

# Town of Virden Relocation Guide

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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: <u>info@virden.ca</u> Website: <u>www.virden.ca</u>

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-12:00 PM 1:00 PM-4:30 PM

f town.virden



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## 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
Мау	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		664–7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	Midget Mansions	
			8 units	
	204-748-6820	302–332 Queen St. W.	Queen Street Apartments	
		-	7 units	
Alex Sundell		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	
	204 701 7750	204 Lyons St. W.	Duplex - 2 units	
Infinite Properties	204-761-7750	570 Wellington St. E.	Manchester Place	
inc.	Infinitepropertiesinc.com		16 units	
Dale Heaman	204-851-0840	240 Queen St. W.	Fourplex – 4 units	
	<u>dkheaman@mts.net</u>	308 Wellington St. W.	Fourplex - 4 units	
	204-748-1717	1205–9 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.		
Herb Warkentin	204-748-5250	180-8 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	4 units	
	P 526	190-8 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	1 unit	
Barb & Don Widger	Box 536 Virden, 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	
Nen Marray			12 units	
Faye Gerring	204-748-7173	244 Bridge St. E.	RBH Apartments	
Tuye denning	201 7 10 7 17 5		4 units	
Jason Creller Box 2504 415-7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.		Midtown Apartments		
Jucon 0. 0. 0. 0.	Virden, MB ROM 2C0		4 units	
Todd Sparwood	204-512-8015	257 Raglan St. W.	Tara Place	
		& others	9 units	
Grath Limited	204-724-2655	588 Lacrosse St. W.	Virden Arms	
Rob Reimer			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	Box 755	180–10 <sup>th</sup> Ave. N.	4 units	
Kernel	Virden, MB ROM 2C0		i units	
Allan Brown	204-748-1577	327 Government Rd.	2 bedroom house	
	204-851-3880	S.		
Brady Potter	204-851-6602	535-5 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	Townhouse	
,	potterbrady@gmail.com		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 6plex 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
  - o Community bath program
  - $\circ$  Meals on Wheels
  - o Adult day program

### Independent Living

#### Association for Community Living - Virden

216 Bridge St. W. Phone: 204-748-1444 Email: <u>aclvirden@wcgwave.net</u>

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: <u>virdensail@mymts.net</u>

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: <u>karenmck@mymts.net</u>

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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 <u>www.realtor.ca</u>.

#### Century 21

<u>Craig Russell</u> Phone: 204–851–0461 <u>www.craig-russell.c21.ca</u>

#### Re/Max

<u>Terri Cosens</u> Phone: 204-748-7699 www.remax.ca/mb/terri-cosens-123216-ag

#### Royal LePage

<u>Carla McLean</u> Phone: 204-748-5049 <u>www.royallepagebrandon.ca/agent/carla-mclean</u>

Felicity Hagan Phone: 204-851-2311 www.royallepagebrandon.ca/agent/felicity-hagan

<u>Matt McLean</u> Phone: 204-851-0460 <u>www.royallepagebrandon.ca/agent/matt-mclean</u>

#### Sutton Realty

Kelsey Gerrand Phone: 204-851-5332 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 <u>devofficer@tcwpd.ca</u>

### Storage Facilities

#### Harwood Enterprises

953-6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Phone: 1-877-222-6554 www.harwoodselfstorage.com/virden.html

### Tree Trimming & Removal

#### **Branching Out Tree Service**

Phone: 204-512-1415 www.branchingoutvirden.com

### **Electrical Services**

LRB Electric 526-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Phone: 204-748-2790 <u>www.Irbelectric.ca</u>

#### D.B. Higginbotham Electric

270 Commonwealth Drive Phone: 204–748–1753 Email: <u>info@higgelec.com</u> www.higgelec.com

### Windows & Glass

Barrier Window & Glass Phone: 204-851-7247

### **Construction & Contracting**

BTN Construction Phone: 204-851-1256

Denolf Contracting Phone: 204-851-0023

Kliever Konstruction Phone: 204-845-2210

Terry Wilkinson Drywall Phone: 204-748-1896 Mad Dog Spray and Coatings Phone: 204-851-0200

RLH Construction Inc. Phone: 204-851-1792

Sparks Sand & Gravel Phone: 204-748-3019

### **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

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

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: <u>pharmacare@gov.mb.ca</u> Application forms are available at any retail pharmacy.

