
Iford

Community Overview

The community originated as a construction and service centre during the building of the Hudson Bay Railway. It later served as a marshalling point for prospectors during the Island Lake gold rush and then as a similar marshalling point for the network of winter freight roads going east from Iford. Iford is home to members of the War Lake First Nation, the adjacent reserve.

Access

Iford is located along the bayline, owned and operated by OmniTRAX, 144 air kilometres (km) northeast of Thompson, 416 km northeast by rail from The Pas and 688 air km north of Winnipeg.

Governance

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

Community Contacts

Iford Community Council
General Delivery
Iford, MB R0B 0S0

Phone: 204-288-4394
Fax: 204-288-4372
Email: ifordcommunitycouncil@gmail.com

Office Hours and Staff

Monday to Friday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The community employs a public works employee and volunteer fire chief.

Economic Overview

The local economy is based on trapping and the service sector. Trapping is conducted in the Split Lake Registered Trapline Zone. Forest resources in the area are largely immature. Some small winter freight operations are conducted in season.

Community Statistics

Population	
1985	178
1991	133
1996	155
2001	143
2006	116
2011	43

**Information is from Statistics Canada.*

Households

There are 38 housing units.

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18967A. 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	\$2,400
Real Property	\$171,190
Grants-in-lieu	\$189,090
Exempt	\$196,440
Total	\$559,120
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	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. Portable forestry equipment is also available for grass and brush fires. Phone: 204-288-4372.

Police

Police response is from the Gillam RCMP detachment Phone: 204-652-2200.

Medical

Medical response is from the community health worker. The nearest hospital is located in Thompson. The community qualifies for patient transport assistance Phone: 204-288-4348.

Communication Services

Phone

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

Cellular Service/High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi
Unavailable.

Community Based Services

Airstrip

Manitoba Infrastructure, Northern Airports, operate a 3,000' x 75' gravel-on-sand strip with terminal and remote-controlled lighting about 3 km from the community. Office Phone: 204-945-3421 in Winnipeg.

Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides power through its landline electric power system. Office Phone: 204-652-2144 in Gillam.

Water and Wastewater

Water treatment is provided under agreement with the adjacent reserve and is distributed by waterlines throughout the community.

Sewage is treated at a sewage treatment plant installed in 1994.

Waste Disposal

A waste disposal site is located near the community. Garbage pick-up is twice a week.

Schools

The Julie Lindal School is operated by Frontier School Division. The school serves 38 students from Nursery to Grade 8. Phone: 204-288-4355.

Recreation Facilities

- School gymnasium
- Community hall
- Baseball diamond
- Learning centre

Recreation Activities

- Moose Nose Lake: swimming, boating

Government Services

Manitoba Sustainable Development

Regional Operations, Northeast Region, District Office and Conservation Officer Phone: 204-652-2273 in Gillam. Fire Control Officer Phone: 204-679-2253 in Thompson.

Environment Officer Phone: 204-677-6703 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: 204-677-6472 in Thompson.

Manitoba Justice

Circuit court sits at Gilliam coordinated by the Thompson Regional Court Office Phone: 204-677-6761.

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: 204-627-8273 in The Pas.

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

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- Northern Lights Place of Learning Phone:
204-288-4315.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight
transportation service by road, depending on
road conditions. Office toll free:
1-800-665-7340.
- OminTRAX provides passenger and parcel
services three times per week between
Churchill and Thompson or Winnipeg.
Carload freight shipments is provided out of
The Pas. Office toll free: 1-877-276-3777.

Business Directory

Business	Phone
Mooseocoot Gas Bar and Convenience Store	204-288-4370 Fax: 204-288-4379

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