conveyed in a manner to prevent littering. Offenders will be charged.

## Rates (per Tonne) for Residents of the Town of Virden

Shingles	\$40.00
+ <u>Provincial Levy</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$50.00

Construction & Demolition	\$40.00
+ <u>Provincial Levy</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$50.00

## Rates (per Tonne) for Non-Residents of the Town of Virden

Household Garbage & Refuse	\$40.00
+ <u>Provincial Levy</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$50.00

Scrap Iron \$50.00

Tires \$50.00

Wood & Paper	\$40.00
+ <u>Provincial Levy</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$50.00

Shingles	\$40.00
+ <u>Provincial Levy</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$50.00

# Utilities

## Hydro & Natural Gas

### Manitoba Hydro

100 Commonwealth Dr.

Phone: 1-888-624-9376

Emergency: 1-888-474-0707

Website: [www.hydro.mb.ca](http://www.hydro.mb.ca)

## Water & Sewer

### Town of Virden Utilities Manager – Michael French

Phone: 204-748-2440

After Hours Emergency: 204-851-5540

### Water Meter Reads and Billing

Water meter reading and subsequent billing take place every 3 months (usually February, May, August and November). Reading dates are January 31, April 30, July 31 and October 31.

If your residence has a manual reader that requires to be read, please do so and submit the information by the date printed on the bottom of your bill. Readings can be submitted using one of the following methods:

- Online [www.virden.ca/p/service-requests](http://www.virden.ca/p/service-requests),
- By phone 204-748-2440
- Via email [admin@virden.ca](mailto:admin@virden.ca)
- In person at the Town Office – 236 Wellington Street West, or
- By mail to: Town of Virden, Box 310, Virden, MB, R0M 2C0

### Setting Up an Account

Please call the Town Office at 204-748-2440 or visit [www.virden.ca/p/service-requests](http://www.virden.ca/p/service-requests) to set up your water account when moving into a new residence. You will need to provide a water meter reading from the time of move-in, the possession date, and a name, phone number and mailing address for the bill. Please also notify the Town Office when you are moving out of a property in town.

### Bill Payments

Water bill payments are due by the “pay by” date on your bill. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, Interac, via online banking or by e-transfer.

# Phone, Cable & Internet

## Westman Communications Group

1906 Park Avenue – Brandon MB

Phone: 1-800-665-3337 /

204-725-4300

Website: [www.westmancom.com](http://www.westmancom.com)

- Phone
- Internet
- TV

## RFNow

297 Nelson St. W.

Phone: 204-748-4812

Email: [info@rfnow.com](mailto:info@rfnow.com)

- Phone
- Internet

## BellMts – 3C Tech

320 King St. E.

Phone: 204-851-6800

Customer Service: 1-866-301-1942

Website: [www.bellmts.ca](http://www.bellmts.ca)

- Phone
- Internet
- Mobile
- TV (in select locations)

# Satellite TV

## Bell Canada – 3C Tech

320 King St. E.

Phone: 204-851-6800

Customer Service: 1-866-856-8507

Website: [www.bell.ca](http://www.bell.ca)

# Cellular Phone

## BellMTS – 3C Tech

320 King St. E.

Phone: 204-851-6800

Customer Service: 1-866-856-8507

Website: [www.bellmts.ca](http://www.bellmts.ca)

## Telus – MyPhone

493 King St. E.

Phone: 204-748-3164

Website: [www.telus.com](http://www.telus.com)

# Postal Services

## **Purolator Pickup Location – Five Rivers Gas & Pizza**

1770 Anderson St

Phone: 204-748-2112

## **Post Office – Canada Post**

270-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Hours of Operation: Monday–Friday 8:30AM–5:00PM

Phone: 204-748-2787/1-866-607-6301

Website: [www.canadapost.ca](http://www.canadapost.ca)

\*\* Please contact the Post Office with proof of residence to register for a P.O. Box. \*\*

# Places of Worship

## Virден & District Ministerial Association

Box 2781

Virден, MB

R0M 2C0

## Virден & Area Places of Worship

### **Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses**

259 Queen St. E.

Phone: 204-800-8525

### **St. Mary’s Anglican Church**

633 – 9th Ave. S.