### Prairie Mountain Health

Website: www.prairiemountainhealth.ca

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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
  - o 25 beds
  - Inpatient services
  - High-care needs
  - $\circ$  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: <u>www.prairielifedental.com</u> f prairielifedental

#### Virden Medical Clinic

455 Frame Street East Phone: 204-748-1345

• Primary care physicans

#### QDoc

#### Website: 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/familydoctorfi nder

#### Virden Dental Clinic

258 Nelson St. W. Phone: 204-748-2856 Email: virdendentalclinic@gmail.com Website: <u>www.virden-dental-</u> <u>clinic.business.site</u> virdendentalclinic

### Eye Care

#### Virden Eyecare Centre

170 Nelson St. W. Phone: 204-748-1094 Website: <u>www.virdeneyecare.com</u>

### Fitness & Wellness

#### **Fitness Resolution**

251 Nelson St. W. Phone 204–851–0747 Website: <u>www.fitnessresolution.ca</u> fitnessresolutionvirden

### Physiotherapy

#### PhysioFirst

426–7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Phone: 204–748–3608 Website: <u>www.physiofirstclinic.ca</u>

### Massage Therapy

#### Healing Hands Massage by Courtney

275 Queen St. E. Phone: 204-576-0199 Email: <u>courtneymay919@gmail.com</u> Healing Hands Massage by Courtney

#### Pattie Routledge, RMT

Phone: 204–764–0208 Email: <u>pattieroutlledge@hotmail.com</u>

#### Studio 49

269 Nelson Street West Phone: 204–534–0566 Frmt.daniellacg

### Mental Health Services

#### Metta Counselling & Mental Health Services 250 Nelson St. W. Phone: 204–512–0032 Website: <u>www.mettacounselling.ca</u> f mettacounselling

#### Virden & Area Fitness Co-Cop

190 Lyons St. E
Located inside Tundra Oil & Gas Place
Virden Fitness Coop
Buy memberships at the Town Office

#### Relieve Therapeutic Massage by Haylee Rinn

111 Queen St. W. Phone: 204-851-2674 Email: <u>hayleerinn1@gmail.com</u>

#### Triple H Therapy by Kacee Gee

Phone: 204-851-2674 Email: <u>kac.gee29@gmail.com</u> f triplehtherapy2020

## Emergency Services IN CASE OF EMERGENCY – CALL 911

### Fire Department

330–11th Ave. S. Fire Chief: Cory Nixon Phone: 204–748–1304 Email: wdfd1@wcgwave.ca Website: www.wdfd.ca f 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

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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: <a href="https://www.virden.ca/p/register-for-connect-virden">www.virden.ca/p/register-for-connect-virden</a>.

### **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 Klinic 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

Virden Empire Advance - weekly newspaper 305 Nelson St. W. Box 250 Virden, MB R0M 2C0 Phone: 204-748-3937 Email: <u>accounts@empireadvance.ca</u> Website: <u>www.empireadvance.ca</u>

Brandon Sun - daily newspaper 501 Rosser Ave. Brandon, MB R7A 0K4 Phone: 1-800-542-8900 Website: <u>www.brandonsun.com</u>

### FM Radio

- CJ 103.3 FM The Voice of Virden Website: <u>www.cj103radio.com</u>
- 94.7 STAR FM Brandon (Alternative) Website: <u>www.starfmradio.com</u>
- 96.1 BOB FM Brandon (Classic Rock) Website: <u>www.961bobfm.ca</u>

### AM Radio

990 Q Country AM Brandon Website: <u>www.qcountryfm.ca</u>

- 101.1 iHeart Radio Pure Country Website: wwwiheartradio.ca/purecountry/bran don
- 91.5 Q Country FM Brandon Website: <u>www.qcountryfm.ca</u>

## 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: <u>www.mpi.mb.ca</u>

Hours of Operation:	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-6:00 PM
	Saturday	8:30 AM-4:30 PM
Guild Insurance Brokers		Westland Insurance
326 King St. E.		322-7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.
Phone: 204-748-	2300	Phone: 204–748–2734
Fax: 204-748-23	40	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-provide driver's license for an equivalent Manitoba license without completing written and road tests.

Jurisdiction information is available by contacting MPI or visit <u>www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/new-to-</u><u>manitoba.aspx</u> 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: <a href="https://www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/graduated-driver-licensing.aspx">www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/graduated-driver-licensing.aspx</a>

To obtain information on Driver License Identity requirements, visit the MPI website at: <u>www.mpi.mb.ca</u> 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

Virden Cab – Rick Walker Available 24/7 Phone: 204–908–2920 Email: <u>kw665@icloud.com</u> Virden Cab

### Highways

#### Location

Virden 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 Virden for east-west traffic and the Provincial Trunk Highway #83 passes along the west side of Virden 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: <u>www.manitoba511.ca</u>

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.

