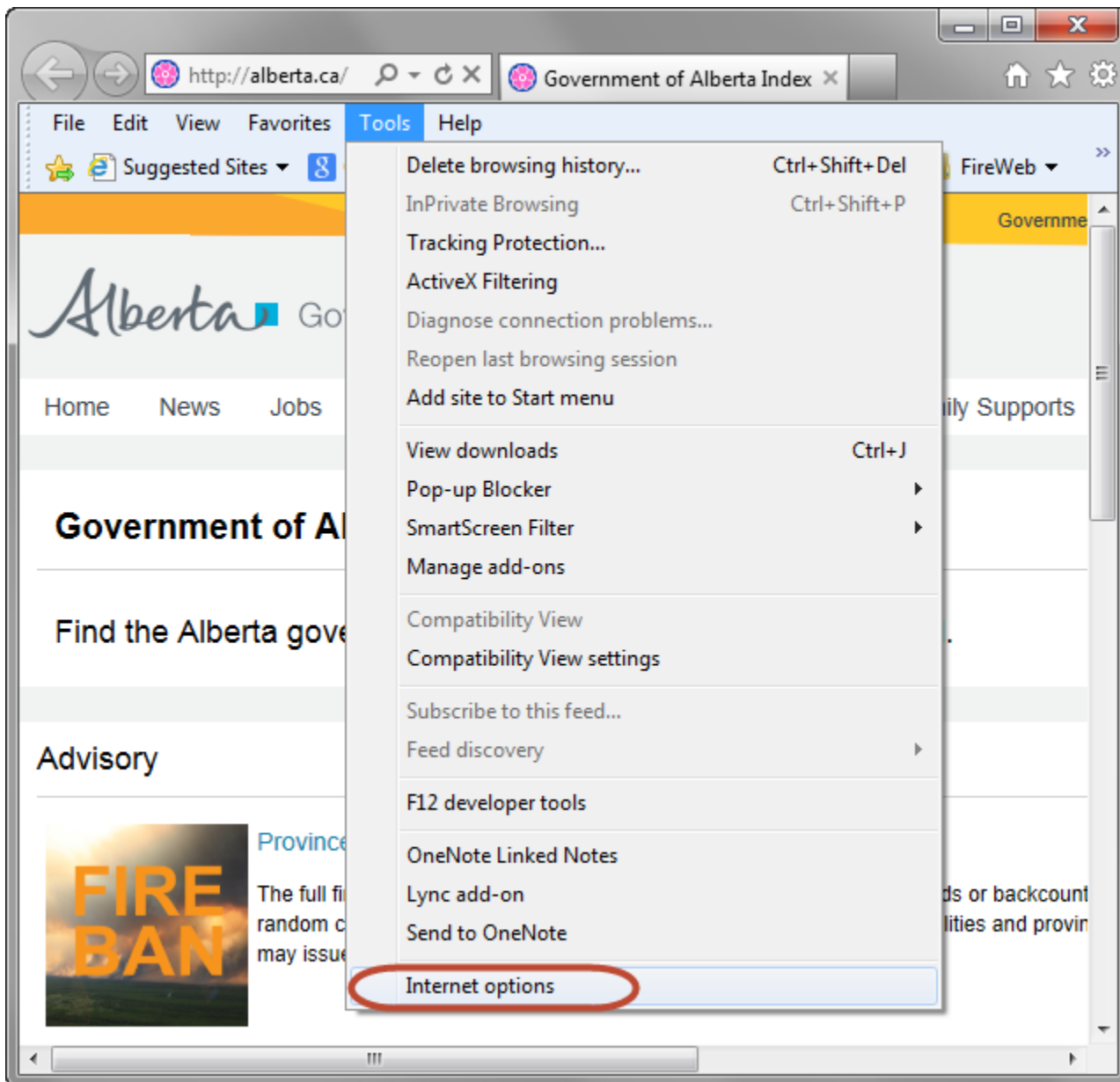*Alberta* Government

Accessing an FTP site via Windows Explorer

Open **Internet Explorer** (do not use another browser for these instructions).

