
Cormorant

Community Status

Cormorant is situated on the east shore of Cormorant Lake, in west-central Manitoba, 48 kilometres Northeast of The Pas. The Hudson Bay Railway, owned and operated by Omni Trax Ltd. passes through the community.

The main section of the community is on a point along the north shore of "The Narrows" which connects Cormorant Lake with Little Cormorant Lake. A single-lane timber bridge and causeway connect the balance of the community on the south shore of the "The Narrows." PR #287 provides access from PTH #10 going to The Pas.

Community Contacts

By mail

Cormorant Community Council
Box 1
Cormorant, Manitoba, R0B 0G0

By phone

Call: (204) 357-2145
Fax: (204) 357-2224
Email: cormorantcc@xplornet.com

Office hours and staff

Office hours are:
Mon to Fri 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

The community also employs 2 public works employees, a community constable, volunteer fire chief, recreation director, park attendant and caretaker.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	382
1991	482
1996	436
2001	400
2006	334

Information is from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are 139 housing units in the community.

By-laws

- Dog Control
- Employee Benefits (by minister's regulation)
- Financial Reserves
- Fire Department
- Land Use Policy

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 19305. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	\$57,800
Real Property	1,405,190
Grants-in-lieu	398,440
Exempt	1,072,510
School Exempt	241,540
Total	3,175,480

Rate of Taxation (mills)

General Municipal	5.20
School levies	
Foundation	12.33
Frontier School Division (#48)	17.60
Business Tax	3.75%

Information is from the 2010 assessment roll and tax bylaw of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs.

Emergency Services

Fire

Fire fighting capability is based on a pumper truck and equipment from the community fire hall. Portable forestry equipment is also available for grass and brush fires.

Police

Police response is from The Pas detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 627-6200. The community constable also responds, phone (204) 357-2164 (after beep, press 1-0)

Medical

Medical services consist of a nursing station staffed by a registered nurse and a community health worker. Ambulance and hospital services can be obtained from The Pas.

Community-based Services

Hydro

Provided by Manitoba Hydro as land- line electric power. Residential rates are:

Basic charge	\$ 6.25 /month
First 175 kWh	5.78 cents/kWh
Balance	5.16 cents/kWh

Hydro Regional Office is at The Pas, phone (204) 623-7471.

Telephone

Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual line service and digital switching with toll-free calling to Clearwater Lake, Moose Lake, The Pas and Wanless. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687.

Water

Water supply is taken from community wells and distributed after filtration and chlorination. Distribution system presently serves most of Cormorant.

Waste Disposal

A solid waste disposal site exists near the community.

Sewage is treated by a lagoon on the North side of the community and a new Extended Aeration Treatment Plant on the South side of the Community. The North and south sides of the community are serviced by low-pressure sewage mains. Sewage holding tanks service the area known as McKenzie's Point.

Schools

Cormorant School is operated by Frontier School Division. Staff are a principal, eight teachers and several support staff, phone (204) 357-2225 or (204) 357-2219.

Recreation Facilities

- Baseball diamond
- Community hall, 1140 sq. ft.
- Park
- School Gym
- Arena

Recreation Activities:

- Lighthouses Program
- Basketball
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Boating
- Hunting

Government Services

Communities Economic Development Fund, Head Office at Thompson, phone (204) 778-4138.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-west Region Office located at The Pas, phone (204) 627-8307.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-western Region, Natural Resources Officer located at The Pas, phone (204) 627-8277.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-west Region Public Health located at Flin Flon, phone (204) 687-1625.

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, Regional Services Branch, Norman Region Office located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6780.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Economic Development, Regional Office at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6792.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Planning Services, Regional Office located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6700.

Manitoba Justice The Pas Regional Court Office, phone (204) 627-8428.

Manitoba Labour, Employment Services Standards, Employment Standards Officer is located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6664.

Manitoba Labour, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Assistant Fire Commissioner is located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6592.

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- The Cormorant Lodge provides overnight accommodation and meals, phone (204) 357-2171.
- Cormorant Camp site – phone (204) 357-2050

Transportation

- Gardewine North and Motorways both provide all-weather road freight service from terminals at the Pas.
- Via Rail, operating on the Hudson Bay Railway provides three times weekly passenger and parcel service from The Pas, phone 1-800-561-8630.

- Omni Trax provides carload freight service from The Pas.
- T. & I. Taxi provides local transportation and taxi service to The Pas, phone (204) 357-2087.

Businesses

- Campbell's – phone (204) 357-2073
- C&B Take-out – phone (204) 357-2130
- Cormorant Logging – phone (204) 357-2201
- Myers Fishing – phone (204) 357-2090

Economic Overview

Cormorant's physical location in a relatively flat marshy region, which is part of the Palaeozoic geological zone of Manitoba, is a factor in economic development. To the west, and surrounding Cormorant Lake, is the Cormorant Forest Reserve. The remaining forest areas surrounding Cormorant are part of Tolko Manitoba's logging area.

The present and potential economic activity is based upon commercial fishing, trapping, forestry and tourism. Potential mineral reserves are also found within 80 kilometres of the community.

The Pas fish station serves Cormorant fishermen. The Cormorant Lodge caters to sports fishers and a number of residents provide guide services to the lodge. The Cormorant Campground and Cormorant Lake campground provide additional tourist facilities for sports hunting and fishing.

Wild rice is planted in the shallow areas of nearby lakes.

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