
Incorporated Community of Nelson House

Community Overview

History

Two communities share the name Nelson House, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation reserve and the adjacent non-reserve community incorporated in 2004. The community was built at its present location as a result of the Churchill River Diversion through the Rat River. Residents previously lived on the reserve, but established the community when adjustments to diversion plans were taking place. Information relates to the non-reserve side, unless otherwise noted.

Access

The community is situated on a bay on the north shore of Footprint Lake 75 kilometres west of Thompson. Provincial Road 391 and a community access road connects the community to Thompson or Leaf Rapids.

Governance

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

Economic Overview

Economic activity is based on fishing and trapping. Fishers at Nelson House have their catch transported to either Leaf Rapids or Wabowden fish stations. Trapping is carried out in the Nelson House Registered Trapline Zone.

Contacts

Incorporated Community of Nelson House
General Delivery
Nelson House, MB R0B 1A0

Phone: 204-484-2023

Fax: 204-484-2110

Phone: 204-484-2550 Water Treatment Plant

Email: sawhsupportservices@mymts.net

No scheduled office hours.

Staff

The community employs a public works employee/water operator and backup.

Statistics

| Census Year | Population |
|-------------|------------|
| 1985 | 108 |
| 1991 | 78 |
| 1996 | 77 |
| 2001 | 54 |
| 2006 | 86 |
| 2011 | 75 |
| 2016 | 71 |
| 2021 | 70 |

**information is from Statistics Canada*

Households

There are 20 housing units.

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 45/2004 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18763. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Information is from the 2023 assessment roll, incorporated community tax levy bylaw and Tax Rates Regulation (2023) of Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations.

| Value of Assessment | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Business | 0 |
| Real Property | \$380,480 |
| Total | \$380,480 |
| Grants-in-lieu | \$285,180 |
| Exempt | \$19,960 |
| 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 small fast-attack vehicle with limited water supply, hoses and equipment. In addition, portable forestry-style equipment is available for grass

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and brush fires. The reserve may respond locally.

Police

Police response is from the Nelson House RCMP detachment. Phone: 204-484-2288.

Medical

Medical support is from the federal nursing station on the reserve, which has two nurses, two health workers, a weekly doctor's clinic and a monthly dental clinic. Phone: 204-484-2031. The nearest hospital is in Thompson.

Communication Services

Phone

BellMTS provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to: Thompson, South Indian Lake. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

Cellular Service

Available.

High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi

Unavailable.

Community-Based Services

Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office: 204-677-2357 in Thompson.

Water

Water is pumped from Footprint Lake, filtered and chlorinated. Distribution is through a piped water distribution system.

Wastewater

Wastewater is collected from holding tanks and hauled to the lagoon on the reserve.

Waste Disposal

The joint use solid waste site is located on the reserve with pickup weekly.

Schools

Students attend the reserve operated schools by an agreement with Frontier School Division and the reserve to cover costs. The two schools

serve 1,022 students from Nursery to Grade 12. Otetiskiwin Kiskinwamahtowekamik (N-8) Phone: 204-484-2242 and Nisichawayasihk Neyo Ohtinwak Collegiate (9-12) Phone: 204-484-2602.

University College of the North operates its Nisichawayasihk (Nelson House) Regional Centre in Nelson House that offers recognized certificate, diploma and degree programs. It also offers customized courses to meet community needs. Phone: 204-484-2886.

Recreation Facilities

- ball field and park area
- beach area
- community hall and office
- change house

Commercial Services

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service from the Thompson terminal. Office toll free: 1-800-665-7340.
- The local taxi services all provide service locally and to and from Thompson.

Business Directory

| Business | Phone |
|--|--------------|
| N.C.N. Store | 204-484-2676 |
| Nisichawayasihk Construction Limited Partnership | 204-484-2084 |
| Northern Store (on reserve) | 204-484-2343 |
| Otohowin Gas Station | 204-484-2691 |

Government Services

Provincial Government Departments

Manitoba Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources

Regional Operations, Northern Region, District Office and conservation officer Phone: 204-677-6640 and fire operations manager Phone: 204-677-6623 in Thompson.

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

Regional drinking water officer Phone: 204-677-6704 in Thompson. Environment officer Phone: 204-620-5797 or 431-355-2245 in

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The Pas. The 24 hour environmental emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

Phone: 204-945-3050 in Winnipeg or toll free: 1-888-267-8298.

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
Public health inspector Phone: 204-677-6472 in Thompson.

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 Nelson House coordinated by the Thompson Regional Court Office Phone: 204-677-6761.

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, 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: 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

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