
National Mills

Community Status

National Mills is located on PTH #77 between Barrows (10 kilometres to the east) and Westgate (4 kilometres to the west). PTH #77 connects Mafeking and PTH #10 with Saskatchewan.

National Mills has a mid-size population compared to the five communities in the surrounding area, including Baden, Powell, Barrows, Red Deer Lake, and Westgate.

It was one of a number of small logging communities built during the years of the sawmill operations on the edge of the Porcupine Provincial Forest.

National Mills is represented by a contact person under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

Community Contacts

By mail

National Mills Community CAO
Barrows Post Office
Barrows, Manitoba, R0L 0B0

By phone

Call (204) 545-6282
Fax (204) 545-6220
Email: nmcc@mts.net

Office hours and staff

Office hours are: Tues and Wed 8:00am - 5:00pm

In addition to the Community Administrative Officer, there is also a public works employee, volunteer fire chief and a shared recreation director with neighbouring communities.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	46
1991	23
1996	43
2001	20
2006	18

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are 14 housing units in the community.

By-laws

- Employee Benefits (by minister's regulation)

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 19308. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	nil
Real Property	\$24,910
Grants-in-lieu	41,940
Exempt	27,240
Total	94,270

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 limited to support from the nearby community of Barrows at (204) 545-6271.

Police

The Barrows community constable (204) 545-2350 provides response to the community with back-up from the Swan River detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 734-3454.

Medical

Medical response is based on service from the Parkland Regional Health Authority and has an ambulance stationed in Mafeking. The emergency number for the ambulance is (204) 734-2215.

Community-based Services

Hydro

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

Basic charge	\$ 6.85 /month
First 900 kWh	6.25 cents/KWH
Balance	6.30 cents/KWH

Hydro phone 1-888-MBHYDRO (1-888-624-9376).

Telephone

National Mills is served by the MTS Mafeking Exchange. MTS Allstream Inc., provides individual-line services and digital switching with toll-free calling to Barrows, Benito, Birch River, Bowsman, Cowan, Mafeking, Minitonas, Pelican Rapids and Swan River. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687.

Water

Water supply is from a drilled well to the water treatment plant where the water is filtered and chlorinated and then piped to the homes. A standpipe for public access is located at the WTP for pick-up of water.

Waste Disposal

A Regional solid-waste disposal site is near the community. There is weekly pickup services.

Schools

Children attend Mountain View School in Barrows, operated by Frontier School Division. There are six teachers and five support staff. Children from Barrows, Westgate, Powell, Red Deer Lake and Baden also attend the school Phone (204) 545-6246.

Recreation Facilities

- Community Hall, 1296 sq. Ft.
- Concession booth, 240 sq. ft.

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 Agriculture Food & Rural Initiatives; Valley North Go Team – Swan River Go Centre, business and community development support (204) 734-3417.

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 1-888-253-1488.

Commercial Services

Accommodation

The nearest commercial accommodation is at Mafeking.

Transportation

Gardewine North provides freight service; its terminal in Swan River.

Businesses

None on record at the present.

Economic Overview

The area is heavily forested and forest harvesting continues to be the dominant economic activity. Soils have potential for agricultural applications in the mixed farming sector.

Trapping provides an additional income and is carried out as part of the Porcupine and Shoal River Registered Trap Line Zones.

National Mills is a member of the Highway 77 Regional Round Table that strives to address the social and economic needs of the region. Contact (204) 545-6275 Barrows Council Office

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Parkland Regional Development Corporation provides support for community and regional community economic development; contact (204) 622-2145. www.parklandrdc.ca

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