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# Island Lake

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## Community Overview

The original settlement was established by the Hudson's Bay Company in 1818 and is listed as one of the posts occupied at the time of merging with the North West Company. The community consists of a group of islands near the north shore of Island Lake which include: Stevenson, Wass, Hamilton, Boothe, Chapins, RC Mission, Gravel and Lindsays. These Islands are quite close to the Garden Hill First Nation.

### Access

The community is 412 air kilometres (km) northeast of Winnipeg and 260 air km southeast of Thompson.

### Governance

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

## Community Contacts

Island Lake Community Council  
Box 39  
Stevenson Island, MB R0B 2H0

Phone: 204-456-2470  
Fax: 204-456-2814  
Email: ilcc@mymts.net

### Office Hours and Staff

Monday to Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

## Economic Overview

Located in the Precambrian Shield region of the province, mineral explorations have occurred in the area. Small to medium deposits of lithium and nickel have been found and magnetic anomalies indicate further reserves. Bighorn Development Corporation at the Island Lake

Ministic Site undertook rehabilitation of the Ministic gold mine shaft on the main vein. Diamond drilling in 1987 explored the Climpy and Rex veins. Active exploration continues for other base metals, copper and zinc, and additional gold reserves.

Trapping and fishing provide income to the local economy. Sport fishing and hunting form the basis for some tourist operations.

Island Lake is still a focal point in terms of the Northern Store and the service sector.

## Community Statistics

Population	
1985	86
1991	92
1996	93
2001	59
2006	69
2011	59

*\*Information is from Statistics Canada.*

### Households

There are 47 housing units.

### Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18601A. 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	\$94,100
Real Property	\$1,643,310
Grants-in-lieu	\$813,560
Exempt	\$286,960
Total	\$2,837,930
Rate of Taxation	

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General Municipal mills	5.7
Business Tax	3.75%
<b>School Levies</b>	
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, with some equipment being located on other islands in the community. Emergency number Phone: 204-456-2701.

#### Police

Police response is from the Island Lake RCMP detachment Phone: 204-456-2626. A lock-up is also provided.

#### Medical

Medical support is from the federal nursing station at the Garden Hill First Nation. Staffing is three community health workers and a dental assistant. A doctor provides clinic-type services Monday to Thursday each week. The nearest hospital is in Norway House, although most air flights are direct to Winnipeg. The community qualifies for patient transport assistance.

### Communication Services

#### Phone

Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to nearby Wasagamach, Garden Hill and St. Theresa Point. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

#### Cellular Service/High-Speed Internet

Available/available via satellite.

#### Wi-Fi

Unavailable.

### Community Based Services

#### Airstrip

Manitoba Infrastructure, Northern Airports operate a 4,000' x 100' crushed rock airstrip on Stevenson Island complete with terminal and

remote controlled lighting. A private contractor provides fuel facilities. Office Phone: 204-945-3421 in Winnipeg or Airport Manager Phone: 204-456-2736 or Fax: 204-456-2515.

#### Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides through the landline electric system.

#### Water and Wastewater

Water is pumped from Island Lake, chlorinated and distributed by combination of standpipes or limited distribution lines. Some houses have private water systems from the lake.

Sewage on Stevenson Island is treated by an extended aeration plant capable of handling up to 15,000 igpd (built in 2000). Other locations have private systems.

#### Waste Disposal

A solid waste disposal site on Stevenson Island utilizes an incinerator to reduce the bulk of solid material. Wass Island has a solid waste disposal site only.

#### Schools

The Stevenson Island School, on Stevenson Island, has two teachers and three support staff. Students are ferried from other islands in the community by boat from spring to fall and by snowmobile in winter. The school serves 17 students from Nursery to Grade 9. Phone: 204-456-2786.

#### Recreation Facilities

- Community hall (accommodates up to 150)
- Curling rink (2 sheets)
- Outdoor skating rink with change house

#### Recreation Activities

- Island Lake recreation committee: promotes, provides and fundraises for recreation activities
- Bingo: twice a month (all profits go towards recreation)

## Government Services

### Manitoba Sustainable Development

Regional Operations, Northeast Region, District Office and Conservation Officer Phone: 204-456-2362 in Island Lake. Fire Control Officer Phone: 204-679-2253 in Thompson.

Environment Officer Phone: 204-677-6703 in Thompson and Drinking Water Officer Phone: 204-945-8315 in Winnipeg. 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 Garden Hill coordinated by the Selkirk Regional Court Office Phone: 204-785-5077.

### 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

North Central Regional Office Phone: 204-622-2110 in Dauphin. 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**

- Island Lake Lodge, on Wass Island, provides overnight accommodation and meals.

### **Transportation**

- Gardewine North, Horbas Transfer and Riverton Transfer provide winter road freight services. At other times of the year, they transport to the nearest air carrier serving the community.
- Perimeter Aviation provides daily scheduled flights from Winnipeg.
- Air freight via Red Sucker Lake provided by Wasa Air.
- Chartered air service is provided by Custom Helicopters and Yukon Helicopters. Sabourin Lake Airways provides flights to northwestern Ontario.

### **Business Directory**

<b>Business</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Arnason Industries	204-456-2752
Garden Hill Convenience	204-456-2120
Laundry Mat	204-456-2257
Mikisew Store	204-456-2589
Ministic Store	204-456-2825
Northern Stores and Quick Stop	204-456-2333
Triple "C" Market Gardens and Freight Service	204-456-2907

