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# Bissett

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## Community Overview

Bissett originally acted as the service centre for the San Antonio gold mine. During the 25 years from 1943 to 1968, some 200 employees produced 38,272.13 grams of gold and 6,108.62 grams of silver. The mine was closed down as being uneconomical. Since 1980-81, the mine has opened and closed several times. It is now in a care and maintenance phase.

### Access

The community is located on Provincial Road 304 about 256 kilometres (km) northeast of Winnipeg. This road has now been extended into the Nopiming Provincial Park and to Wallace Lake, 32 km to the east and southward through the park to Bird River Road. The road traverses a major recreation area and Bissett is one of two major entry points.

### Governance

The community was recognized in October 1972 and is represented by a mayor and council under The Northern Affairs Act.

## Community Contacts

Bissett Community Council  
Box 30  
Bissett, MB R0E 0J0

Phone: 204-277-5218  
Fax: 204-277-5521  
Email: [bissettcc@xplornet.ca](mailto:bissettcc@xplornet.ca)

### Office Hours and Staff

Monday to Thursday: 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and  
1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The community employs a community administrative officer, public works employee, part-time recreation director, part-time transfer station attendant and three water treatment plant operators.

## Economic Overview

Conservation, trapping and mining are major contributors to the local economy. Tourism and the local services also provide income. Trapping is largely confined to registered traplines in the Hole River and Lac du Bonnet Registered Trapline (RTL) Zones. Bissett shares this RTL Zone with other nearby communities.

Commercial fishing is not a large contributor to the local economy. The San Antonio gold mine when in production is a major contributor to the community.

The community formed the Bissett Community Development Corporation responsible for encouraging economic development in the area.

## Community Statistics

| Population |     |
|------------|-----|
| 1985       | 146 |
| 1991       | 154 |
| 1996       | 159 |
| 2001       | 243 |
| 2006       | 120 |
| 2011       | 130 |

*\*Information is from Statistics Canada.*

### Households

There are 100 housing units.

### Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18427A. 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            | \$72,600 |

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Real Property                      | \$6,295,870 |
| Grants-in-lieu                     | \$743,710   |
| Exempt                             | \$330,270   |
| Total                              | \$7,442,450 |
| <b>Rate of Taxation</b>            |             |
| General Municipal mills            | 5.7         |
| Business Tax                       | 3.75%       |
| <b>School Levies</b>               |             |
| Foundation mills                   | 11.61       |
| Frontier School Division #48 mills | 15.399      |

## Emergency Services

### Fire

Fire fighting capability is based on a pumper truck accompanied by a ¾ ton truck and equipment from the fire hall. Portable forestry equipment is available for grass and brush fires.

### Police

Police response is from the Powerview RCMP detachment Phone: 204-367-2222. The community shares a community safety officer with Manigotagan and Seymourville Phone: 204-363-7246.

### Medical

Medical response is provided by ambulance service operated by Interlake Eastern Regional Health Association. The nearest hospital is in Powerview-Pine Falls.

## Communication Services

### Phone

Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to Manigotagan and Powerview-Pine Falls exchanges. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

**Cellular Service/High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi**  
Available.

## Community Based Services

### Hydro

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

### Water and Wastewater

The water source is Rice Lake. In 1987, an upgraded intake line was installed. Treatment consists of a nanofiltration system followed by chlorination. Water is then distributed by line throughout the community.

Sewage is transported to a lagoon by low pressure collection system or truck haul.

### Waste Disposal

The community has a solid waste transfer station a few km away.

### Schools

The San Antonio School, located in the community, is operated by Frontier School Division with two teachers and two support staff. The school serves 16 students from Nursery to Grade 9. Phone: 204-277-5277.

### Recreation Facilities

- Baseball diamond
- Beach area
- Campground
- Curling rink and hall
- Outdoor rink with change house

## Government Services

### Manitoba Sustainable Development

Regional Operations, Eastern Region, District Office Phone: 204-367-6130 and Conservation Officer Phone: 204-367-6131 in Powerview-Pine Falls. Fire Control Officer Phone: 204-345-1419 in Lac du Bonnet.

Environment Officer Phone: 204-345-1486 in Lac Du Bonnet and Drinking Water Officer Phone: 204-642-6134 in Gimli. After hours emergency number toll free: 1-855-944-4888 (officers on call).

### Manitoba Health, Seniors and Healthy Living

Public Health Inspector Phone: 204-345-1447 in Lac du Bonnet.

### Manitoba Justice

Circuit court sits at Powerview-Pine Falls coordinated by the Selkirk Regional Court Office Phone: 204-785-5077.

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Manitoba Growth, Enterprise and Trade  
Employment Standards Branch Phone:  
204-945-3352 in Winnipeg or toll free:  
1-800-821-4307.

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| W.Zirk Lumber/Contracting       | 204-277-5275 |
| Clinton Spence Contracting      | 204-277-5070 |
| Byrons Trucking and Contracting | 204-277-5262 |

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: 1-866-735-3111.

Recreation and Regional Services Branch toll  
free: 1-800-665-6107 in Beausejour.

Community and Regional Planning Branch,  
Regional Office Phone: 204-268-6063 in  
Beausejour.

## Commercial Services

### Accommodation

- Hotel San Antonio has rooms, restaurant and pub. Phone: 204-277-5250.
- Northern Wings Bed and Breakfast offers lodging. Phone: 204-277-5215.

### Transportation

- Gardewine North serves the community.
- Blue Water Aviation provides charter air services between Bissett and other points.

### Business Directory

| Business                        | Phone        |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Bissett Development Corporation | 204-277-5463 |
| Bissett Outfitters              | 204-277-5262 |
| Wynne Drilling Ltd.             | 204-277-5220 |
| Bissett Service and Hardware    | 204-277-5585 |
| Blue Water Aviation             | 204-277-5536 |
| Fishing Lake Lodge              | 204-277-5262 |
| Mine                            | 204-277-5411 |
| Wynne's Place                   | 204-277-5500 |

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