# **Easterville**

# **Community Overview**

# **History**

The community developed beside the Chemawawin Cree Nation reserve. Both relocated to this site in 1962-63 as a result of the flooding of Cedar Lake caused by construction of the hydro dam on the Saskatchewan River where it enters Lake Winnipeg at Grand Rapids. Information relates to the non-reserve side, unless otherwise noted.

### **Access**

The community is located on the south shore of Cedar Lake 40 kilometres (km) by air west of Grand Rapids. Road access is provided by Provincial Road 327 which connects both Provincial Trunk Highways 6 and 10. Both Grand Rapids and The Pas are approximately 100 km from the community.

### Governance

The community is represented by a mayor and council under The Northern Affairs Act.

# **Economic Overview**

The area is a mixture of rock outcrops, small pockets of marsh and black spruce timber. Some timber can be selectively harvested. The most important economic activity is commercial fishing on Cedar Lake. The local fish station packs fish for transportation to The Pas. Community trappers share the Cedar Lake (Easterville) and Grand Rapids Registered Trapline Zones with Grand Rapids. Trapping is the second most important source of income.

### **Contacts**

Easterville Community Council Box 116 Easterville, MB R0C 0V0

Email: sawhsupportservices@mymts.net

No scheduled office hours.

#### Staff

The community employs an assistant community administrative officer and bookkeeper.

### **Statistics**

Census Year	Population
1985	230
1991	145
1996	90
2001	80
2006	80
2011	71
2016	44
2021	28

<sup>\*</sup>information is from Statistics Canada

### Households

There are nine housing units.

# **Boundary**

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18562. 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	\$16,800	
Real Property	\$554,210	
Total	\$571,010	
Grants-in-lieu	\$257,870	
Exempt	\$155,140	
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

There are currently no fire services available locally.

#### **Police**

Police response is from the Chemawawin Cree Nation RCMP detachment. Phone: 204-329-2000.

### Medical

Medical response is limited to a federal nursing station on the reserve, staffed by three nurses, community health worker and two on-call workers. The nearest hospital is in The Pas. Emergency medical transport service is provided by a medical van. Phone: 204-329-2563.

# **Communication Services**

### **Phone**

BellMTS provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to Grand Rapids. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

#### Cellular Service

Available.

# High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi

StarLink is available.

# **Community-Based Services**

# **Airstrip**

An unattended limited maintenance 2,600' x 35' emergency gravel airstrip is located on the edge of the community. It is necessary to phone the nursing station in advance to arrange for use.

#### Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office: 204-639-2208 in Grand Rapids.

# Water

Treated water is delivered by truck haul to residents from the water treatment plant located on the reserve.

### Wastewater

Wastewater is delivered from holding tanks to the lagoon located on the reserve.

### **Waste Disposal**

There is a solid waste site located south of the community which is used by the reserve as well.

### **Schools**

The reserve operates the Chemawawin School, which serves 535 students from Nursery to Grade 12 from both the reserve and community. Phone: 204-329-2115.

University College of the North operates its Chemamawin (Easterville) Regional Centre in Easterville that offers recognized certificate, diploma and degree programs. It also offers customized courses to meet community needs. Phone: 204-329-2420.

### **Recreation Facilities**

- baseball diamond
- playground
- soccer field, basketball court

# **Commercial Services**

#### Accommodation

Nearest is in Grand Rapids.

# **Transportation**

- Gardewine North provides freight service from either The Pas or Winnipeg terminals. Office toll free: 1-800-665-7340.
- The local taxi service provides both local service and transport to The Pas or Grand Rapids.
- Daily bus passenger and parcel service is available between The Pas and Winnipeg as far as the Easterville cut-off (about three km from the community).

# **Business Directory**

Business	Phone
Easterville Fisher's	
Association	204-329-2001
Griffin's Lucky Dollar Foods	204-329-2156
Herman's Taxi	204-329-2224
Ledoux Taxi	204-329-2264

# **Government Services**

# **Provincial Government Departments**

Manitoba Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources
Regional Operations, Western Region, District Office and conservation officer Phone:

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204-659-5208 in Gypsumville. Fire operations manager Phone: 204-627-8267 in The Pas.

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change Regional drinking water officer Phone: 204-648-5200 in Dauphin. Environment officer Phone: 204-620-5797 or 431-355-2245 in The Pas. The 24 hour environmental emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care Public health inspector Phone: 204-627-8307 in The Pas.

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 Easterville coordinated by The Pas Regional Court Office Phone: 204-627-8420.

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: <u>TechnicalServices@gov.mb.ca</u>.

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

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations Northern Affairs, Northern Region Phone: 204-677-6786 in Thompson. The 24 hour emergency number toll free: 1-866-735-3111.

Community and Regional Planning Branch, Regional Office Phone: 204-945-8353 in Winnipeg.

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: <a href="mailto:firecomm@gov.mb.ca">firecomm@gov.mb.ca</a>. 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.