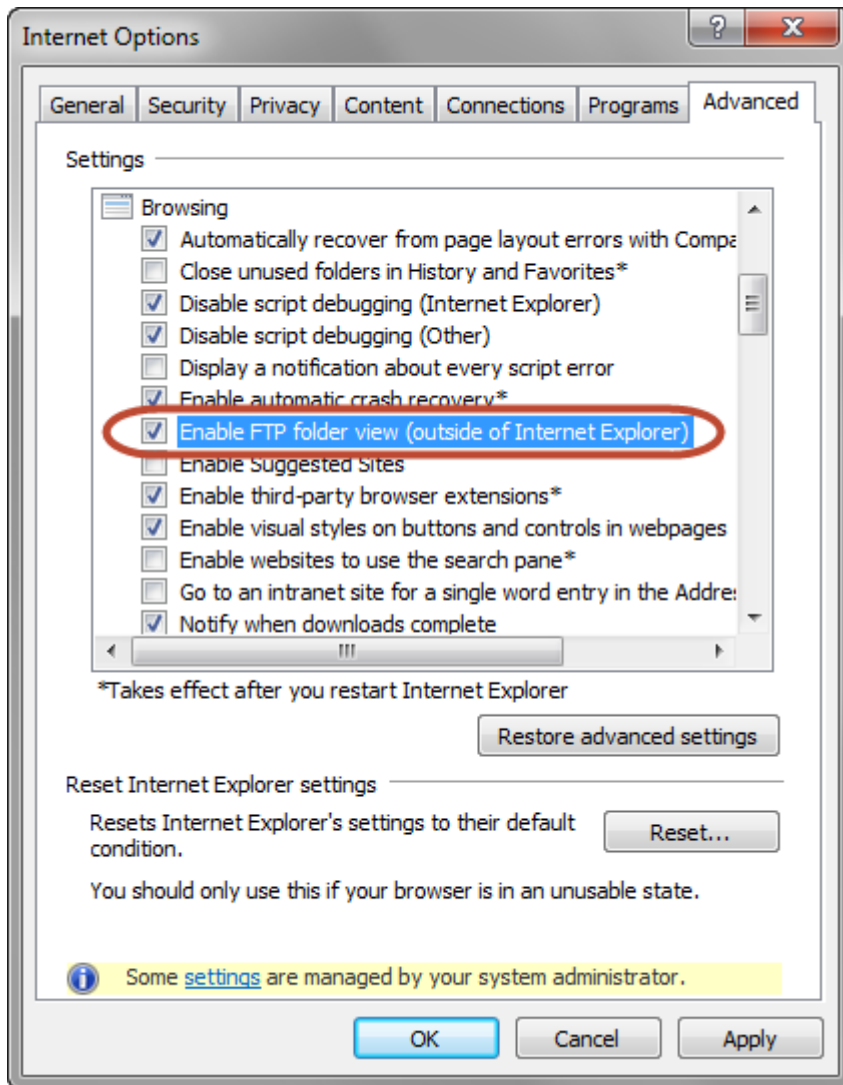Go to '*Tools*' in your menu bar and choose '*Internet options*'.

Open your 'Advanced' Tab in your Internet options.

