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The Village of Empress



The Village of Empress is a member of Palliser Economic Partnership (PEP), which is the economic development alliance for Southeast Alberta. The Village of Empress is located in the southern region of the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor.



ABOUT THE VILLAGE OF EMPRESS

The Village of Empress is located in the Palliser Economic Partnership (PEP) region of Alberta. PEP is a regional alliance of communities and agencies in Alberta Southeast that work together to enhance the area's economic well-being. Surrounded by the inspiring scenery provided by the Red Deer River hills, Empress is a vibrant, friendly community that offers an exciting blend of recreational and cultural opportunities and business services. We are proud of our quality of life and the recreational and cultural facilities we have to offer. A supportive municipal government is dedicated to creating a vibrant and prosperous community and opportunities for investment in the region continue to flourish.

Community Snapshot

Population	135 (2021)
Value of all Regional Building Permits	\$178,702,000
Non-Residential Tax Rate	21.625
Value of Major Projects in the Region	\$5,440,600,000

Source: 2023-2024 Alberta Regional Dashboard



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OUR TOP INDUSTRIES



Agriculture

True mixed farms are now moving more to either farming or ranching as owners become more efficient at each discipline. Grain production accounts for a high percentage of land use with wheat being the main field crop in the area. Other common grains include canola, flax, barley and oats. In addition to traditional cattle operations, modern hog operations also contribute to the agricultural diversity in the region.



Oil and Gas

Shallow gas and pockets of oil prevalent through the area are main drivers of the economy in the Empress region. Highway 41, a main north-south trade corridor, leads to major oil and gas developments in the oil sands and is just west of Empress. Additionally, major and secondary paved highways supplement the area making Empress ideally situated for oil and gas industry transportation and servicing.



Tourism

Tourism has expanded as the demand for new services and unique wilderness opportunities have grown recently and it is expected to be a significant contributor to our economy in the future. With our authentic and rural remote location, we have a tourism niche to exploit. We offer lots of opportunities for new tourism operators including canoeing, guided trailing, hunting, fishing, hiking expeditions and much more.



Transportation

Empress is located on the border between Alberta and Saskatchewan just off of Highway 899. The Village is 137 kilometres north of the City of Medicine Hat and is in close proximity to Highway 41, a main north-south transportation artery for the oil and gas industry. Regional and commercial air services are located in Medicine Hat with the nearest international airport located in Calgary.

COMMUNITY STATISTICS

	2021 Totals*	2021 %*
Demographics		
Population	135	
Median age of the population	53.2	
Total number of census families in private households	40	
Total number of private households by tenure	65	
Owner	55	84.62%
Renter	10	15.38%
Average value of dwellings (\$)	\$82,558	
Average income \$		
Average household total income \$		
Labour Force		
In the labour force	75	53.60%
Participation rate		53.60%
Unemployment rate		0.00%
Management occupations	30	35.29%
Business, finance and administration occupations	10	11.76%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	10	11.76%
Health occupations	0	0.00%
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	10	11.76%
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	0	0.00%
Sales and service occupations	10	11.76%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	0	0.00%
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	15	17.65%
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	0	0.00%
Education		
High school diploma or equivalent	30	17.65%
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	65	38.24%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	15	8.82%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	40	23.53%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	10	5.88%
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	10	5.88%

*Source: 2021 Statistics Canada Census

SITE SELECTION INFORMATION

Services	Providers*
Electrical Provider(s)	ATCO Electric
Natural Gas Provider(s)	Dry Country Gas
Broadband Provider(s)	Xplore; Mascon
Water Management	Village of Empress
Waste/Sewage Management	Village of Empress
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*Please contact Providers for pricing & capacity information



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