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Holdfast Community Needs Assessment

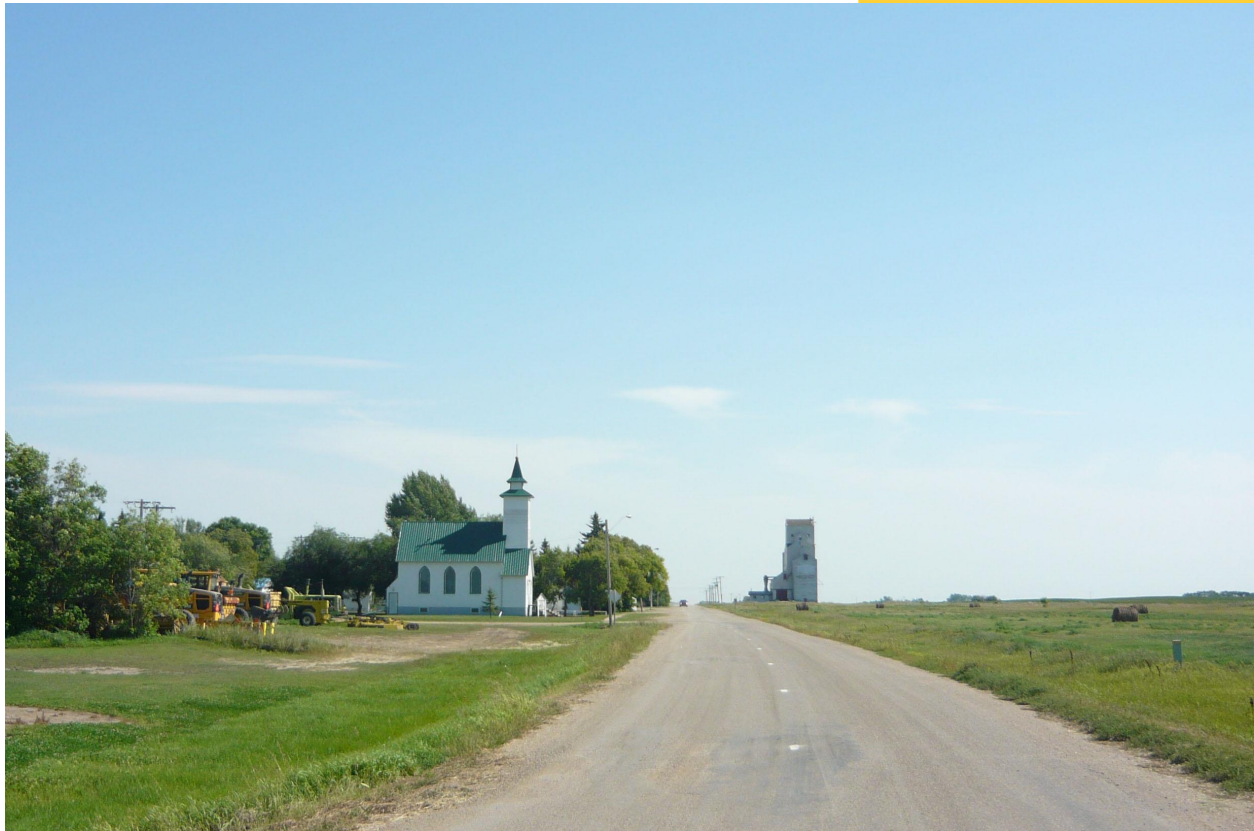


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Holdfast and District Overview

The Holdfast and District community includes the RM of Sarnia No. 221 and its villages of Holdfast, Chamberlain and Dilke plus the Last Mountain Lake resort villages of Grandview Beach, Alice Beach, Wee Too Beach. Although the highway sign still exists, the village of Penzance is considered a dissolved municipality. Holdfast provides a fire hall, post office, library, Parks & Recreation Committee, K-12 school, community complex, grocery store, welding & manufacturing, tavern/liquor store, Conexus Credit Union, Long Lake Insurance, Roman Catholic Church, baseball diamonds, and McRae Farm Service.

