
Red Sucker Lake

Community Status

Two closely related, adjoining but independent communities are known as Red Sucker Lake. The treaty community is part of the Island Lake Band, which was granted a reserve in 1978. The non-treaty community is located on two nearby islands.

Both communities are located on the north shore of Red Sucker Lake, approximately 350 air km Northeast from Winnipeg and 285 air km Southeast from Thompson. There are no land linkages except winter roads. All the information in this report relates to the non-treaty community unless noted.

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

Community Contacts

By mail

Red Sucker Lake Community Contact Person
Red Sucker Lake Post Office
Red Sucker Lake, Manitoba R0B 1H0

By phone

Call (204) 469-5616
Fax (204) 469-5152

Office hours and staff

There are no official office hours. Additional information can be obtained from the North Central Regional office located in Winnipeg, phone (204) 622-2110.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	54
1991	26
1996	25
2001	33
2006	15

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are nine housing units in the community.

By-laws

- Employee Benefits (by minister's regulation)

Boundary

A boundary has not been established for this community at this time.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	\$800
Real Property	193,670
Grants-in-lieu	80,200
Exempt	69,930
Total	344,420

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 forestry-style portable equipment.

Police

Police response is from the Island Lake detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 456-2626.

Medical

Medical response is based on the federal nursing station on the nearby reserve staffed with two nurses and a community health worker. The nearest hospital is at Norway House, although most flights are direct to Winnipeg. The community qualifies for Patient Air Transport Assistance.

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Community-based Services

Airstrip

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services, Northern Airports operate a 3,000' x 85' crushed rock on clay strip with terminal and remote-controlled lighting adjacent to the Red Sucker Reserve, but across the water from the community. Office is in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-3421, or airport manager phone (204) 469-5396.

Hydro

Hydro Office is at Garden Hill, phone (204) 456-2714.

Telephone

MTS All Stream Inc., provides individual-line service and digital switching with toll-free calling to Island Lake and Gods Lake Narrows. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687.

Water

A water intake system from Red Sucker Lake to a treatment plant was installed in 1991/92. The treated water is available at a pail-fill station at the pump-house. The school has its own system. Some homes have piped water.

Waste Disposal

A solid-waste disposal site is near the community. Residents transport their own wastes to the site.

Liquid-waste disposal consists of septic tanks and fields.

Schools

Children attend the Disbrowe School operated by Frontier School Division with one teacher and one support staff. Phone (204) 469-5778

Recreation Facilities

- Community Meeting Place – 500 sq. ft.

Government Services

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

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-east Region Office, District Office located at Island Lake, phone (204) 456-2362.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Northeastern Region, Fire control Officer located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6627.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-east Region Public Health, phone (204) 677-6703.

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, Regional Services Branch, Norman Region Office located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6780.

Manitoba Agriculture Food & Rural Initiatives; East-man Go Team – Beausejour Go Centre, business and community development support (204) 268-6094.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Planning Services, Regional Office located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6700.

Manitoba Justice Circuit Court sits at Island Lake and is coordinated by the Thompson Regional Court Office, phone (204) 677-6759.

Manitoba Labour, Employment Services Standards, Employment Standards Officer is located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6664.

Manitoba Labour, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Assistant Fire Commissioner is located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6592.

Commercial Services

Accommodation

Nearest commercial accommodation is at Island Lake.

Transportation

- Both Horbas Transfer and Gardewine North provide winter road freight service to this community. At other times they will deliver to the nearest air carrier serving the community.
- Scheduled air service is by Perimeter Airline (Inland) Limited and Northland Air Manitoba. Charter services are available from Islandair and Red Sucker Lake Air Services.

Businesses

- Northern Stores – phone (204) 469-5392
- Red Sucker Lake Restaurant (reserve) – phone (204) 469-5325

Economic Overview

The community is situated in the Precambrian shield region of Manitoba and there are indications of the presence of gold, lithium and nickel ore bodies in the area. There are no operating mines at the present.

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The area is heavily forested, but the remoteness and lack of transportation makes harvesting this resource impractical at the present time.

The primary activity is trapping, with a small amount of fishing. The community shares the Island Lake RTL zone with Garden Hill, St. Theresa Pt. and Wasagamack.