Phone: 204-748-1379

Email: [rector@trivalleyanglican.ca](mailto:rector@trivalleyanglican.ca)

Worship Service: Sunday at 10:30 AM

### **Virден Alliance Church**

345 Frame St. E.

Phone: 204-748-2621

Email: [vac1@mts.net](mailto:vac1@mts.net)

[www.virdenalliancechurch.com](http://www.virdenalliancechurch.com)

Worship Service: Sunday at 11:00 AM

### **St. Paul’s United Church**

286 Nelson St. W.

Phone: 204-748-1295

Email: [vrdsnstp@mymts.net](mailto:vrdsnstp@mymts.net)

[www.stpaulsvirden.wordpress.com](http://www.stpaulsvirden.wordpress.com)

Worship Service: Sunday at 11:00 AM

**Virден Baptist Church**

403 Nelson St. E.  
Phone: 204-748-2315  
Email: [virденbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:virденbaptist@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.virденbaptist.com](http://www.virденbaptist.com)  
Worship Service: Sunday at 10:30 AM

**Oxford Assembly**

381 Oxford St. W.  
Phone: 204-748-1329  
204-851-0776  
Email: [wayneunger@hotmail.com](mailto:wayneunger@hotmail.com)  
Worship Service: Sunday at 11:00 AM

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

481 Queen St. W.  
Phone: 204-851-1986  
Email: [sacredheartparish-virден@wcgwave.ca](mailto:sacredheartparish-virден@wcgwave.ca)  
Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: at 11:15 AM

*Rosary said 30 minutes before mass*

**Victory Church**

508 – 9th Ave. S.  
Email: [virденvictory@gmail.com](mailto:virденvictory@gmail.com)  
Worship Service: Sunday at 10:30 AM

**Kola Evangelical Mennonite Church**

57036 Road 171 W Kola, MB  
Phone: 204-556-2635  
Worship Service: Sunday at 11:00 AM

**Elkhorn United Church**

102 Foxford Ave. E.  
Elkhorn, MB  
Phone: 204-845-2110  
204-845-2101  
Email: [molfrey@mts.net](mailto:molfrey@mts.net)

# Rental Facilities

**Tundra Oil & Gas Place Sunrise Banquet Hall**

900-5<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Phone: 204-748-2440  
Email: [bookings@virден.ca](mailto:bookings@virден.ca)

**Virден Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 8**

540-8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Phone: 204-748-1668  
Email: [rclbranch8@wcgwave.ca](mailto:rclbranch8@wcgwave.ca)

**Lion's Hall**

230 Nelson St. W.  
Phone: 204-748-6595

**New Horizon Centre**

268 Nelson St. W.  
Phone: 204-748-3755

**Sacred Heart Parish Hall**

481 Queen St. W.  
Phone: 204-748-2587  
Email: [sacredheartparish-virден@wcgwave.ca](mailto:sacredheartparish-virден@wcgwave.ca)

**St. Mary's Anglican Church Hall**

633-9<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Phone: 204-748-1379

## St. Paul's United Church Hall

286 Nelson St. W.

Email: [vrdsnstp@mymts.net](mailto:vrdsnstp@mymts.net)

# Recreation

 [virdeparksandrec](#)

## Tundra Oil & Gas Place

A new multi-purpose recreational facility – Tundra Oil & Gas Place, was built in Virden in 2011. This building contains a hockey rink with an NHL-sized playing surface, community hall, walking track, office space, meeting rooms, canteen, and a fitness centre. This building has been set up with accessibility in mind, with the installation of an elevator for those that cannot use the stairs.

The hockey rink has 1200 individual seats and provides comfortable viewing in a climate-controlled environment. Sunrise Banquet Hall offers seating for up to 500 people, and an exceptionally large kitchen area to host any of your entertaining needs. The facility also has an indoor walking track available for public use. Hours of operation for the track (subject to change): Monday–Friday 8:00 AM–8:00 PM, Saturday/Sunday 9:00 AM–6:00 PM.

For more information or to schedule a tour of the facility, please call 204-748-2736 Ext. 1.

During August each year, the arena is transformed into a high-classed rodeo arena which offers performances and competition over the 3-day event.

Tundra Oil & Gas Place holds facility tours showcasing how the construction of the facility followed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.

## Virdeparksandrec Swimming Pool

 [Virdeparksandrec](#)


The Virdeparksandrec Swimming Pool is an outdoor heated pool that is located at 900-5<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., near the Agricultural Grounds at Tundra Oil & Gas Place. The pool is open annually from June until the end of August.

