# **Loon Straits**

# **Community Overview**

#### **History**

Loon Straits is located on the east shore of Lake Winnipeg diagonally opposite Washow Bay and about 50 kilometres (km) north of Manigotagan.

#### Access

An all season road connects to an access road. Other access is gained by boat and barge from Calder's Dock on the west shore 11 km across the narrow portion of the lake.

#### Governance

Loon Straits is represented by a contact person and defined as a settlement under The Northern Affairs Act.

#### **Economic Overview**

The settlement is primarily used as a cottage area.

#### **Contacts**

Loon Straits Contact Person 208-1192 River Road St. Andrews, MB R1A 1Z6

Phone: 204-481-1925 Home: 204-785-9302

Email: wamonk46@gmail.com

#### **Statistics**

Census Year	Population
1985	6
1991	8
1996	11
2001	10
2006	16
2011	5
2016	10
2021	10

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

#### Households

There are five year-round housing units and 28 seasonal housing units.

#### **Boundary**

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 19543A. 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	0	
Real Property	\$801,890	
Total	\$801,890	
Grants-in-lieu	\$20,170	
Exempt	\$27,930	
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 limited to forestry-style portable equipment and a tractor to move the equipment around.

#### **Police**

Police response is from the Selkirk RCMP detachment who fly some distance to the community. Phone: 204-482-3322.

#### Medical

No medical support exists besides basic first aid.

### **Communication Services**

#### **Phone**

BellMTS Pine Dock Exchange provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to: Arborg, Hecla, Poplarfield, Riverton, Vidir. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

#### Cellular Service/Wi-Fi

Unavailable.

#### **High-Speed Internet**

Rural available.

# **Community-Based Services**

#### Airstrip

During the summer, a non-licensed grass strip is available for small aircraft.

#### Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office: 204-382-2454 in Berens River.

#### Water

Water is obtained from Lake Winnipeg by private systems. There is no treatment.

#### **Waste Disposal**

A solid waste site is located nearby.

#### **Schools**

The school has been closed for a number of years.

# **Commercial Services**

### **Transportation**

Freight service arrangements can be made with Riverton Transfer.

### **Government Services**

### **Provincial Government Departments**

Manitoba Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources
Regional Operations, Eastern Region, District Office and conservation officer Phone: 204-345-1410 and fire operations manager Phone: 204-345-1419 in Lac du Bonnet.

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: <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.

