

# History of Riverview

Riverview was the first site of the Mooswa Telegraph Office in 1886. A post office called Tyrol was later moved from down the valley to this site and Eddie Davis also built a store at the site. The Mooswa Ferry was built in 1910 on the river and traffic patterns changed in the area.



***1 Salt Plant in 1948***

As the Alberta Salt Company was building the plant in 1947, it was realized with isolation, bad roads and remote location housing for key staff members was going to be needed. Some employees had already built temporary housing down by the creek, at the start of the current Riverview site and on the side of the hill above the plant. So, the company laid out a townsite and built its own ten houses for supervisors and

steam engineers, as well as a large staff house for temporary workers who could board there. St Paul Foundry was hired to put in water, sewer and gas for these first houses. Later in about 1959 a second street of houses was added and employees were encouraged to build there by very inexpensive utility costs, all supplied by the Canadian Salt Company. An area of the bush below Riverview was cleared in the late 1950s to open a clear view of the North Saskatchewan River.



*Canadian Salt Co., Lindbergh, Alta.*

## **2 Riverview in early 1950s**

In the mid 1980s as more employees and non-employees started to own homes at Riverview, the Canadian Salt Company wanted to switch power and gas to other services. Employees made a submission to the Alberta Energy Board and this switch was not allowed. Later some services were transferred to Alberta Power and Alberta Gas. In the 2000s failing sewer lines and water lines and maintenance of these became an issue. They were all buried under pavement so it



continues to be a problem for home owners in the area. The county of St Paul has helped install water and sewer holding tanks in the area.



*3Riverview in 2015*

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