The pool consists of a children's area with a toddler's lion slide and at the mid-depth area, a large double loop waterslide. Swimming lessons, lap swim, aquafit classes and private rentals

are available throughout the season.

For more information on our private booking availability, contact the pool at 204-748-2736 Ext. 3 or by email [pool@virden.ca](mailto:pool@virden.ca).

## Virден Spray Park

 [virdenspraypark](https://www.facebook.com/virdenspraypark)

The Virден Spray Park is open daily from 10:00 AM-8:00 PM and is located adjacent to the ball diamonds and playground behind Tundra Oil & Gas Place.

## Virден Skateboard Park

 [virdenskatemark](https://www.facebook.com/virdenskatemark)

The Virден Skateboard Park is located at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. and Lyons St. It was opened in the fall of 2021.

## Soccer/Football Field & Track

Virден Collegiate Institute is located at 251 Kent St. W. and offers a soccer field, football field, and a running track. These are privately owned by the school and used throughout school hours. There are nets available as well as a marked field. For more information on the Collegiate's offerings please call 204-748-2205 during school hours.

## Baseball Diamonds

Within the Town of Virден there are five baseball diamonds. These are located at the rear of Tundra Oil & Gas Place, 900-5<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., adjacent to the Spray Park. The diamonds are maintained during the summer months and frequently used, hosting many league games, tournaments and practices. For more information please call 204-748-2440 or email [bookings@virden.ca](mailto:bookings@virden.ca).

## Agricultural & Fair Grounds

Virден has a large agricultural facility that is located near Tundra Oil & Gas Place. These grounds offer many barns, wash racks, outdoor arenas, showers and a building that offers a canteen, bathroom, and office space.

These facilities are owned by the Agricultural Society and the Virден Indoor Rodeo. This area is maintained throughout the summer season and is the location of local horse shows, rodeos and



other events. For more information on the agricultural facilities Virden has to offer, please call Darcy Strain with the Agricultural Society at 204-748-2998 or Thomas Hagan with the Virden Rodeo Board at 204-748-1179/204-851-2554.

## Scallion Creek Community Gardens

Email: [scallioncreektrail@gmail.com](mailto:scallioncreektrail@gmail.com)

Phone: 204-851-2775

10'x20' garden plots available for annual rental for a fee of \$20. Water is provided.

## Lawn Bowling

The Town of Virden's Victoria Park offers a lawn bowling area. This area can be rented for \$100.00/day which also includes the use of all lawn bowling equipment. A \$50.00 deposit is required to pick-up the equipment shed key. Please call 204-748-2440 or email [bookings@virden.ca](mailto:bookings@virden.ca) to book the lawn bowling area.

## Tennis Courts

Located within the Town of Virden are 2 outdoor tennis courts. These courts are located in Victoria Park, on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. The courts are open from May-September and are available to the public with no booking required. Nets are supplied with the addition of a well-marked, asphalt playing surface. For more information call 204-748-2440 or email [bookings@virden.ca](mailto:bookings@virden.ca).

## Farmers' Market

 Virden Farmer's Market

The Virden Farmer's Market, located at 565-6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. is a must-see. Open Thursday from 4:00 PM-6:30 PM, from June to September annually.

There are lots to enjoy at the market, such as: veggies, fruit, honey, crafts, baking, art, toys, books, music and more.

## Outdoor Skating – Chevron Rink

447 Princess St. W.

Virden's Junior High School has a beautiful outdoor skating rink. This facility is run by the school and is open for public use. A small building is located adjacent to the rink that offers benches and a warm place for you to put on your skates and equipment. For more information about this outdoor facility, please call 204-748-1932 during school hours.

## Virден & Area Snowmobile Trails

Around the Virден area are many groomed snowmobile trails. These trails are maintained by an independent organization known as the Virден Valley Runners. These trails cover areas all over Manitoba and can get you safely from one town to the next. For more information on the location of these trails and others, contact Virден Recreation & Watersports at 204-748-2060 or visit [www.snoman.mb.ca](http://www.snoman.mb.ca).