Holdfast and District Statistical Information

Retrieved from Statistics Canada Census of 20011 & 2016

Statistical Overview					
Community	Census Data 2016	Census Data 2011	% Change	Private Dwellings	Median Income
Holdfast	247	169	46.2	136	-
Dilke	98	77	27.3	107	-
Chamberlain	90	88	2.3	56	-
Sarnia No. 221	322	266	21.1	255	\$45,232
Penzance	25	25	0.0	15	-
Alice Beach	51	45	40.0	131	
Grandview Beach	35	25		172	
WeeToo Beach	79	35	125.7	145	
Total	947	730	29.8	569	\$45,232
Saskatchewan	1,098,352	1,033,381	6.3	432,622	\$33,684
Canada	35,151,728	33,476,688	5.0	14,072,079	\$47,487

Population Age Distribution						
Community	Mean Age	0-4 years	5-19 years	20-39 years	40-64 years	65+ years
Holdfast	41.7	11.1%	18.4%	28.6%	28.6%	24.5%
Dilke	54.3	0.0%	5.3%	11.1%	44.4%	38.9%
Chamberlain	41.9	10.5%	5.6%	10.5%	42.1%	31.6%
Sarnia No. 221	41.8	7.9%	17.5%	20.6%	38.1%	15.9%
Penzance	n/a-	-	-	-	-	-
Alice Beach	66			10	15	26
Grandview Beach	n/a					
WeeToo Beach	59.9	5	5	15	40	14
Average	50.78	7.4%	11.7%	17.7%	35.8%	25.2%

Saskatchewan	39.1	6.7%	25.8%	27.0%	31.7%	15.5%
Canada	41.0	5.4%	17.0%	26.0%	34.7%	16.9%
Ethnicity						
Community	Aboriginal or Métis		French Only		Immigrants 2006-2011	
Holdfast	-		0		-	
Dilke	0		0		0	
Chamberlain	15		0		0	
Sarnia No. 221	20		0		0	
Total	35		0		0	
Saskatchewan	177,355		125,810		72,305	
Canada	2,130,520		4,144,685		2,268,170	

Education Level			
Community	No High School	High School	Post-Secondary
Holdfast	35	115	80
Dilke	-	35	30
Chamberlain	10	25	50
Sarnia No. 221	35	130	75
Total	80	305	235
Saskatchewan	177,210	261,210	418,880
Canada	5,239,575	7,576,400	15,827,040

Occupation	Holdfast	Dilke	Chamberlain	Sarnia No. 221
Management	35	0	20	90
Business/Finance/ Administration	15	10	0	30
Natural/Applied Sciences	0	10	0	0
Health Occupations	0	0	0	10
Education/Law/Social and Government Services	10	0	0	15
Art/Culture/Recreation/Sport	15	0	0	0
Sales and Service	15	10	25	20
Trades/Transport/ Equipment Operators	20	10	25	20
Natural Resources/Agriculture	15	0	10	25
Manufacturing/Utilities	0	0	0	10
Total Labour Force	125	25	80	205

Note: No data reported in the 2016 Census for the 3 resort villages

Saskatchewan Statistical Information

Saskatchewan Literacy Statistics		
Statistic	Saskatchewan	Canada
Reading		
Proportion of Students Reading at Level 1	16.0%	12.0%
Proportion of Students Reading at Level 2 (expected level of reading)	74.0%	74.0%
Proportion of Students Reading at Level 3	9.0%	14.0%
Mathematics and Science		
Overall Mean Score in Mathematics	80.5%	85.2%
Males	81.3%	85.3%
Females	79.7%	85.3%
Overall Mean Score in Science	81.8%	84.7%
Males	81.8%	84.2%
Females	82.0%	85.2%

Source: PCAP 2016 Literacy Study

Crime Rate		
Statistic	RCMP Data 2016	RCMP Data 2015
Crime Rate per 100,000 Population	5,904.5	5910.1
% Rate Increase from Previous Year	-0.09	2.3