Scroll down to the Browsing section and make sure that the "Enable FTP folder view (outside of Internet Explorer)" is turned on.
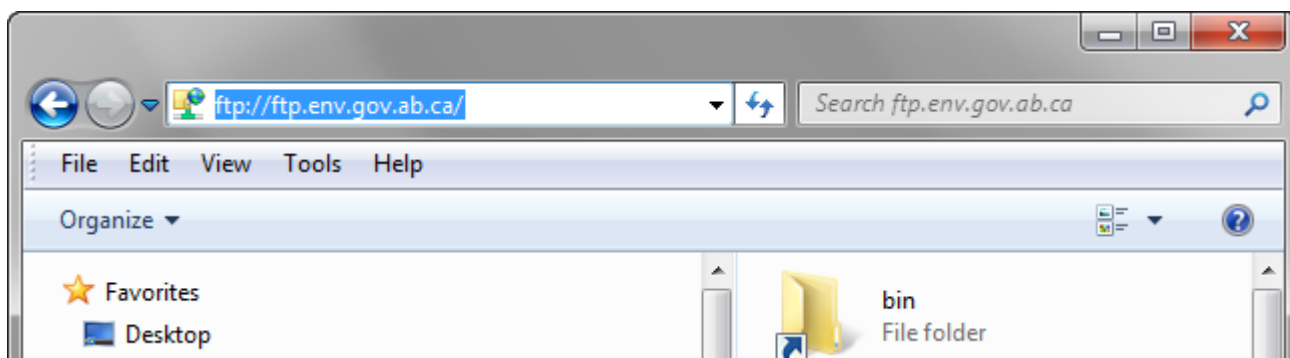
If it is not checked, please check it as shown below.

Click the 'OK' button and close your Internet Explorer browser window.

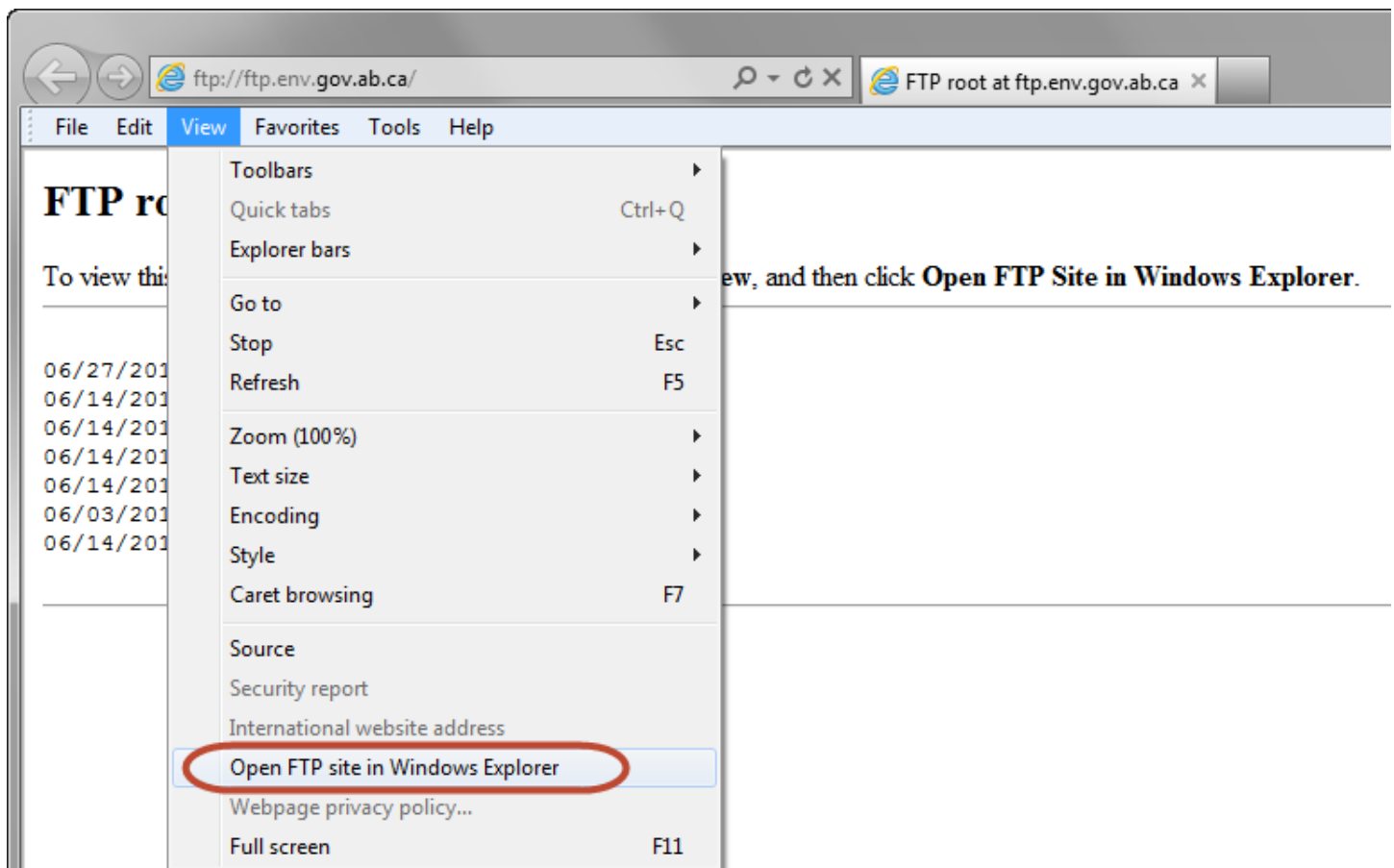Type or copy/paste the following url into Windows Explorer:

