Barrows

Community Overview

Barrows is the approximate centre of a group of five including Baden, Powell, National Mills and Red Deer Lake. Close by is the Westgate cottage area. Barrows is the largest community of the group and provides services to the area.

Access
Barrows is located on Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 77 between Mafeking and the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border. The highway is the approximate northern boundary of the Porcupine Provincial Forest.

Governance
The community is represented by a mayor and council under The Northern Affairs Act and first recognized as a community in 1984.

Community Contacts

Barrows Community Council
General Delivery
Barrows, MB R0L 0B0

Phone: 204-545-6275
Fax: 204-545-6220
Email: barrows@xplornet.com

Office Hours and Staff
Monday to Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The community employs a community administrative officer, public works employee, regional community safety officer, volunteer fire chief and a regional recreation director.

Economic Overview

Barrows originated in the 19th century when the Red Deer Lake Sawmill was in operation. The mill was closed in 1927 and since that time several small sawmills have operated for short periods of time. The area is heavily forested and forest harvesting continues to provide some employment with saw logs for some mills. Local soils have potential for agricultural development and there is limited ranching.

Trapping continues to be a major source of employment and the community shares traplines in the Porcupine and Shoal River Registered Trapline Zones with other communities.

Community Statistics

Population	
1985	176
1991	144
1996	148
2001	127
2006	120
2011	109

Information is from Statistics Canada.

Households
There are 54 housing units.

Boundary
Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 19309. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes
Information is from the 2015 assessment roll and Manitoba Regulation 117/2015 tax rates and levy of Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Business	NIL
Real Property	$356,960
Grants-in-lieu	$83,680
Exempt	$270,940
Total	$711,580
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal mills	5.7
Business Tax	3.75%
School Levies	
Foundation mills	11.61
Frontier School Division #48 mills	15.399

Emergency Services

Fire
Fire fighting capability is based on a pumper truck and equipment from the fire hall. Portable forestry equipment is available for grass and brush fires. The volunteer fire department also responds to the nearby communities. The fire department is part of a regional mutual aid district and can receive back-up from Mafeking as required. Emergency Phone: 204-545-6271.

Police
Police response is from the Swan River RCMP detachment Phone: 204-734-3454. The community safety officer Phone: 204-545-2450 responds locally and in the surrounding area.

Medical
Medical services and hospital facilities are provided from Swan River which is the nearest major centre. Ambulance service is provided by the Parkland Regional Health Authority Phone: 204-734-2215. An ambulance is stationed at Mafeking.

Communication Services

Phone
Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to Benito, Birch River, Bowsman, Cowan, Mafeking, Minitonas, Pelican Rapids and Swan River. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

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

Community Based Services

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

Water and Wastewater
Water is provided by two local wells. The water is treated through a reverse osmosis process, chlorinated and then piped to residences.

Sewage is piped from residences to a three cell sewage lagoon located near the community.

Other liquid waste is collected by a pumpout truck and deposited in the lagoon.

Waste Disposal
A waste disposal site is located 2 kilometres west of the community on PTH 77. This is a regional site supervised and open 12 hours per week. Waste is picked up weekly by the public works employee.

Schools
Students attend the Mountain View School in Barrows operated by Frontier School Division. Students from the surrounding area also attend. The school serves 22 students from Nursery to Grade 9. Phone: 204-545-6246.

Recreation Facilities
➢ Baseball diamond
➢ Outdoor rink with change house
➢ Recreation hall

Government Services

Manitoba Sustainable Development
Regional Operations, Western Region, District Office and Conservation Officer Phone: 204-734-3429 in Swan River. Fire Control Officer Phone: 204-627-8332 in The Pas.

Environment Officer Phone: 204-622-2134 and Drinking Water Officer Phone: 204-622-2153 in Dauphin. After hours emergency number toll free: 1-855-944-4888 (officers on call).

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living
Public Health Inspector Phone: 204-627-8307 in The Pas.

Manitoba Justice
Circuit court sits at Swan River coordinated by the Swan River Regional Court Office Phone: 204-734-2252.

Manitoba Growth, Enterprise and Trade
Employment Standards Branch Phone: 204-726-6926 in Brandon or toll free: 1-800-821-4307.

Office of the Fire Commissioner, Deputy Fire Commissioner Phone: 204-726-6855 in

Brandon. The 24 hour emergency number toll free: 1-888-389-3473.

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

Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations
North Central Regional Office Phone: 204-622-2110 in Dauphin. The 24 hour emergency number toll free: 1-866-753-3111

Recreation and Regional Services Branch Phone: 204-622-2022 in Dauphin.

Community and Regional Planning Branch, Regional Office Phone: 204-622-2157 in Dauphin.

Commercial Services

Accommodation
➢ A Bed and Breakfast and small (limited service) restaurant is located in the community.

Transportation
➢ Gardewine North provides freight services from its Swan River terminal.
➢ Williamson Trucking provides some freight service out of Westgate.

Business Directory

Business	Phone
Barrows Post Office	204-545-2227

Community Boundary
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