Source: Statistics Canada

Poverty Rates*			
Statistic	2010	2014	2015
Child Poverty Rates			
Overall Child Poverty Rate (SK)**	23.0%	24.6%	24.1%
First Nations Poverty Rate	50.0%		
Immigrant Poverty Rate	29.6%		
Canada Poverty Rate	17.4%		
Food Insecurity Rates			
Household Food Insecurity		10.6%	
Children in Food Insecure Households		19.0%	
Cost of Weekly Groceries for a family of 4	2009	2012	2015
Provincial Average	\$205.02	\$218.24	\$243.64
Large City (Southern SK)	\$184.91	\$193.69	\$215.20
Small City (Southern SK)	\$188.28	\$194.09	\$220.46
Town (Southern SK)	\$202.20	\$216.46	\$238.66
Rural (Southern SK)	\$206.94	\$223.60	\$246.65

Sources: Hunter & Sanchez, *Child and Family Poverty in Saskatchewan: November 2017*, PROOF: Food Insecurity Policy Research, Saskatchewan Food Costing Task Group's *The Cost of Healthy Eating in Saskatchewan*

*Based on Statistics Canada data Sanchez and Hunter found low income can be classed as \$18,213 annually for a single adult with no child, \$25,498 annually for a lone parent with one child, \$30,962 annually for a lone parent with two children, \$25,498 annually for a couple with no child, \$30,962 annually for a couple with one child, and \$36,000 for a couple with two children.

** Only Manitoba and Nunavut have higher child poverty rates than Saskatchewan (27.5% and 36.1% respectively).

Village of Holdfast

Size and Location

The Village of Holdfast is a community of 247 people located near the shores of Last Mountain Lake in the south-central part of Saskatchewan, two kilometers east of Highway 2 on Highway 732. The village is about 97.6 kilometers northwest of the City of Regina.

- The land area of the Village of Holdfast is 1.29 square kilometers, and the population density is 191.1 people per square kilometer.
- Holdfast is situated within the Rural Municipality of Sarnia No. 221.

Facts about Holdfast

- David Thauberger, well-known Canadian painter and sculptor was born in Holdfast. In 2008, he was made a Member of the Order of Canada in recognition for being 'a pillar of prairie fold art.' In 2012, he was made a member of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in recognition for being 'an advocate of prairie fold art, a knowledgeable collector and volunteer.' He is also a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012, the Lieutenant Governor's Saskatchewan Artist Award in 2009, and is a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts.
- Hazel Measner (Wildfong) (June 2, 1925 – January 1, 1984) was a Canadian pitcher who was born in Holdfast and played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. She was one of the 57 players to join the league in its twelve year history. In 1988 a permanent display was inaugurated at the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York that honors those who were part of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Hazel Measner, along with the rest of the girls and the league staff, is included at the exhibit. In 1998, Hazel and all Canadian AAGPBL players gained honorary induction into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame.
- The Holdfast area was settled by many Black Sea Germans from the Beresan and Kutschurgan District villages of South Russia (today in southern Ukraine near Odessa). In 2005 a book called **Holdfast: History and Heritage Volume 2** (ISBN 155383075X) was published by the Germans from Russia Heritage group, This book contains many family histories.
- The assessment value for the Village of Holdfast is \$13,196,500.
- For details on average income, age of population, education levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Holdfast and District Statistical Summary.

Local Government – Village of Holdfast Office

Roberts Street, Holdfast SK
Box 160, Holdfast SK, S0G 2H0
Telephone: 306-488-2000
Fax: 306-488-4609
Email: rm.sarnia@sasktel.net

Village of Holdfast Council 2018

Mayor:	Thorson	Chris
Councillor:	Fahlman	Keenan
Councillor:	McLellan	Ian
Administrator:	Vance	Patti
Assistant Administrator :	Flavel	Donna

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, Holdfast SK Wikipedia Page, Hazel Measner Wikipedia Page

RM of Sarnia 221

Size and Location

The Rural Municipality of Sarnia No. 221 is a community of 322 in south-central Saskatchewan.

- The land area of the RM is 870.73 square kilometers, with a population density of 0.4 people per square kilometer.
- The RM encompasses the communities of Alice Beach, Chamberlain, Dilke, Grandview Beach, Holdfast, and Wee Too Beach.

Facts about the RM of Sarnia 221

- The assessment value for the RM of Sarnia is \$214,234,300.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Holdfast and District Statistical Summary.

