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# Matheson Island

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## Community Overview

The community is situated on the island of the same name near the Narrows on Lake Winnipeg. Nearby are Princess Harbour, Pine Dock and the Bloodvein reserve. While Pine Dock is on the same side of the lake as Matheson Island, the other communities are about 16 kilometres (km) across the lake.

### Access

An internal road runs the length of the island from the ferry landing. The ferry connects to Provincial Road (PR) 234 in the part of the community known as Islandview and an all-weather road to Provincial Trunk Highway 8 north of Riverton. Winnipeg is 224 km to the south of the island.

### Governance

The community was recognized in 1969 and is represented by a mayor and council under The Northern Affairs Act.

## Community Contacts

Matheson Island Community Council  
General Delivery  
Matheson Island, MB R0C 2A0

Phone: 204-276-2150

Fax: 204-276-2196

Email: [mathesoncouncil@lincsat.com](mailto:mathesoncouncil@lincsat.com)

website: [www.mathesonisland.ca](http://www.mathesonisland.ca)

### Office Hours and Staff

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

## Economic Overview

Present economic activity centres around commercial fishing, followed by trapping, some

sawlogging and local services. Commercial fishers deliver their catch to the Islandview fish station which is then shipped to Freshwater Marketing Corporation in Winnipeg. Trapping is done in the Bullhead Registered Trapline Zone.

Snake Island Contractors are the owners and operators of the sawmill and most of the lumber has been used locally for building purposes. They employ local residents in the operation.

The Matheson Island Community Development Corporation was formed to encourage economic development and growth.

The community works with Manitoba Infrastructure (MI) to operate the cable ferry and construct and maintain the winter road during the ferry off season. The ferry employs three people and the winter road employs two people.

## Community Statistics

Population	
1985	150
1991	128
1996	111
2001	99
2006	117
2011	103

*\*Information is from Statistics Canada.*

### Households

There are 69 housing units.

### Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 19224. 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.

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Value of Assessment	
Business	\$19,500
Real Property	\$3,512,430
Grants-in-lieu	\$437,560
Exempt	\$282,910
Total	\$4,252,400
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal mills	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. Additional portable forestry-style equipment is available for grass and brush fires.

#### Police

Police response is from the Arborg RCMP detachment Phone: 204-376-5251.

#### Medical

Medical response is based on ambulance service from Riverton Phone: 204-642-4040. Hospitals are located in Arborg and Gimli. This community may qualify for the Northern Patient Transportation Program.

### Communication Services

#### Phone

Manitoba Telecom Services Pine Dock Exchange provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to Arborg, Hecla, Poplarfield, Riverton and Vidir. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

#### Cellular Service/Wi-Fi

Unavailable.

#### High-Speed Internet

Available.

### Community Based Services

#### Airstrip

Kitchi Airways, a local contractor, operates an unattended limited maintenance 3,500' x 100' gravel strip adjacent to the community.

#### Ferry Services

Marine Services of MI operate the ferry *MV Edgar Wood* on a Monday to Friday circuit including Islandview (Matheson Island), Princess Harbour and Bloodvein reserve. Office Phone: 204-945-3424 in Winnipeg.

The cable ferry *C. F. Ingemar Carlson II* operates between Islandview and Matheson Island on a daily basis with connection to PR 234. Schedule: Monday to Saturday 7 a.m. – 11 p.m. and Sunday 7 a.m. – 11 p.m.

#### Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office toll free: 1-888-624-9376.

#### Water and Wastewater

There are 37 drilled private wells and some water intakes from Lake Winnipeg.

Sewage is collected by pumpout truck and treated by a lagoon located in the community.

#### Waste Disposal

A solid waste disposal site is located on the island near the community.

#### Schools

Frontier School Division operates the Matheson Island School. There are two teachers and three support staff. The school serves 13 students from Nursery to Grade 9. Phone: 204-276-2118.

#### Recreation Facilities

- Baseball field
- Community hall and office
- Gymnasium
- Indoor skating rink

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### Government Services

#### Manitoba Sustainable Development

Regional Operations, Central Region, District Office and Conservation Officer Phone: 204-378-2261 in Riverton. Eastern Region, Fire Control Officer Phone: 204-345-1419 in Lac du Bonnet.

Environment Officer Phone: 204-785-5030 in Selkirk. Drinking Water Officer Phone: 204-642-6134 in Gimli. After hours emergency number toll free: 1-855-944-4888 (officers on call).

#### Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living

Public Health Inspector Phone: 204-785-5208 in Selkirk.

#### Manitoba Justice

Circuit court sits at Arborg or Bloodvein coordinated by the Selkirk Regional Court Office Phone: 204-785-5077.

#### Manitoba Growth, Enterprise and Trade

Employment Standards Branch Phone: 204-945-3352 in Winnipeg 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: 204-642-6010 in Gimli.

Community and Regional Planning Branch, Regional Office Phone: 204-785-5130 in Selkirk.

### Commercial Services

#### Transportation

- Gardewine North and Riverton Transfer provide service out of their respective freight terminals in Winnipeg and Riverton.

#### Business Directory

Business	Phone
Matheson Island Co-op	204-276-2136
Matheson Island Community Development Corporation	204-276-2150
Matheson Island Fish Plant	204-276-2201
Berns Bakery (Seasonal)	204-276-2195

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