## Virден Curling Club

Website: [www.virdencurlingclub.com](http://www.virdencurlingclub.com)

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The Virден Curling Arena is located at 170 Lyons St. E. beside the swimming pool at Tundra Oil & Gas Place. The arena consists of four sheets of artificial curling ice along with a licensed bar and kitchen area. During the summer months, this organization rents the building out for many different events with capacity for up to 500 people. For more information or to book the facility, call 204-748-1745.

## Virден Fish Pond


Located on Galt St. W., south of PR#257, near Kenderdine Field, the Virден Fish Pond might just be one of the best-kept secrets in town. A new dock was added in the summer of 2021.

Maintained by volunteers, the Fish Pond is stocked annually and has been since 1990. On June 18, 2022, the pond was stocked with 200 Steelhead Trout fingerlings. A fishing license is not required to fish here, and you can catch as many as you would like. An aerator ensures there is no winter kill, and the pond can be enjoyed year-round.

## Virден Wellview Golf Course

Email: [wellviewgolfsuper@gmail.com](mailto:wellviewgolfsuper@gmail.com)

Website: [www.wellviewgolfsuper.wixsite.com/virdenwellviewgolf](http://www.wellviewgolfsuper.wixsite.com/virdenwellviewgolf)

 Virден Wellview Golf Course-Clubhouse Restaurant and Lounge

 Virден Wellview Golf Club Maintenance

The Virден Wellview Golf Course is located just west of Virден on Highway #83, west of the intersection at PR#257. This 9-hole golf course takes place over roughly 2913 yards and includes grass greens, sand bunks, water, grassy roughs, driving range and practice areas. The clubhouse offers a full-service restaurant and lounge, pro shop, as well as cart and club rentals. For more information, contact the Virден Wellview Golf Course at 204-748-1721 to book your tee time or next event.

# Eternal Springs

 Eternal Springs–VAWA

Eternal Springs is located approximately 8 miles east of Virden and is maintained by local volunteers. This unique attraction contains 2 small stocked trout ponds, hiking trails, BBQ pits, picnic areas, a 66ft swinging bridge and of course, beautifully clear drinking water. This is a wonderful place to go for a nice walk and have a picnic on a hot summer day with the option to cool off.

## Salt Lake

Lat: 49.903087°N Long: -100.703300°W

Located in the RM of Wallace–Woodworth, Salt Lake provides a small body of water with a sand beach, bathroom and change room facilities, picnic tables, fire pits, and a boat launch.

## Kenworth Dam

Lat: 49.975152°N Long: -100.609135°W

Phone: 204–838–2317

Located one mile south of Kenton off PTH No. 21 and 1/2 mile west, the site of the Kenworth Dam has been developed for camping, swimming, and fishing. Seven serviced and three un-serviced sites for camping can be found near the large, sandy beach. Swim in the clear water of the lake or take a boat or canoe out to test your fishing skills. There is also a cookhouse, shower and washroom facility. Pickerel can be found here year round.

## Parks

### Victoria Park

7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Victoria Park boasts beautiful landscaping and an outdoor bandshell available for many types of entertainment. Also onsite are greenspaces, gardens, lawn bowling pitches, tennis courts, and swing sets for children and toddlers to enjoy.

### Centennial Park

Nelson St. W.

This park runs alongside Scallion Creek. This area is known for its beautiful scenery and walking trail. Few trees are located on this lot, allowing areas for picnics and outdoor activities. In Summer 2025, a 9–hole Disc Golf Course will be added to the park.

## Playgrounds

- Ball Diamond Playground (behind Tundra Oil & Gas Place), near the new spray park.
- Bennett Cres. Playground
- Bolton Bay Playground
- Kenderdine Playground
- Sherwood Playground (Routledge St. E.)
- Goulter School
- Mary Montgomery School

# Attractions

## Virден Pioneer Museum

390 King St. W.

Phone: 204-748-1659

Email: [virdenpioneermuseum@gmail.com](mailto:virdenpioneermuseum@gmail.com)

Website: [www.virdenpioneerhome.wixsite.com/museum](http://www.virdenpioneerhome.wixsite.com/museum)

 VirденPioneers

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The Virден Pioneer Home Museum was established in 1970 and the original two-story house was built in 1888 and depicts a family home in the Victorian Era. Three additional Annexes and a Coach House were added as our collection increased to over 11,000 artefacts that includes a military display, school display, hospital medical display, assorted heritage tools, local business displays and horse drawn buggies and sleighs and other farming related items just to name a few. The museum's purpose is to collect, preserve, research and display their collection of local artefacts, allowing for future generations to learn about local heritage and culture. With the help of summer staff and volunteers Virден Pioneer Museum hosts a Museum Day, usually in August, with a BBQ Fundraiser and heritage activities for the children.

