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Community Overview

History

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 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.

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.

Contacts

Easterville Community Council
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Phone: 204-329-2080
Fax: 204-329-2130
Email: eastervillecc@xplornet.com

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

Staff

The community employs a community administrative officer, public works employee/water operator and backup, waste site attendant, custodian and volunteer fire chief.

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	230
1991	145
1996	90
2001	80
2006	80
2011	71
2016	44

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

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$25,000
Real Property	\$251,920
Grants-in-lieu	\$296,150
Exempt	\$150,570
Total	\$723,640
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. Additional portable forestry-style equipment is available for grass and brush fires. Phone: 204-329-3096.

Police

Police response is from the Chemawawin Cree Nation 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

BellMTS 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: 204-639-2208 in Grand Rapids.

Water

Water source is from 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.

Wastewater

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

Waste Disposal

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

Schools

The reserve operates the Chemawawin School, which serves 547 students from Nursery to Grade 12 from both the reserve and community. Phone: 204-329-2115.

University College of the North operates its Chemawawin (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
- baseball diamond
- playground
- soccer field, basketball court

Recreation Activities

- volleyball
- ice and floor hockey
- fishing
- swimming
- sliding
- dances
- walking club
- bingo, texas hold em'

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- Nearest is in Grand Rapids.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides 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 service and transport to The Pas or Grand Rapids.

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- Daily bus passenger and parcel service is available between The Pas and Winnipeg as far as the Easterville cut-off (about three km from the community).

Business Directory

Business	Phone
Easterville Fisher's Association	204-329-2001
Griffin's Lucky Dollar Foods	204-329-2156

Government Services

Provincial Government Departments

Manitoba Conservation and Climate

Drinking water officer Phone: 204-677-6704 in Thompson. Environment officer Phone: 204-627-8248 in The Pas. The 24 hour emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

Regional Operations, Western Region, District Office and conservation officer Phone: 204-659-5208 in Gypsumville. 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.

Manitoba Finance

Employment Standards Branch Phone: 204-677-6664 in Thompson 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, Northern Region Phone: 204-677-6786 in Thompson. The 24 hour emergency number toll free: 1-866-735-3111.

Manitoba Infrastructure

Emergency Measures Organization, General

Office and emergency management advisor toll free: 1-888-267-8298.

Manitoba Justice

Circuit court sits at Easterville coordinated by The Pas Regional Court Office Phone: 204-627-8420.

Manitoba Municipal Relations

Community and Regional Planning Branch, Regional Office Phone: 204-945-8353 in Winnipeg.

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

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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