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Community Overview

History

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. Barrows is the approximate centre of a group of five including Baden, Powell, National Mills and Red Deer Lake. Barrows is the largest community of the group.

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.

Economic Overview

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.

Contacts

Barrows Community Council
General Delivery
Barrows, MB R0L 0B0

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

Office hours: Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Staff

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

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	176
1991	144
1996	148
2001	127
2006	120
2011	109
2016	98

**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 2020 assessment roll and Tax Rates and Levy Regulation (2020) of Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$3,000
Real Property	\$416,570
Grants-in-lieu	\$76,350
Exempt	\$217,810
Total	\$713,730
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	5.7 mills
Business Tax	3.75%
School Levies	
Education Support	8.828 mills
Frontier School Division #48	13.202 mills

Emergency Services

Fire

Firefighting capability is based on a pumper

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truck and equipment from the fire hall. Portable forestry equipment is available for grass and brush fires. The volunteer fire department also responds to nearby areas. The fire department is part of a regional mutual aid district and can receive backup 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 responds locally and in the surrounding area. Phone: 204-545-2450.

Medical

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

Communication Services

Phone

BellMTS provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to: Benito, Birch River, Bowsman, Cowan, Mafeking, Minitonas, Pelican Rapids, 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

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

Wastewater

Wastewater is piped from residences to a three cell lagoon located near the community. Other liquid waste is collected by a pump-out truck and deposited in the lagoon.

Waste Disposal

A regional site, located two kilometres west of the community on PTH 77, is open 12 hours per week. Solid waste is picked up weekly.

Schools

The Barrows Junction School, operated by Frontier School Division, serves 22 students from Nursery to Grade 9. Phone: 204-545-6246.

Recreation Facilities

- baseball diamond
- outdoor rink with change house
- recreation hall

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
Post Office	204-545-2227

Government Services

Provincial Government Departments

Manitoba Conservation and Climate

Drinking water officer Phone: 204-648-5200 and environment officer Phone: 204-622-2134 in Dauphin. The 24 hour emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

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.

Manitoba Economic Development and Training

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

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Manitoba Finance

Employment Standards Branch Phone:
204-726-6926 in Brandon or toll free:
1-800-821-4307.

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

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living

Public health inspector Phone: 204-627-8307 in
The Pas.

Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations

Northern Affairs Branch, North Central Region
Phone: 204-622-2110 in Dauphin. The 24 hour
emergency number toll free: 1-866-753-3111.

Manitoba Infrastructure

Emergency Measures Organization, General
Office and emergency management advisor toll
free: 1-888-267-8298.

Manitoba Justice

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

Manitoba Municipal Relations

Community and Regional Planning Branch,
Regional Office Phone: 204-622-21115 in
Dauphin.

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

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

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