

Our History in Code

Train dispatchers issued train orders using Morse code over telegraph wires. Morse code is a simple way to represent letters of the alphabet using patterns of long and short pulses. A unique pattern is assigned to each letter of the alphabet, as well as to the ten numerals and some punctuation. Long and short pulses are translated into electrical signals by an operator using a key, and the electrical signals are translated back into the alphabetic characters by an operator. Use the morse code key to decipher these fun facts about Claresholm and Alberta history!

A .-	J .---	S ...	0 -----
B -...	K -. -	T -	1 .----
C -. -.	L .-..	U ..-	2 ..---
D -..	M --	V ...-	3-
E .	N -. .	W .--	4-
F ... -.	O ---	X -.. -	5-
G --.	P .-- .	Y -. --	6 -....
H	Q --.-	Z --..	7 --... .
I ..	R .-.		8 ----..
			9 -----

5) -..-. .-.. .- .- --- ,-.-- -- .. .- -.. - -... - -.,-. ,-. .. -. . .- -.. .- -.

Answer Key

- 1) Alberta's official gemstone is ammolite
- 2) Claresholm has had 16 mayors since 1903
- 3) The train station would use Morse code just like this to talk to trains
- 4) The museum opened in 1969
- 5) Claresholm had 7 grain elevators