Easterville

Community Overview

The community developed beside the Chemawawin Cree Nation reserve. Both relocated to this site in 1962-63 as a result of the flooding of Cedar Lake caused by construction of the hydro dam on the Saskatchewan River where it enters Lake Winnipeg at Grand Rapids. Information in this profile relates to the non-reserve side, unless otherwise noted.

Access

The community is located on the south shore of Cedar Lake 40 kilometres (km) by air west of Grand Rapids. Road access is provided by Provincial Road 327 which connects both Provincial Trunk Highways 6 and 10. Both Grand Rapids and The Pas are approximately 100 km from the community.

Governance

The community is represented by a mayor and council under The Northern Affairs Act.

Community Contacts

Easterville Community Council Box 116 Easterville, MB R0C 0V0

Phone: 204-329-2080 Fax: 204-329-2130

Email: eastervillecc@xplornet.com

Office Hours and Staff

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The community employs a community administrative officer, public works employee, waste disposal site attendant, custodian and volunteer fire chief.

Economic Overview

The area is a mixture of rock outcrops, small pockets of marsh and black spruce timber.

Some timber can be selectively harvested. The most important economic activity is commercial fishing on Cedar Lake. The local fish station packs fish for transportation to The Pas. Community trappers share the Cedar Lake (Easterville) and Grand Rapids Registered Trapline Zones with Grand Rapids. Trapping is the second most important source of income.

Community Statistics

| Population | | |
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| 1985 | 230 | |
| 1991 | 145 | |
| 1996 | 90 | |
| 2001 | 80 | |
| 2006 | 80 | |
| 2011 | 71 | |

^{*}Information is from Statistics Canada.

Households

There are 28 housing units.

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18562. 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 | \$25,900 | |
| Real Property | \$241,570 | |
| Grants-in-lieu | \$427,940 | |
| Exempt | \$157,200 | |
| Total | \$852,610 | |
| 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. Additional portable forestry-style equipment is available for grass and brush fires. Phone: 204-329-3096.

Police

Police response is from the Chemawawin RCMP detachment Phone: 204-329-2000.

Medical

Medical response is limited to a federal nursing station on the reserve, staffed by three nurses, community health worker and two on-call workers. The nearest hospital is in The Pas. Emergency medical transport service is provided by a medical van Phone: 204-329-2563.

Communication Services

Phone

Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to Grand Rapids. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

Cellular Service

Available.

High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi

Unavailable.

Community Based Services

Airstrip

An unattended limited maintenance 2,600' x 35' emergency gravel airstrip is located on the edge of the community. It is necessary to phone the nursing station in advance to arrange for use.

Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office Phone: 204-639-2208 in Grand Rapids.

Water and Wastewater

Water source is wells. Water is chlorinated and pumped to two pumphouses and a standpipe. The administration building, nursing station and school facilities have running water supplied by

the system. Water delivery is available to individual houses.

Sewage is delivered from holding tanks to the lagoon located on the reserve.

Waste Disposal

There is a solid waste disposal site located south of the community. It is used by the reserve as well.

Schools

The reserve operates the Chemawawin School, which serves 565 students from Nursery to Grade 12 from both the reserve and community. Phone: 204-329-2115.

University College of the North operates its Chemamawin (Easterville) Regional Centre in Easterville that offers recognized certificate, diploma and degree programs. It also offers customized courses to meet community needs. Phone: 204-329-2420.

Recreation Facilities

- Community hall
- Skating rink
- Baseball diamond
- Playground
- Soccer field
- Basketball court
- School gym

Recreation Activities

- Volleyball
- Ice and floor hockey
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Sliding
- Dances
- Dances
- Walking club
- Bingo
- Texas hold em'

Government Services

Manitoba Sustainable Development

Regional Operations, Northwest Region, District Office and Conservation Officer Phone: 204-639-2241 in Grand Rapids. Fire Control Officer Phone: 204-627-8332 in The Pas.

Environment Officer Phone: 204-627-8248 in The Pas and Drinking Water Officer Phone: 204-677-6844 in Thompson. 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 Easterville coordinated by The Pas Regional Court Office Phone: 204-627-8420.

Manitoba Growth, Enterprise and Trade Employment Standards Branch Phone: 204-677-6664 in Thompson 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
Northern Regional Office Phone: 204-677-6786
in Thompson. The 24 hour emergency number
toll free: 1-866-735-3111.

Recreation and Regional Services Branch Phone: 204-627-8213 in The Pas.

Community and Regional Planning Branch, Regional Office Phone: 204-945-4988 in Winnipeg.

Commercial Services

Accommodation

Nearest overnight accommodation is in Grand Rapids.

Transportation

Gardewine North provides all weather freight service from either The Pas or Winnipeg terminals. Office toll free: 1-800-665-7340.

- Herman's Taxi Phone: 204-329-2224 and Ledoux Taxi Phone: 204-329-2264 provides both local transport and transport to The Pas or Grand Rapids.
- Greyhound provides daily bus passenger and parcel service between The Pas and Winnipeg as far as the Easterville cut-off (about 3 km from the community). Office toll free: 1-800-661-8747.

Business Directory

| Business | Phone |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Easterville Fisherman's | |
| Association | 204-329-2001 |
| Griffin's Lucky Dollar | |
| Foods/U and S Department | |
| store | 204-329-2156 |

