
Bissett

Community Overview

History

Bissett originally acted as the service centre for the San Antonio gold mine. During the 25 years from 1943 to 1968, some 200 employees produced 38,272.13 grams of gold and 6,108.62 grams of silver. The mine was closed down as being uneconomical. Since 1980/81, the mine has opened and closed several times. It is now in a care and maintenance phase.

Access

The community is located on Provincial Road 304 about 256 kilometres (km) northeast of Winnipeg. This road has now been extended into the Nopiming Provincial Park and to Wallace Lake, 32 km to the east and southward through the park to Bird River Road. The road traverses a major recreation area and Bissett is one of two major entry points.

Governance

The community was recognized in October 1972 and is represented by a mayor and council under The Northern Affairs Act.

Economic Overview

Conservation, trapping and mining are major contributors to the local economy. Tourism and local services also provide income. Trapping is largely confined to registered traplines in the Hole River and Lac du Bonnet Registered Trapline (RTL) Zones. Bissett shares this RTL Zone with other nearby communities. Commercial fishing is not a large contributor to the local economy. The San Antonio gold mine when in production is a major contributor to the community. The Bissett Development Corporation is responsible for encouraging economic development in the area.

Contacts

Bissett Community Council
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Bissett, MB R0E 0J0

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Office hours: Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bissett Development Corporation

Phone: 204-277-5218

Staff

The community employs a community administrative officer, public works employee/water operator and backup, part-time recreation director, part-time transfer station attendant, fire chief and emergency coordinator.

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	146
1991	154
1996	159
2001	243
2006	120
2011	130
2016	108
2021	115

**information is from Statistics Canada*

Households

There are 100 housing units.

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18427A. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Information is from the 2023 assessment roll and Tax Rates Regulation (2023) of Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$83,100
Real Property	\$9,685,260
Total	\$9,768,360

Grants-in-lieu	\$733,740
Exempt	\$388,220
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	5.7 mills
Business Tax	3.75%
School Levies	
Education Support	8.140 mills
Frontier School Division #48	12.422 mills

Emergency Services

Fire

Firefighting capability is based on a pumper truck accompanied by a ¾ ton truck and equipment from the fire hall. The volunteer fire department responds locally. Portable forestry equipment is available for grass and brush fires.

Police

Police response is from the Powerview RCMP detachment. Phone: 204-367-2222.

Medical

There is no ground ambulance in the community at this time. Medical response is provided by ambulance service operated by Interlake Eastern Regional Health Association. The nearest hospital is in Powerview-Pine Falls.

Communication Services

Phone

BellMTS provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to: Manigotagan, Powerview-Pine Falls exchanges. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

Cellular Service/High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi
Available.

Community-Based Services

Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office toll free: 1-888-624-9376.

Water

A conventional treatment plant provides treated water to residents by watermains.

Wastewater

Wastewater is transported to a lagoon by low pressure collection system or truck haul.

Waste Disposal

The community has a solid waste transfer station a few km away.

Schools

The San Antonio School in Bissett, operated by Frontier School Division, serves 4 students from Nursery to Grade 9. Phone: 204-277-5277.

Recreation Facilities

- baseball diamond
- beach area
- campground
- curling rink and hall
- outdoor rink with change house

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- Hotel San Antonio has beer vendor and pub. Phone: 204-277-5250.
- Northern Wings Bed and Breakfast offers lodging. Phone: 204-277-5215.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service to the community.
- Blue Water Aviation provides charter air services between Bissett and other points.

Business Directory

Business	Phone
Bissett Air Service and Outfitters	204-277-5262
Blue Water Aviation	204-277-5536
Byron's Trucking and Contracting	204-277-5262
Clinton Spence Contracting	204-277-5070
Fishing Lake Lodge	204-277-5262
Post Office	204-277-5139
1911 Gold Mine	204-277-5411
Wynne's Place Ltd	204-277-5500

Government Services

Provincial Government Departments

Manitoba Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources

Regional Operations, Eastern Region, District Office and conservation officer Phone: 204-367-6132 in Powerview-Pine Falls. Fire operations manager Phone: 204-345-1419 in Lac du Bonnet. Fire base Phone: 204-277-5212 in Bissett.

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

Regional drinking water officer Phone: 204-642-6134 in Gimli. Environment officer Phone: 204-345-1490 in Lac du Bonnet. The 24 hour environmental emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care

Public health inspector Phone: 204-345-1447 in Lac du Bonnet.

Manitoba Indigenous Economic Development

Communities Economic Development Fund (CEDF) Phone: 204-778-4138 in Thompson (Head Office) or toll free: 1-800-561-4315.

Manitoba Justice

Circuit court sits at Powerview-Pine Falls coordinated by the Selkirk Regional Court Office Phone: 204-785-5077.

Manitoba Labour and Immigration

Employment Standards Branch Phone: 204-945-3352 in Winnipeg or toll free: 1-800-821-4307.

Inspection and Technical Services, building inspector Phone: 204-945-3373 in Winnipeg or Email: TechnicalServices@gov.mb.ca.

Workplace Safety and Health Branch toll free: 1-855-957-SAFE (7233).

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations

Northern Affairs, North Central Region Phone: 204-622-2110 in Dauphin. The 24 hour emergency number toll free: 1-866-735-3111.

Community and Regional Planning Branch, Regional Office Phone: 204-268-6058 in Beausejour.

Community Development Branch, Eastman/ Norman Region regional consultant Phone: 204-268-6021 in Beausejour.

Office of the Fire Commissioner, emergency services officer Phone: 204-726-6855 in Brandon or Email: firecomm@gov.mb.ca. The 24 hour emergency response number toll free: 1-888-253-1488.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure
Emergency Measures Organization, General Office and emergency management advisor Phone: 204-945-3050 in Winnipeg or toll free: 1-888-267-8298.

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