Local Government – RM of Sarnia Office

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RM of Sarnia Council 2018

Reeve:	Erlandson	Carl
Councillor:	Vacant	Vacant
Councillor:	Ball	Arnold
Councillor:	Tait	Greg
Councillor:	Fahlman	Geoffrey
Councillor:	Thorson	John
Councillor:	Bachman	Aaron
Administrator:	Vance	Patti
Assistant Administrator :	Flavel	Donna

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, RM of Sarnia Wikipedia Page

Village of Dilke

Size and Location

The Village of Dilke is a community of 98 people and is located in southern-central Saskatchewan, 10 kilometers west of Last Mountain Lake along Highway 354.

- The land area is 1.28 square kilometers, with a population density of 76.6 per square kilometer.
- Dilke is situated within the RM of Sarnia No. 221.

Facts about Dilke

- The Village is named after Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke, a British statesman, author and member of William E. Gladstone's liberal government.
- While in the area enjoying the outdoor recreational activities, visit the local landmark, St. Lucy's Anglican Church.
- Farmers' Markets are held on Saturdays during July and August at the Dilke Pickle on Railway Avenue.
- The Dilke Co-op and gas bar closed in 2017 after serving the area for 101 years.
- in 2018 KDK Groceries opened
- The assessment value for the Village of Dilke is \$7,158,300.
- For details on average income, age of population, education levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Holdfast and District Statistical Summary.

Local Government – Village of Dilke Office

Devon Street, Dilke SK
Box 100, Dilke SK, S0G 1C0
Telephone: 306-488-4866
Fax: 306-488-4866
Email: dilke@canwan.com

Village of Dilke Council 2018

Mayor:	Ball	Arnold
Councillor:	Chipiska	Lavern
Councillor:	Bachman	Dave
Clerk:	Duesing	Colleen R.

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, Dilke Page on Tourism Saskatchewan Website

Village of Chamberlain

Size and Location

The Village of Chamberlain is a community of 90 people and is located on Highway 11 approximately 80 kilometers northwest of Regina and 170 K southeast of Saskatoon. It is also 50 km north of Moose Jaw on Highway 2

- The Louis Riel Trail passing through the village
- The land area is 0.70 square kilometers, with a population density of 129.1 per square kilometer.
- The Village of Chamberlain is situated within the RM of Sarnia No. 221.

Facts about Chamberlain

- A number of small restaurants, gas stations, and convenience stores benefit from having traffic pass through on the highway at a slow speed.
- The assessment value of the Village of Chamberlain is \$11,981,300.
- For details on average income, age of population, education levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Holdfast and District Statistical Summary.
- Chamberlain is unique as it located directly on Highway 11. The highway is not twinned when passing through the Village. All other towns along the highway are located off the road.

Local Government – Village of Chamberlain Office

Box 8, Chamberlain SK, SOG 0R0

Telephone: 306-638-4680

Fax: 306-638-3108

Email: villageofchamberlain@gmail.com

Village of Chamberlain Council 2018

Mayor:	Ackerman	Shaun
Alderman:	Bennett	Lyle
Councillor:	Kohler	Cody
Administrator:	Wells	Sarah

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, Chamberlain Wikipedia Page, Twisted Sisters Facebook Page

Dissolved Municipality of Penzance

Size and Location

The Dissolved Municipality of Penzance is a community of 25 people and is located in south-central Saskatchewan, 88 kilometers north of the City of Moose Jaw on Highway 2.

- Penzance is situated within the RM of Sarnia No. 221.
- The land area is 0.62 square kilometers, with a population density of 40.1 people per square kilometer.

Facts about Penzance

- Penzance is named after the town, civil parish, and port named Penzance in Cornwall, England.
- The community held village status prior to January 31, 2008.
- For details on average income, age of population, education levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Holdfast and District Statistical Summary.