## CPR Station Historic Centre

425-6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Phone: 204-748-3014


The Canadian Pacific Railway Station was constructed in 1900 after the original wood frame station burnt in 1899. It has been restored and was declared a heritage building in 1994. It's unique fieldstone and overhanging eaves style was common with many rail stations in larger centres.

In the early years of Virден, many new immigrant farmers and businessmen would have first

disembarked from the train at this location and passed through the doors of this station. Today the station houses the Virden and Area Arts Council, and the Virden Chamber of Commerce. Also included is an art gallery by Arts Mosaic, as well as a restored caboose car outside the main entrance, as well as a painted rock garden for treasure hunters of all ages.

## Arts Mosaic Gallery & Market

Website: [www.artsmosaic.ca](http://www.artsmosaic.ca)

 [mbartsmosaic](https://www.facebook.com/mbartsmosaic)

 [artsmosaic](https://www.instagram.com/artsmosaic)

Arts Mosaic was incorporated in 1982, and has been making the arts accessible to our community for over 40 years. Their vision is to make the arts, in any discipline, accessible to each and every person in our community. They manage an art gallery, located in the CPR Historic Centre, that is open year round and offer workshops in various mediums to all ages. Arts Mosaic oversees the day to day operations of The Costume Closet, and manages an artisans marketplace.

## The Aud Theatre

228 Wellington St. W.

Phone: 204-748-3043

Website: [www.theaudvirden.com](http://www.theaudvirden.com)

The Aud Theatre was built in 1911 as part of the municipal building. The building was open to the public on February 29, 1912. The building consisted of a government telephone exchange room, a new courtroom, three large offices, and the opera house, costing \$32,500.00. The population of Virden at this time was about 1,500. The Aud Theatre was constructed by W.T. Manser. The comedy “the Mysogynist” was the first play performed in the theatre. The Great Eastern Sign Painting Co. of Toronto supplied the 22x30 ft curtain. During the ‘30’s and ‘40’s, the Aud was used as a movie theatre.

The ceiling on the stage was originally 40 ft high but it was lowered to 24 ft to save heating costs. The building was originally heated by steam which was replaced with electric heat in 1984-1985 after the renovation and re-opening in 1983. When the theatre fell into disrepair it closed as a movie theatre and the town council was preparing to demolish it. A local steering committee was formed to “Save the Aud” and after substantial renovations, it was re-opened in April of 1983. The lower level consists of 257 seats and the upper level consists of 210 seats. The majestic curve of the balcony gives the audience a panoramic view of the stage. On either side, there are two double-decker boxes which adds an air of sophistication.

# St Mary's Anglican Church

633-9<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Phone: 204-748-1379

Email: [rector@trivalleyanglican.ca](mailto:rector@trivalleyanglican.ca)

This structure is a great example of fieldstone construction. Much of the stone for the fieldstone construction came from along the top of the Assiniboine River Valley. The first church was a frame structure building by Clayton & Sons in 1885. This was the first church building in Virden. Masonry work was done by Mr. Saul of Carberry with carpentry done by Mr. Harrington of Winnipeg. Walter Chesterton, a Winnipeg architect, designed this notable structure while building the school across the street. The cloister and fence were added in 1952.

The church features two stained glass windows created by famous Ukrainian-Canadian artist and sculptor Leo Mol. The church also features a stained-glass medallion window which was presented by the city of Brugge, Belgium, to honor the 12<sup>th</sup> Manitoba Dragoons.

Worship service: Sunday at 10:30 AM

## Events

Please visit [www.virden.ca/p/upcoming-events](http://www.virden.ca/p/upcoming-events) to submit an event, or to view the Community Calendar of Events.

## Virde n Indoor Rodeo & Wild West Daze

Phone: Thomas Hagan, President 204-748-1179

Email: [info@virdenindoorrodeo.ca](mailto:info@virdenindoorrodeo.ca)

Website: [www.virdenindoorrodeo.ca](http://www.virdenindoorrodeo.ca)

 Virde n Indoor Rodeo & Wild West Daze

Join an exciting, action-packed weekend at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Virde n Indoor Rodeo & Wild West Daze - August 14-17, 2025. Voted "2022, 2023 & 2024 Rodeo of the Year" by the Canadian Cowboys Association.

