
Dawson Bay

Community Status

Dawson Bay is located on the north-western shore of Dawson Bay, part of Lake Winnipegosis. The community is approximately 35 kilometres north of Mafeking, and a little east of PTH #10.

The community operates with a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

Community Contacts

By mail

Dawson Bay Community Clerk
Box 57
Mafeking, Manitoba, R0L 1B0

By phone

Call (204) 545-2366
Fax (204) 545-2366
Email dawsonbay@xplornet.com

Office hours and staff

Regular office hours are not scheduled.

The community has a community administrative officer, public works employee, a water plant operator and volunteer fire chief.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	43
1991	52
1996	53
2001	25
2006	38

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are 13 housing units in the community.

By-laws

- Employee Benefits (by minister's regulation)
- Fire Department

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 19499. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	\$1,300
Real Property	135,630
Grants-in-lieu	114,940
Exempt	24,700
Total	\$ 276,570

Rate of Taxation (mills)

General Municipal	5.20
School levies	
Foundation	12.33
Frontier School Division (#48)	17.60
Business Tax	3.75%

Information from 2010 assessment roll and tax bylaw of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs.

Emergency Services

Fire

Fire fighting capability is based on a small "fast-attack" vehicle with limited water supply, hoses and equipment. Additional portable forestry-style equipment is available for grass and brush fires.

Police

Police response is from the Swan River detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 734-3454.

Medical

Medical services consisting of ambulance, clinics or hospital comes entirely from Swan River.

Community-based Services

Hydro

Provided by Manitoba Hydro as land line electric power. Residential rates are :

Basic charge	\$ 6.25 /month
First 175 kWh	5.78 cents/kWh
Balance	5.16 cents/kWh

Hydro Office is at Swan River, phone (204) 734-4505.

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Telephone

Dawson Bay is served by the MTS Mafeking exchange. Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual-line service and digital switching with toll-free calling to Barrows, Benito, Birch River, Bowsman, Cowan, Minitonas, Pelican Rapids, and Swan River. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687.

Water

A Community water treatment plant supplies chlorinated well water to a pail fill and the community hall. Residents are responsible for their own wells.

Waste Disposal

Disposal is limited to a solid-waste disposal site near the community.

Schools

School children for grades 1-6 are transported to school in Burrows. Higher grade students live away from home to attend school, generally Swan River or Cranberry Portage.

Recreation Facilities

- Community Hall
- Outdoor Skating Rink
- Beach
- Baseball Diamonds (2)

Recreation Activities:

- Snowmobiling
- Swimming
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Hockey
- Exercise Program
- Walking
- Playing cards
- Trapping
- Harvesting Maple sugar, Birch Bark for Baskets
- Community Hall

Government Services

Communities Economic Development Fund, Head Office located at Thompson, phone (204) 778-4138.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Western Region, District Office located at Swan River, phone (204) 734-3429.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Western Region, Natural Resources Officer is located at Mafeking, phone (204) 545-2263.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Western Region, Public Health Office is located at Swan River, phone (204) 734-6774.

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, Regional Services Branch, Parkland Regional Office located at Dauphin, phone (204) 622-2022.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Economic Development, Regional Office located at The Pas, phone (204) 627-8389.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Planning Services, Regional office located at Dauphin, phone (204) 622-2115.

Manitoba Justice Circuit Court sits at Swan River, coordinated by the Swan River Regional Court office, phone (204) 734-2252.

Manitoba Labour, Employment Standards Branch, Employment Standards Officer is located in Brandon, phone (204) 726-6926.

Manitoba Labour, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Assistant Fire Commissioner is located at Dauphin, phone (204) 1-888-253-1488.

Commercial Services

Accommodation

Nearest accommodation is at Swan River or Mafeking.

Transportation

Gardewine North provides freight service to Dawson Bay via all-weather road from the terminal at The Pas.

Businesses

- Dawson Bay Fresh Fish (204) 545-2049
- Dawson Bay Fish Packers (204) 545-2049
- Wild Things (204) 545-2098

Economic Overview

Dawson Bay was first settled as a fishing site by fishermen who commercially fished the bay and Lake Winnipegosis. The community continues to serve as a harbour and now has a fish packing plant, which operates in both summer and winter seasons.

There is limited trapping in open areas.

Although agriculture has not been developed, there is potential for some mixed farming. The soil, which is quite stony, produces good gardens.

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