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Councillor:	Thorson	John
Councillor:	Bachman	Aaron
Administrator:	Vance	Patti
Assistant Administrator :	Flavel	Donna

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, Penzance Saskatchewan Wikipedia Page, Penzance England Wikipedia Page

Holdfast Community Programs and Services Directory

Programs

Education Based Programs

Daycares

There is a private daycare located in Holdfast

Preschools

Lil Tykes Preschool

Ages 3 & 4

Every Tues & Thurs, Sept-June

Holdfast, SK

Contact: Danielle Dennis

Telephone: 306-488-4909

Email: dberger11@hotmail.com

Schools - Horizon School Division # 205

Schell School (K – 12)

2115 Schell Avenue, Holdfast SK

Box 28, Holdfast SK, S0G 2H0

Telephone: 306-488-2055

Email: danielle.dennis@horizonsd.ca

Nearby Colleges

Saskpolytechnic Moose Jaw Campus

600 Saskatchewan Street & 6th Avenue NW,
Moose Jaw SK

Saskpolytechnic Saskatoon Campus

Idylwyld Drive, Saskatoon SK
Box 1520, Saskatoon SK, S7K 3R5

Saskpolytechnic Prince Albert Campus

1100 15th Street E, Prince Albert SK

University of Regina

3737 Wascana Parkway, Regina SK
Registrar's Office: 306-585-4127
Main Switchboard: 306-585-4111

Saskpolytechnic Regina Campus

Box 556, Regina SK, S4P 3A3

University of Saskatchewan

Main switchboard: 306-966-4343

Email: askus@usask.ca

Library and Library Programs

Holdfast Public Library

125 Robert Street, Holdfast SK

Box 205, Holdfast SK, S0G 2H0

Telephone: 306-488-2101

Email: holdfast@palliserlibrary.ca

Website: <https://www.palliserlibrary.ca/spm/branches>

Librarian: Katherine Middleton

Hours: Tues. 11:45 – 5:00

Thurs. 12:00 – 7:00

Community Based Organizations

Holdfast Parks and Recreation Committee

Churches

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

1905 Schell Avenue, Holdfast SK

Box 40, Holdfast SK, S0G 2H0

Telephone: 306-488-2015

Penzance United Church

305 Saskatchewan Avenue, Penzance SK

Website: united-church.ca

Sports, Culture & Recreation

Sports

Sport Inquires

Contact: Gayle Fahlman

Telephone: 306-488-2170

Holdfast Pacers

Play at Schell School

Kids Soccer and Baseball

Play at the Holdfast Baseball Diamonds

Arm River Indians Baseball Team

Play at the Holdfast Baseball Diamonds

Kids Hockey

Play at the Sarnia Community Complex

Culture

Nothing "official".

Recreation Groups & Clubs

Sarnia Community Complex

Holdfast, SK

Telephone: 306-488-2170

Holdfast Baseball Diamonds

Contact: Gayle Fahlman

Summer Camps

None

Parks & Playgrounds

Last Mountain Regional Park

Approx. 1 hr 15 min from Holdfast

May 5 - September 23

Penzance Park

222 Prairie Avenue, Penzance SK

Recreation Facilities

Holdfast Skating Rink

Railway Ave

Holdfast SK S0G 2H0

Telephone: 306-4889001

Sarnia Community Complex

Gym

Holdfast, SK

Telephone: 306-488-2170

Website: wheatlandhockey.com

Service Clubs & Societies

Sarnia Ladies Club

Contact: Linda Folk

Sarnia Men's club

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 226

Main Street, Holdfast SK Telephone: 306-488-4642

Website: www.legion.ca

Services

Health & Well-Being (Nearest Centres to Holdfast)

Craik & District Health Centre

620 Mary Street, Craik SK
Box 208, Craik SK, S0G 0V0
Telephone: 306-734-2288
Distance – 39 K

Lumsden & District Heritage Home

10 Aspen Bay, Lumsden SK
Box 479, Lumsden SK, S0G 3C0
Telephone: 306-731-2247
Distance - 69K

Last Mountain Pioneer Home

Long term care
700 Prospect Avenue, Strasbourg SK
Box 549, Strasbourg SK, S0G 4V0
Telephone: 306-725-3342
Distance - 74 K

City of Moose Jaw – full service

Distance - 79K

City of Regina – Full Service

Distance – 97Km

Davidson Health Centre

Area hospital and long term care
Box 758, Davidson SK, S0G 1A0
Telephone: 306-567-2801
Distance – 65K

