
Incorporated Community of Nelson House

Community Overview

History

Two communities share the name Nelson House, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation reserve and the adjacent non-reserve community 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 adjustments to diversion plans were taking place. Information 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.

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.

Contacts

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

Phone: 204-484-2023

Fax: 204-484-2110

Phone: 204-484-2550 Water Treatment Plant

Email: dorent1@mymts.net

Office hours: Monday to Friday 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Staff

The community employs a part-time community administrative officer, public works employee/

water operator and backup and volunteer fire chief.

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	108
1991	78
1996	77
2001	54
2006	86
2011	75
2016	71

**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 2020 assessment roll of Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations and the incorporated community tax levy bylaw.

Value of Assessment	
Real Property	\$71,140
Grants-in-lieu	\$234,800
Exempt	\$19,760
Total	\$325,700
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	7 mills
Business Tax	4%
School Levies	
Education Support	8.828 mills
Frontier School Division #48	13.202 mills

Emergency Services

Fire

Firefighting 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.

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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 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

BellMTS provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to: Thompson, 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: 204-677-2357 in Thompson.

Water

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

Wastewater

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

Waste Disposal

The joint use solid waste site is located on the reserve with pickup weekly.

Schools

Students attend the reserve operated schools by an agreement with Frontier School Division and the reserve to cover costs. The two schools serve 852 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
- change house

Commercial Services

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service from the Thompson terminal. Office toll free: 1-800-665-7340.
- Local taxis include Moody's Taxi, Penner's Taxi and Spence's Taxi all providing service locally and to and from Thompson.

Business Directory

Business	Phone
N.C.N. Store	204-484-2676
Nisichawayasihk Construction Limited Partnership	204-484-2084
Northern Store (on reserve)	204-484-2343
Otohowin Gas Station	204-484-2691

Government Services

Provincial Government Departments

Manitoba Conservation and Climate
Drinking water officer Phone: 204-677-6704 and environment officer Phone: 204-677-6703 in Thompson. The 24 hour emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

Regional Operations, Eastern Region, District Office Phone: 204-677-6653, conservation officer Phone: 204-677-6637 and fire control officer Phone: 204-679-2253 in Thompson.

Manitoba Economic Development and Training
Communities Economic Development Fund

Nelson House

(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: 204-677-6472 in
Thompson.

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 Nelson House coordinated
by the Thompson Regional Court Office Phone:
204-677-6761.

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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