# **Incorporated Community of Nelson House**

# **Community Overview**

Two communities share the name Nelson House, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation reserve and the adjacent non-reserve community. The community was incorporated in 2004. The community was built at its present location as a result of the Churchill River Diversion through the Rat River. Residents previously lived on the reserve, but established the community when all the adjustments to diversion plans were taking place. Information in this profile relates to the non-reserve side, unless otherwise noted.

#### Access

The community is situated on a bay on the north shore of Footprint Lake 75 kilometres west of Thompson. Provincial Road 391 and a community access road connects the community to Thompson or Leaf Rapids.

# Governance

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

# **Community Contacts**

Incorporated Community of Nelson House General Delivery Nelson House, MB R0B 1A0

Phone: 204-484-2023 Fax: 204-484-2110

# Office Hours and Staff

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. – 12 noon

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

# **Economic Overview**

Economic activity is based on fishing and trapping. Fishers at Nelson House have their catch transported to either Leaf Rapids or

Wabowden fish stations. Trapping is carried out in the Nelson House Registered Trapline Zone.

# **Community Statistics**

Population		
1985	108	
1991	78	
1996	77	
2001	54	
2006	86	
2011	75	

<sup>\*</sup>Information is from Statistics Canada.

### Households

There are 18 housing units.

### **Boundary**

Manitoba Regulation 45/2004 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18763. See map.

# **Property Assessment and Taxes**

Information is from the 2015 assessment roll of Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations and the incorporated community tax levy bylaw.

Value of Assessment		
Business	\$45,600	
Real Property	\$499,220	
Grants-in-lieu	\$245,520	
Exempt	\$136,200	
Total	\$926,540	
Rate of Taxation		
General Municipal mills	7	
Business Tax	4%	
School Levies		
Foundation mills	11.61	
Frontier School Division #48 mills	15.399	

# **Emergency Services**

### **Fire**

Fire fighting capability is based on a small "fast-attack" vehicle with limited water supply, hoses and equipment. In addition, portable

forestry-style equipment is available for grass and brush fires. Phone: 204-939-1707.

#### **Police**

Police response is from the Nelson House RCMP detachment Phone: 204-484-2288.

#### Medical

Medical support is from the federal nursing station on the reserve, which has two nurses, two community health workers, a weekly doctor's clinic and a monthly dental clinic. Phone: 204-484-2031. The nearest hospital is in Thompson.

# **Communication Services**

#### **Phone**

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

#### **Cellular Service**

Available.

# High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi

Unavailable.

# **Community Based Services**

# Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office Phone: 204-677-2357 in Thompson.

# **Water and Wastewater**

Water is pumped from Footprint Lake, filtered and chlorinated. Distribution is through a piped water distribution system.

Sewage is collected from holding tanks and hauled to the sewage lagoon on the reserve.

# **Waste Disposal**

The joint use solid waste disposal site is located on the reserve. Solid waste is picked up weekly and delivered to the site.

#### **Schools**

Students are transported to the reserve operated schools. There is an agreement

between Frontier School Division and the reserve to cover costs. The two schools serve 980 students from Nursery to Grade 12. Otetiskiwin Kiskinwamahtowekamik (N-8) Phone: 204-484-2242 and Nisichawayasihk Neyo Ohtinwak Collegiate (9-12) Phone: 204-484-2602.

University College of the North operates its Nisichawayasihk (Nelson House) Regional Centre in Nelson House that offers recognized certificate, diploma and degree programs. It also offers customized courses to meet community needs. Phone: 204-484-2886.

#### Recreation Facilities

- Ball field and park area
- Beach area
- Community hall and office

### **Government Services**

#### Manitoba Sustainable Development

Regional Operations, Northeast Region, District Office Phone: 204-677-6653, Conservation Officer Phone: 204-677-6637 and Fire Control Officer Phone: 204-679-2253 in Thompson.

Environment Officer Phone: 204-677-6703 and Drinking Water Officer Phone: 204-677-6704 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 Nelson House 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: 204-677-6780 in Thompson.

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

# **Commercial Services**

### Accommodation

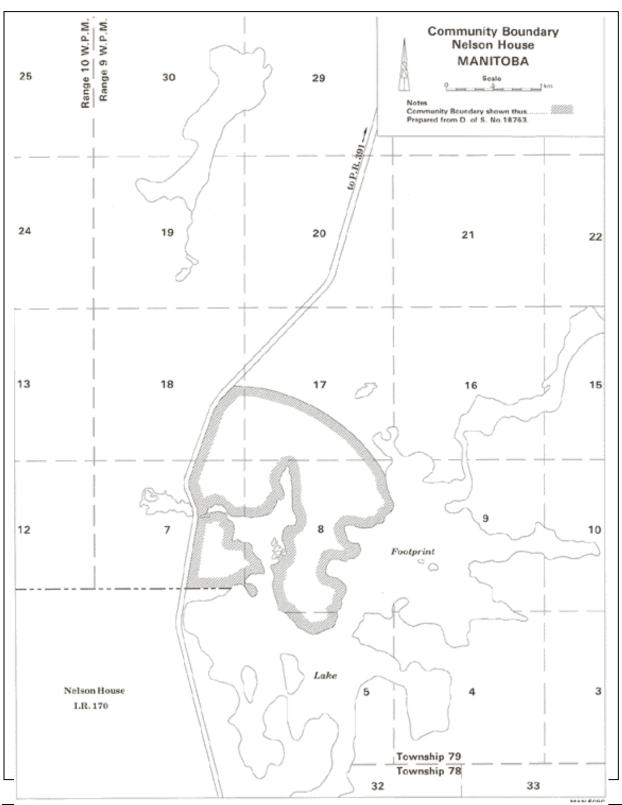
Nearest accommodation is at Thompson.

# **Transportation**

- Gardewine North provides freight service from the Thompson terminal. Office toll free: 1-800-665-7340.
- Greyhound provides bus passenger service between Thompson and Leaf Rapids or Lynn Lake from the 391 junction and the Nelson House access road. Office toll free: 1-800-661-8747.
- Local taxis include Moody's Taxi, Penner's Taxi and Spence's Taxi all providing transportation locally and to and from Thompson.

# **Business Directory**

Business	Phone
N.C.N. Store	204-484-2676
Nelson House Forest	
Industries	204-484-2084
Northern Stores (on reserve)	204-484-2343
O.T. Gas Station	204-484-2691



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