ftp://ftp.env.gov.ab.ca/

If you click on the link and your browser window opens just follow the instructions in your browser window.
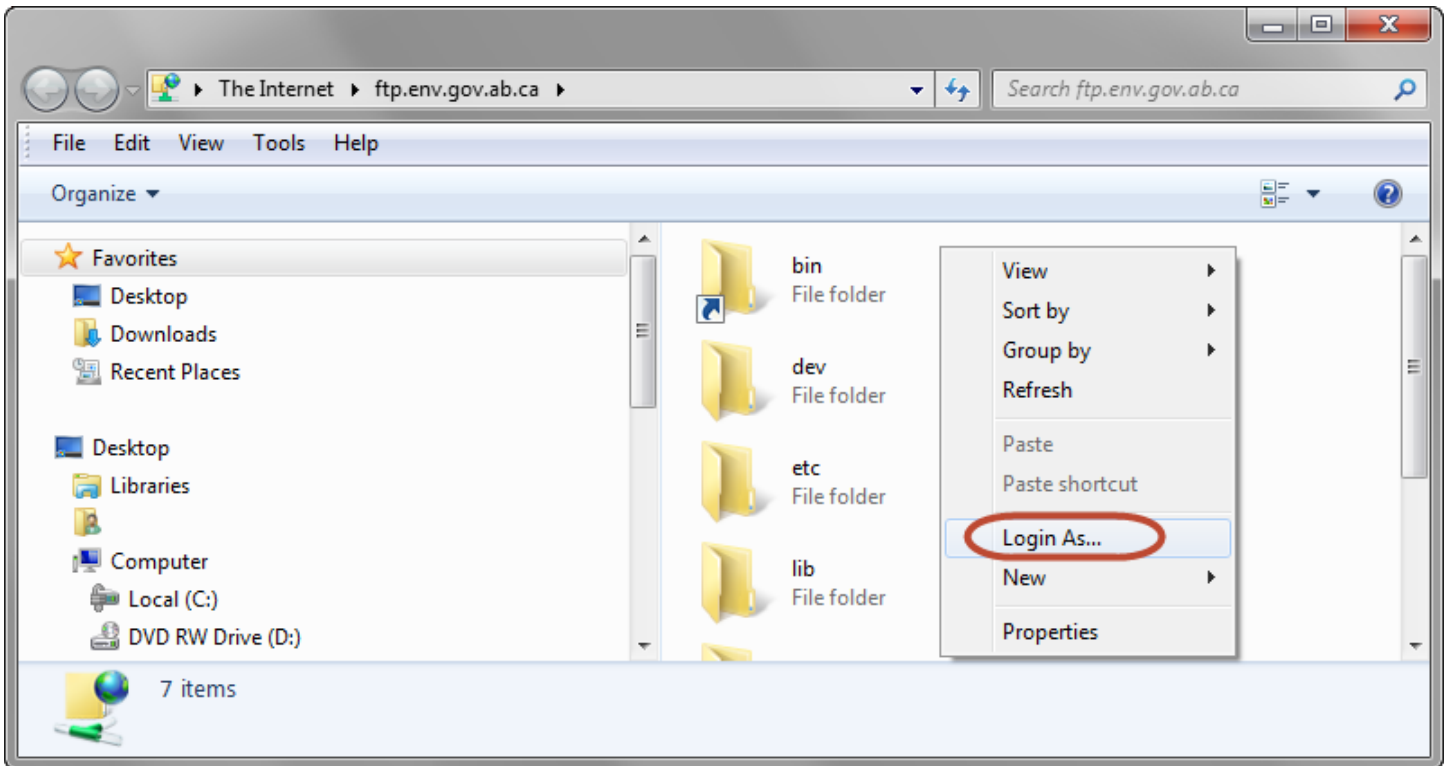
*To view this FTP site in Windows Explorer: press Alt, click **View**, and then click **Open FTP Site in Windows Explorer**.*

