



Vermilion

The town of Vermilion is named after the colour — vermilion is a bright red, and the town of Vermilion is home to a red clay. In the town's early years a brick factory turned the clay into distinctive red bricks. Several buildings in the town that were made from the bricks are still standing today.

Vermilion was established in 1905 as a stopping point for the railway. In 1913 the Vermilion School of Agriculture opened. It was the first provincial agriculture college to open its doors in the entire province. It continues today as Lakeland College.

In the early 1940s, Vermilion was home to one of the most productive oil fields in Canada, which supplied a great deal of oil to the country's war effort. However, the oil field soon became depleted and the industry moved elsewhere.

Cross-country skier Beckie Scott was raised in Vermilion. She won gold at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