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

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 ROM 2C0 Website: <u>www.funshineearlylearning.ca</u> Funshine Early Learning Centre Ltd.

Funshine Early Learning Centre 125–10<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Phone: 431–645–2324 Email: funshine2@funshineearlylearning.ca Funshine II Early Learning Centre 211 Oxford St. W. Phone: 204–748–1623 ext. 1 Email: <u>funshine1@funshineearlylearning.ca</u>

Funshine Early Learning Preschool/School-Age Program Located at Mary Montgomery School 455 Lyons St. W. Phone: 204-748-4462 Email: <u>preschool@funshineearlylearning.ca</u> / <u>schoolage@funshineearlylearning.ca</u>

#### Rhythm & Glue - Nursery School & School-Age Program

Located at Goulter School 200 Queen St. E. Phone: 204-851-0056 Email: lansing@rfnow.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 <u>www.virden.ca</u> 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

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

**f** 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: <u>www.sites.google.com/gdrive.flbsd.mb.ca/virdenjuniorhigh/home</u>

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: <u>www.sites.google.com/gdrive.flbsd.mb.ca/goulterschool/home</u> 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: <u>www.sites.google.com/gdrive.flbsd.mb.ca/marymont/home</u>

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: <u>vapplevdn@mymts.net</u> 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
  - o 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: <u>virden@westmanimmigrantservices.ca</u>

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

Website: <u>www.vdnesc.ca</u>

f 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 <u>www.virden.ca/p/employment-opportunities</u>
- Prairie Mountain Health Careers prairiemountainhealth.ca/careers
- Province of MB Job Board <u>www.gov.mb.ca/govjobs</u>
- Virden Jobs Group on f <u>www.facebook.com/virdenjobs</u>
- Online classifieds <u>www.ebrandon.ca</u>
- <u>ca.indeed.com</u>
- <u>classifieds.brandonsun.com</u>
- <u>www.jobbank.gc.ca</u>
- <u>www.mbjobs.ca</u>

## **Banking & Financial Services**

### Banking

#### CIBC

204 Nelson St. W. Phone: 204–748–1236 Website: <u>www.cibc.com</u>

#### Sunrise Credit Union

220-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S Phone: 204-748-2907 Website: <u>www.sunrisecu.mb.ca</u>

### **Financial Services**

#### BDO

255 Wellington St. W. Phone: 204–748–1200 Website: <u>www.bdo.ca</u>

#### Farm Credit Canada

245-A King St. E. Phone: 204-748-4150 Email: <u>mbvirden@fcc-fac.ca</u> Website: <u>www.fcc-fac.ca</u>

#### **Keystone Wealth Services**

512 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S Phone: 204–748–6823 Website: <u>www.keystonewealth.ca</u>

#### RBC

229-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S Phone: 204-748-2145 Website: <u>www.rbcroyalbank.com</u>

#### MNP

590-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Phone: 204-571-7799 Website: <u>www.mnpdebt.ca</u>

#### The Mortgage Group - Jessica Brown

Phone: 204-851-1296 Email: jessica.brown@mortgagegroup.com Website: www.jessicabrown.tmgbroker.com

#### Westland Insurance

322-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S Phone: 204-748-2734 E-mail: <u>virden@westlandinsurance.com</u> Website: <u>www.westlandinsurance.ca</u>

### Income Tax & Accounting

#### BDO LLP

255 Wellington St. W. Phone: 204–748–1200 Website: <u>www.bdo.ca</u>

#### Farley Kempthorne Chartered Professional Accountants LLP

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

#### Frank Bennett CPA

300 Nelson St. W. Phone: 204–748–1633

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

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

#### Keystone Wealth Services 512 7th Ave. S. Phone: 204–748–6823 Website: www.keystonewealth.ca

#### Masson & Associates 512-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Phone: 204-748-2892 Website: www.massoncpa.ca

#### MNP LLP

590-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Phone: 204-571-7799 Website: <u>www.mnpdebt.ca</u>

#### Sensus Chartered Professional Accountants Ltd.

275 Nelson St. W. Phone: 204–748–3135 Email: <u>brandon@sensuscop.ca</u> Website: <u>www.sensuscpa.ca</u>

## **Business Information**

### **Business Directory**

A directory of businesses located within the Town of Virden can be found on the Town of Virden website at: <u>www.virden.ca/p/business-directory</u>.