Pressing the '*Alt*' key brings up your menu bar so if your menu bar is already on you do not have to click '*Alt*' as it won't do anything.
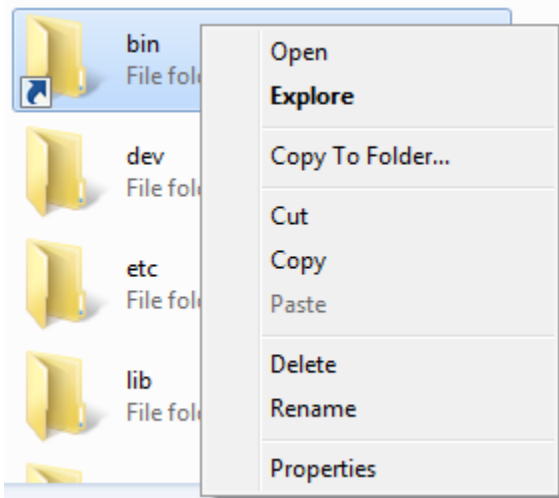
Without clicking on any folder in the FTP site, right-click and select '*Login As…*'

If you do not see this option it is likely that you clicked on a folder first, right-click outside of your selected folder until you get the set of options as shown below.

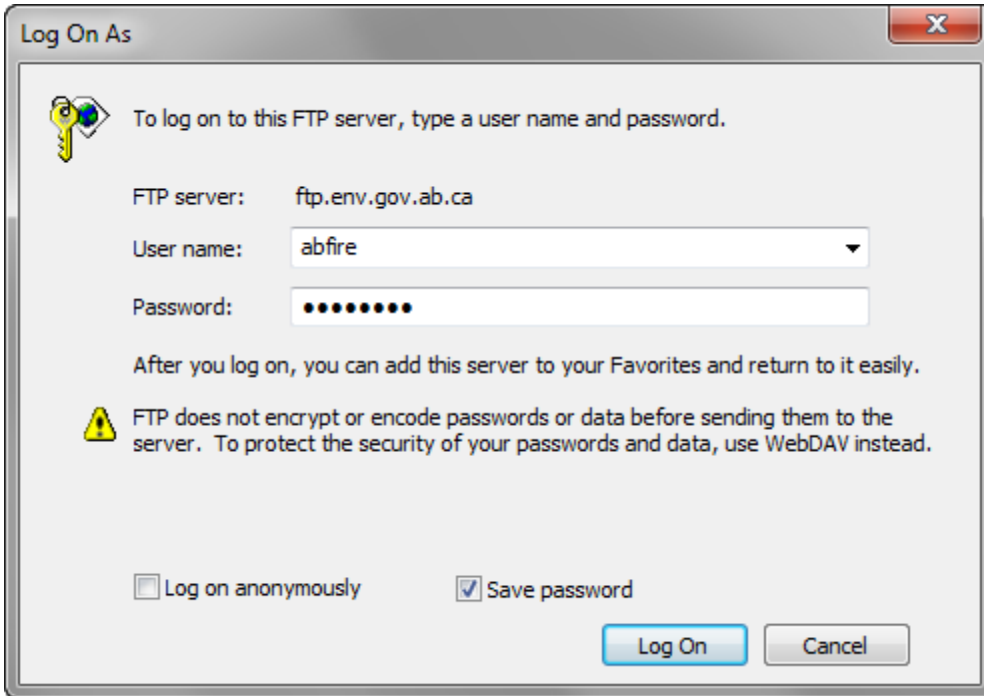If you are getting the following set of options you are right-clicking on a selected folder.