Commercial Services

Retail**James Grocery**

721 Main Street, Holdfast SK
Telephone: 306-488-4497

Esso

Gas Station
US-1, Chamberlain SK
Website: www.esso.ca
Telephone: 306-638-6207

KDK Groceries

807 Railway Ave
Dilke 306 552 4428

Financial Services/Real Estate/Law

Conexus Credit Union

815 Main Street, Holdfast SK

Telephone: 306-488-4000

Long Lake Insurance

711 Main Street, Holdfast SK

Telephone: 306-488-2190

Website: longlakeinsurance.ca

Conexus Credit Union

415 SK-11, Chamberlain SK

Telephone: 306-638-4700

Website: www.conexus.ca

MoneyGram

Money Transfer Service

715 Main Street, Holdfast SK

Telephone: 306-488-2031

Website: locations.moneygram.com

Tourism

ShotZ On Eleven Hotel

301 SK-11, Chamberlain SK

Telephone: 306-638-6315

Media

Access Communications

Cable TV and Internet

Telephone: 306-363-2225

Shaw) and Shaw Direct

Telephone: 855-285-1105

SaskTel - Internet, Max Stream TV

Telephone 855-531-8845

Restaurants

Folksters Family Restaurant

309 Louis Riel Trail, Chamberlain SK

Telephone: 306-638-6212

Old West Express Restaurant

Chamberlain, SK

Twisted Sisters

Ice cream parlor

Country Cafe

505 Louis Riel Trail, Chamberlain SK

Telephone : 306-638-3161

Subway (Esso Station)

Hwy 2 & 11, Chamberlain SK

Public Transportation

None

Industrial Service

Lakeshore Sales

Agricultural Service
Box 187, Holdfast SK, S0G 2H0
Telephone: 306-539-3418
Website: lakeshoresales.ca

Rite Way Manufacturing Co Ltd.

Farm Equipment
Imperial, SK

AGT Food and Ingredients Inc

Grain Elevator
Box 3192, Chamberlain SK
Telephone: 1-877-487-8347
Website: mobilgrain.com

Ackerman Ag

Seed supplier
Louis Riel Trail, Chamberlain SK
Website: ackermanag.ca

Young's Equipment Inc.

Farm Equipment Supplier
Telephone: 306-638-4516
Website: youngs.ca

Government Services

Municipal Services

Village of Holdfast Office

Roberts Street, Holdfast SK
Box 160, Holdfast SK, S0G 2H0
Administrator: Patti Vance
Telephone: 306-488-2000
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Rural Municipality of Sarnia No. 221

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Village of Dilke Office

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Box 100, Dilke SK, S0G 1C0
Telephone: 306-488-4866
Email: dilke@canwan.com

Village of Chamberlain Office

Box 8, Chamberlain SK S0G 0R0
Telephone: 306-638-4680
e-mail: villageofchamberlain@gmail.com

Resort Village of Alice Beach

Box 70, Dilke, SK S0G 1C0
Telephone: 306-519-3929
E:mail: rvalicebeach@gmail.com

Resort Village of Grandview Beach

Box 54, Dilke, SK S0G 1C0
e-mail: Grandview@sasktel.net

Resort Village of Wee Too Beach

3111 Kanuka Place, Regina S4V 2C6
Telephone: 306-789-6040
E-mail: weetoo@sasktel.net

Emergency Services

Holdfast Ambulance

Call 911

Holdfast Volunteer Fire Department

Call 911

RCMP – Craik Detachment

Telephone: 306-734-5200

Craik Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Chief: Boyd Sanden

Contact: RM of Craik Office

Telephone: 306-734-2242

Emergencies: 911

Government of Saskatchewan Services

SGI Motor License Issuers

Long Lake Insurance

711 Main Street, Holdfast SK

Telephone: 306-488-2190

Email: liholdfast@sasktel.net

Long Lake Insurance

Highway 11, Chamberlain SK

Telephone: 306-638-3009

Email: liholdfast@sasktel.net

Government of Canada Services

Canada Post Telephone: 306-488-2031

715 Main Street, Holdfast SK

Canada Post

211 1st Street, Chamberlain SK

Website: canadapost.ca

MLA/MP

MLA

Greg Brkich

Arm River Constituency

Box 1077-102 Washington Street

Telephone: 306-567-2843

Email: gregbrkich@sasktel.net

MP

Tom Lukiwski

#1 - 54 Stadacona Street W

Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan S6H 1Z1

Telephone: 306-691-3577

Email: tom.lukiwski@parl.gc.ca

Sources: Greg Brkich Website, Tom Lukiwski Website, Google Maps Business Directory, Hutterite Colony Directory, KidsCamps Directory of Saskatchewan Overnight Camps, Saskatchewan Municipal Directory