### **Business Licensing (Annual)**

A copy of the Town of Virden By-Law No. 2529 - Business License By-Law is available at: <u>www.virden.ca/p/business-licenses</u>. 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: <u>edm@virden.ca</u> / <u>info@virden.ca</u> Website: <u>www.virden.ca/p/economic-development</u>

## **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: <u>borderregionallibrary@rfnow.com</u> Website: <u>www.borderregionallibrary.ca</u> F 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: <u>reception@virdenanimalhospital.ca</u> Website: <u>www.virdenanimalhospital.ca</u> **f** 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: 204-851-5881

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: <a href="https://www.virden.ca/p/animal-control">www.virden.ca/p/animal-control</a>, 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 <u>www.virden.ca/p/garbage-recycle</u>.

### **Recycling Collection**

Loraas Disposal

Phone: 204-748-2846

Website: www.loraasdisposal.com

Schedules and a list of accepted recycling materials are available at the Town Office, or at: <u>www.virden.ca/p/garbage-recycle</u>.

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 <u>www.productcare.org</u>.

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: <u>www.secure-energy.com</u>

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.

\$50.00

#### 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
+Provincial Levy	<u>\$10.00</u>

Total

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

Household Garbage & Refuse	\$40.00
+Provincial Levy	\$10.00
Total	\$50.00
Scrap Iron	\$50.00
Tires	\$50.00
Wood & Paper	\$40.00
+ <u>Provincial Levy</u>	\$10.00
Total	\$50.00
Shingles	\$40.00
+ <u>Provincial Levy</u>	\$10.00
Total	\$50.00

## Utilities

### Hydro & Natural Gas

#### Manitoba Hydro

100 Commonwealth Dr. Phone: 1-888-624-9376 Emergency: 1-888-474-0707 Website: <u>www.hydro.mb.ca</u>

### 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 <u>www.virden.ca/p/service-requests</u>,
- By phone 204-748-2440
- Via email <u>admin@virden.ca</u>
- In person at the Town Office 236 Wellington Street West, or
- By mail to: Town of Virden, Box 310, Virden, MB, ROM 2C0

#### Setting Up an Account

Please call the Town Office at 204–748–2440 or visit <u>www.virden.ca/p/service-requests</u> 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

- Phone
- Internet
- TV

#### BellMts – 3C Tech

320 King St. E. Phone: 204-851-6800 Customer Service: 1-866-301-1942 Website: <u>www.bellmts.ca</u>

- 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

### Cellular Phone

#### BellMTS – 3C Tech

320 King St. E. Phone: 204–851–6800 Customer Service: 1–866–856–8507 Website: <u>www.bellmts.ca</u>

#### RFNow

297 Nelson St. W. Phone: 204–748–4812 Email: <u>info@rfnow.com</u>

- Phone
- Internet

#### Telus – MyPhone

493 King St. E. Phone: 204–748–3164 Website: <u>www.telus.com</u>
#### **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 Phone: 204-748-2787/1-866-607-6301 Website: <u>www.canadapost.ca</u>

8:30AM-5:00PM

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

# **Places of Worship**

#### Virden & District Ministerial Association

Box 2781 Virden, MB R0M 2C0

#### Virden & 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: <u>rector@trivalleyanglican.ca</u> Worship Service: Sunday at 10:30 AM

#### Virden Alliance Church

345 Frame St. E. Phone: 204-748-2621 Email: <u>vac1@mts.net</u> www.virdenalliancechurch.com Worship Service: Sunday at 11:00 AM

#### St. Paul's United Church

286 Nelson St. W. Phone: 204-748-1295 Email: <u>vrdnstp@mymts.net</u> <u>www.stpaulsvirden.wordpress.com</u> Worship Service: Sunday at 11:00 AM

#### Virden Baptist Church

403 Nelson St. E. Phone: 204-748-2315 Email: <u>virdenbaptist@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>www.virdenbaptist.com</u> Worship Service: Sunday at 10:30 AM

#### **Oxford Assembly**

381 Oxford St. W. Phone: 204-748-1329 204-851-0776 Email: <u>wayneunger@hotmail.com</u> Worship Service: Sunday at 11:00 AM

#### Sacred Heart Catholic Church

481 Queen St. W. Phone: 204-851-1986 Email: <u>sacredheartparish-</u> <u>virden@wcgwave.ca</u> <u>Vigil Mass</u>: Saturday at 5:00 PM