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After selecting '*Login As…*' the following dialogue box should open.

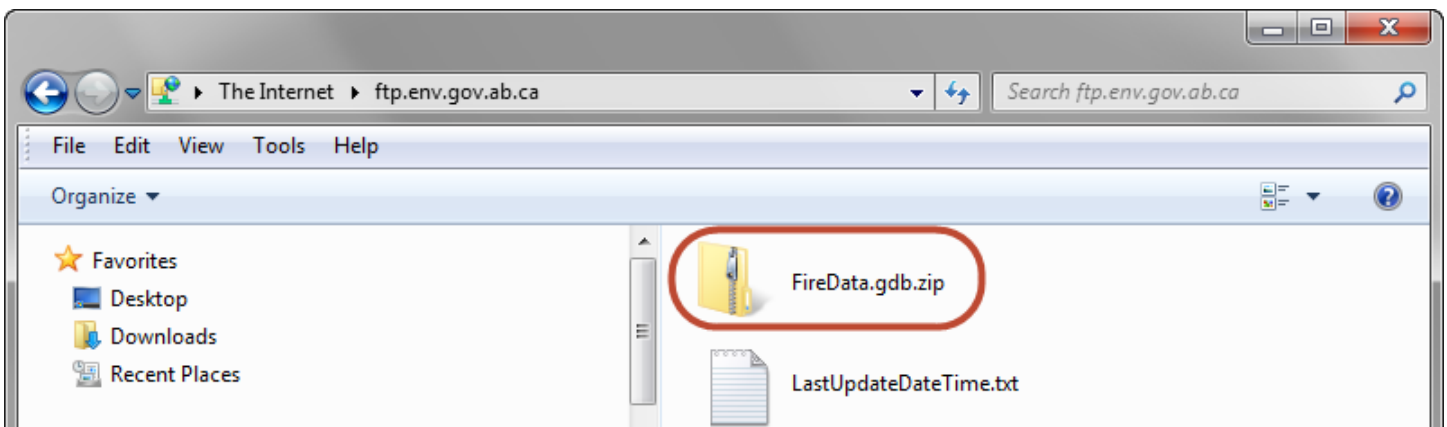Type in the User name and Password as follows:

User name: abfire
Password: #2B8s3r^

If you are expecting to return for further downloads check the '*Save password*' first and then click the '*Log On*' button.

Copy the '*FireData.gdb.zip*' to a local folder on your computer.

The File Geodatabase, version 10.1, contains the active fire point data and the fire perimeter data, and is updated twice per day at 10:03 and 15:03.

For future downloads open your '*Recent Places*' and find the '*ftp.env.gov.ab.ca/*' file link. You can copy this link to your desktop or any other place that would be convenient for you.

You will still have to follow the steps to '*Login As…*' but if you saved your password the next time will be quick and simple.