Community Responses to Needs Assessment

Part One: Strengths, Present-Oriented

1. What makes this community a great place to live?

- Friendly people
- People would give you the shirt off their back
- Very community-oriented
- Passionate volunteers
- Everybody knows everybody
- Central location (close to Moose Jaw and Regina)
- K-12 school (small class sizes, full academic and extracurricular program, accessible playground)
- Library
- High speed internet
- Proximity to Last Mountain Lake
- Safe/crime-free
- Good arena
- Plenty of opportunities for outdoor activities
- Small community atmosphere
- Big catholic church
- Beautiful ball diamond
- Grain cleaning plant
- Cafe reopened
- Credit union
- Grocery store
- Quiet

2. If you met someone who was new to town and they asked you what is there to do around here, what would you say? (What are the activities that are of the most interest to people in this community?)

- K-12 school (huge playground)
- Library events for children in the summer
- Skating rink for winter sports
- Community sports day held in June
- Baseball for the younger people runs all spring and summer
- Sports and outdoor activities (hunting, fishing, boating, camping, etc.)
- Service clubs (for ladies and men)

- Nice playground
- The lake
- Grandview Beach
- Shiny skating
- Senior ball team that plays in the Qu'appelle Valley league

Part Two: Weaknesses, Present-Oriented

3. What are the challenges about living in this community?

- No grocery store
- No health care facilities
- Sports teams often need to combine with other communities or go to the city
- Difficult for the elderly who do not drive to get to medical appointments and groceries
- Low population
- No enough volunteers
- No money to pay people for certain jobs, so a lot relies on volunteers
- People not understanding the necessity of volunteer work to keep things going
- Not enough passion to keep things going
- The same people always volunteer
- Lack of interest in volunteering
- Aging community

4. If you could change one thing about this community what would it be? (How is the way you envision your ideal community different from how you see things now?)

- Increased population
- Forming sports teams and providing other recreation opportunities (dance and swimming)
- Getting people who own property to look after it

5. What are the hot button issues of this community?

- In the past, the threat of losing the library
- Keeping the school open
- People keeping their property looking presentable

Part Three: Opportunities/Threats

6. How would you describe your ideal vision for the future of this community? (What do you want [this community] to be for the next generation?) (What kind of Community do you want to live in and why is that important to you?)

- More people

- Another industry besides agriculture
- More economic development of the area
- Better highway to the beaches (access from number 11 highway)
- More supports for seniors
- An active, viable community with more services
- A grocery store
- Hall up and running
- More young people
- More young families

7. What are some of the things that need to happen to create that kind of change?

- More entrepreneurial activity
- Better infrastructure
- Funding

8. What type of educational opportunities/skills/knowledge is needed to make that vision become a reality?

- Education on the attractions and lifestyle of the area

9. What barriers do you see that might prevent the creation of your ideal community?

- Lack of economic diversity in the area
- Proximity to city makes it nearly impossible to start mercantile enterprises (cannot compete with big box stores)
- Lack of funding
- Lack of new volunteers

10. Do you see yourself living in this community long term? What would make you leave this community? What would make you stay?

- Reasons for leaving:
 - o Health issues
 - o Decline in population
 - o Loss of employment
 - o Lack of a school
- Reasons for staying:
 - o Close to the city
 - o Far enough from the city to avoid problems
 - o Almost zero crime
 - o Good place to retire
 - o Close to family
 - o Ambition to get things done in the community (make it like it use to be)
 - o Ambition to get more volunteers

11. Any last thoughts?

- A good number of people choose to live here and commute to work, but there is little to hold our young people. The quality of life here is excellent. Far enough from the city to avoid problems This is a place where you don't have to worry about kids out playing on their own, where you really don't have to worry much about locking your doors, and it is a reasonable drive down a predominately four lane highway to access the city.
- I would like to start a seniors group.
- I just want to get things going on.

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