Over the noon hour on Thursday, a Community Barbecue in Victoria Park, free of charge and sponsored by COREX Resources, kicks off the rodeo weekend. In the evening, Downtown Daze, organized and facilitated by the Virde n Community Chamber of Commerce, takes over the town's main business district. It's a fun, family atmosphere which includes live entertainment, a variety of food and activities for all ages to enjoy. In the Kids' Zone, you'll find inflatables, carnival games and face painting. There's a mechanical bull, local vendors, business displays and much more. Take a trip back in time and check out the vintage rides at the Westman on Wheels Show & Shine in the Virde n Farmers Market area, weather permitting. All weekend long,

take in the semiprofessional rodeo action in the Tundra Oil & Gas Place arena. There's a matinee (slack) in the afternoon and evening performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, which include mutton busting for the younger set at intermission. The competition attracts top caliber contestants from across the prairies as well as the northern U.S.A., New Zealand and Australia.

On Shootout Sunday, the best cowboys and cowgirls in each of the nine events, as well as the slack, return to compete for a purse of added prize money, championship jackets and saddles. It's Family Day, with rodeo fans 15 and under admitted free of charge.

On Thursday and Friday, cowboys and cowgirls from throughout the province take part in the Manitoba High School Rodeo Competition, vying for the coveted titles of High Point Junior or High School Cowboy or Cowgirl.

A Pancake Breakfast in the Virden Legion Hall, prepared and served by members of the Virden Lions Club and staff from local community banking partners, starts off Saturday. It is followed by a town-wide Parade. In the afternoon, a Tailgate Party, including a barbecue, beer garden, live music, carnival games and inflatables leads up to the evening rodeo performance. A 3D Barrel Racing Jackpot, sanctioned by the Manitoba Barrel Racing Association, takes place in the riding arena on the Virden Agricultural Grounds.

Sunday gets going bright and early with the Valleyview Consumers Co-op Rodeo Pancake Breakfast in the Sunrise Banquet Hall at Tundra Oil & Gas Place. Next door in the arena, Manitoba Calf Ropers Unlimited hosts their Tie-Down and Breakaway Roping Jackpot. In the afternoon, it's the Demolition Derby, featuring car and truck heats, at the track located on Provincial Road 257, 1/8 of a mile west of the Trans-Canada Highway.

On the social side, relax with friends in the Barn Bar on Friday evening. The following night, kick up your heels at one of Virden's biggest social events of the year — the Daze Dance in the Virden Curling Club rink, complete with a live band.

## Virde n Demolition Derby

Email: [vdndemoderby@outlook.com](mailto:vdndemoderby@outlook.com)

Website: [www.vdndemoderby.wixsite.com/vdndemoderby](http://www.vdndemoderby.wixsite.com/vdndemoderby)

 Virde n Demolition Derby

Virde n Demolition Derby is a smashing good time! Featuring a variety of car and truck heats, door prizes and a 50/50 draw, the demolition derby is held on the Sunday afternoon of the Virde n Indoor Rodeo & Wild West Daze at 1:00 PM. The track is located on Provincial Road 257, 1/8 mile west of the Trans-Canada Highway.

## Music in the Park

On Thursday evenings in the summertime, musicians and entertainment acts perform on Jubilee Stage at Victoria Park.

## Canada Day Celebrations

Every July 1<sup>st</sup>, Virden is host to a Canada Day Celebration in Victoria Park. The event is free to the public and features a parade, opening ceremonies, free Canada Day cake, children's activities (bouncy castles, activities, face painting), and live musical entertainment. The event wraps up with a spectacular fireworks display after dark.

## Virden Music & Arts Festival

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The Virden Music & Arts Festival provides an opportunity for performers of all ages to participate in dance, vocal, instrumental, speech, piano and visual arts performances, while receiving constructive adjudication.

The Festival offers several scholarships and awards to participants each year. These awards recognize outstanding performances within the Festival. Scholarships are intended to assist participants by providing additional study opportunities for enrichment of their artistic education. For more information on scholarships, awards or the annual event, check out the 'Virden Music and Arts Festival' Facebook page.