# **Rental Facilities**

#### Tundra Oil & Gas Place Sunrise Banquet Hall 900-5<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Phone: 204–748–2440 Email: <u>bookings@virden.ca</u>

#### Virden Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 8

540-8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Phone: 204-748-1668 Email: <u>rclbranch8@wcgwave.ca</u>

#### Lion's Hall

230 Nelson St. W. Phone: 204–748–6595 <u>Sunday Mass</u>: at 11:15 AM Rosary said 30 minutes before mass

#### Victory Church

508 – 9th Ave. S. Email: <u>virdenvictory@gmail.com</u> 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: <u>molfrey@mts.net</u>

New Horizon Centre 268 Nelson St. W. Phone: 204-748-3755

#### Sacred Heart Parish Hall 481 Queen St. W. Phone: 204–748–2587 Email: <u>sacredhearthparish–</u> <u>virden@wcgwave.ca</u>

#### 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: <u>vrdnstp@mymts.net</u>



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### 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 climatecontrolled 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.

# Virden & District Swimming Pool

#### **F** Virden Swimming Pool

The Virden & District 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 <u>pool@virden.ca</u>.

### Virden Spray Park

**f** virdenspraypark

The Virden 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.

### Virden Skateboard Park

#### **F** virdenskatepark

The Virden 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

Virden 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 Virden 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 <u>bookings@virden.ca</u>.

### Agricultural & Fair Grounds

Virden 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 Virden 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

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 <u>bookings@virden.ca</u> 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 <u>bookings@virden.ca</u>.

# Farmers' Market

**f** 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.

# Virden & Area Snowmobile Trails

Around the Virden area are many groomed snowmobile trails. These trails are maintained by an independent organization known as the Virden 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 Virden Recreation & Watersports at 204–748–2060 or visit <u>www.snoman.mb.ca</u>.

### Virden Curling Club

Website: www.virdencurlingclub.com

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The Virden 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.

#### Virden Fish Pond

Located on Galt St. W., south of PR#257, near Kenderdine Field, the Virden 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.

### Virden Wellview Golf Course

Email: wellviewgolfsuper@gmail.com

Website: www.wellviewgolfsuper.wixsite.com/virdenwellviewgolf

**f** Virden Wellview Golf Course-Clubhouse Restaurant and Lounge

**I** Virden Wellview Golf Club Maintenance

The Virden Wellview Golf Course is located just west of Virden 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 Virden 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 unserviced 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

#### Virden Pioneer Museum

390 King St. W.
Phone: 204–748–1659
Email: virdenpioneermuseum@gmail.com
Website: www.virdenpioneerhome.wixsite.com/museum
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The Virden 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 Virden 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 Virden, 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: <u>www.artsmosaic.ca</u>

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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

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: <u>rector@trivalleyanglican.ca</u>

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 <u>www.virden.ca/p/upcoming-events</u> to submit an event, or to view the Community Calendar of Events.

### Virden Indoor Rodeo & Wild West Daze

Phone: Thomas Hagan, President 204-748-1179 Email: <u>info@virdenindoorrodeo.ca</u> Website: <u>www.virdenindoorrodeo.ca</u> Virden Indoor Rodeo & Wild West Daze

Join an exciting, action-packed weekend at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Virden 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 Virden 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 Virden 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.

#### Virden Demolition Derby

Email: <u>vdndemoderby@outlook.com</u> Website: <u>www.vdndemoderby.wixsite.com/vdndemoderby</u> Virden Demolition Derby

Virden 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 Virden 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

#### **f** Virden Music and Arts Festival

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: <a href="https://www.virden.ca/p/community-organizations-directory">www.virden.ca/p/community-organizations-directory</a>

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.

## Virden Royal Canadian Legion No. 8

540-8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Phone: 204-748-1168 Email: <u>rclbranch8@wcgwave.ca</u> Website: <u>www.legion.ca</u>

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: <u>virdenlions@gmail.com</u> Website: www.lionsclubs.org

The Virden 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.

# Virden Dog Park

#### **F** Virden Dog Park

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: <u>www.artsmosaic.ca</u> mbartsmosaic

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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: <u>www.artsmosaic.ca/costume-closet</u> Email: <u>artsmosaic@outlook.com</u>

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: <u>www.prairiegatewaytourism.ca</u> Email: <u>prairiegatewaytourism@gmail.com</u> Prairie Gateway Tourism



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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.