## Community Organizations

Our Community Organizations list includes contact information for organizations such as arts, dance and hobby clubs, cultural groups, service clubs, sports organizations, early learning and childcare facilities, community centres, support groups and not-for-profit organizations. The full list is available at: [www.virden.ca/p/community-organizations-directory](http://www.virden.ca/p/community-organizations-directory)

Local resident groups are also very active on Facebook in numerous categories: buy & sell, parent support, sports teams, religious groups, etc. For more information on existing community groups or how to find them on Facebook, please contact the Town Office at 204-748-2440.



# Virден Royal Canadian Legion No. 8

540–8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Phone: 204–748–1168

Email: [rclbranch8@wcgwave.ca](mailto:rclbranch8@wcgwave.ca)

Website: [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca)

 [rclbranch8](#)

The Royal Canadian Legion is committed to making a difference in the lives of Veterans and their families, providing essential services in our communities, and remembering the men and women who sacrificed for our country. Our mission is to serve Veterans, including serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance, and to serve our communities and our country. Throughout the year, the Legion inspires Canadians to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, and to honour those who served and continue to serve today.

## Lion's Club

230 Nelson St. W.

Phone: 204–748–6595

Email: [virdenlions@gmail.com](mailto:virdenlions@gmail.com)

Website: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

The Virден Lions Club is a group of service-minded women and men interested in strengthening their community and the surrounding area, hence our motto, "WE SERVE". To be a Lion is to be an active community volunteer and friend to people in need. We are part of the 1.4 plus million clubs spread across more than 200 countries and geographical areas. In these varied areas, Lions share a common belief, "Community is what we make it".

The Club was chartered in 1956 with 29 original members. In over 60 years of service in the community, they have donated more than one million dollars to various projects and individuals in need. Fundraising endeavors include: Lions Park/Campground, used battery collection and highway ditch clean-up to protect the environment; as well as other initiatives throughout the year.

## Virден Dog Park

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Through the hard work and fundraising of local volunteers, an off-leash dog park was created in Scallion Creek Park. The clean and quite park welcomes dogs of all sizes and rules for use are posted on the fence.

# Arts Mosaic Gallery & Market

Phone: 204-748-3014

For information and hours of operation, visit: [www.artsmosaic.ca](http://www.artsmosaic.ca)

 [mbartsmosaic](https://www.facebook.com/mbartsmosaic)

 [artsmosaic](https://www.instagram.com/artsmosaic)

The Virden Community Arts Council was formed in 1981 and was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1982. The Council became a registered charity in 1989. In 2000, the CPR Historic Centre opened its doors to VCAC and other non-profit organizations, a fundraising campaign entitled “Save the CP Station” was instrumental in the repair and ongoing community use of this majestic structure.

In 2015, VCAC changed its name to “Arts Mosaic.” The mandate of Arts Mosaic is to be a catalyst for the promotion, education & awareness of creative endeavors in our community. Arts Mosaic manages an art gallery and the Mosaic Market – a gift shop with items from local artists, provides art education and cultural events, supports the Costume Closet, and offers scholarships and bursaries to local schools and community fairs.

## The Costume Closet

Phone: 204-748-3014

Hours of Operation: Monday & Thursday 3:00 PM-6:00 PM

484-6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Website: [www.artsmosaic.ca/costume-closet](http://www.artsmosaic.ca/costume-closet)

Email: [artsmosaic@outlook.com](mailto:artsmosaic@outlook.com)

The Costume Closet is home to many unique items. They provide costuming for drama groups, schools, festivals, community events, reunions, private events and more. There are authentic flapper dresses from the 20s, poodle skirts from the 50s, maxi dresses from the 70s, and neon from the 80s. Lions and tigers and bears – oh my!

You will find all you need to outfit everything from a wedding party to a costume party. With over 30,000 items, whatever your costume dreams are, the Costume Closet will be the perfect fit.

# Prairie Gateway Tourism

Phone: 204-748-2440

Website: [www.prairiegatewaytourism.ca](http://www.prairiegatewaytourism.ca)

Email: [prairiegatewaytourism@gmail.com](mailto:prairiegatewaytourism@gmail.com)

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Prairie Gateway Tourism is a partnership between the Town of Virden and the RM of Wallace-Woodworth. They provide a listing of unique offerings in the Elkhorn, Virden and Kenton areas and publish an annual tourism guide of the area.