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# Norway House

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## Community Overview

Two communities share the name Norway House, the reserve and adjacent non-reserve community. The community is one of the original Hudson's Bay Trading Posts from the fur trading days. Information in this profile relates to the non-reserve side, unless otherwise noted.

### Access

The community is located on the east channel of the Nelson River, 29 kilometres (km) north of Lake Winnipeg. Provincial Road 373 serves as an all weather road connecting Norway House to Jenpeg and Provincial Trunk Highway 6. All internal community roads are paved. By air, it's 456 km north of Winnipeg, 208 km east of The Pas and 190 km south of Thompson.

### Governance

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

## Community Contacts

Norway House Community Council  
Box 5100  
Norway House, MB R0B 1B0

Phone: 204-359-6719  
Fax: 204-359-6004  
Email: [nhccoun@mymts.net](mailto:nhccoun@mymts.net)  
website: [www.norwayhousecc.ca](http://www.norwayhousecc.ca)

Norway House Community Development Corporation  
Phone: 204-359-8185  
Fax: 204-359-6004  
Email: [nhcdc@mymts.net](mailto:nhcdc@mymts.net)

### Office Hours and Staff

Monday to Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The community employs a community administrative officer, administrative assistant, public works employee, recreation director, two

full-time water/sewer truck operators, seasonal arena maintenance worker, volunteer fire chief and eight volunteer firefighters.

## Economic Overview

The terrain, which currently severely limits economic opportunity, is primarily a granite base with little or no soil cover. Large areas are marshy and there are many small creeks, streams and rivers. Several small lakes lie in the nearby area and much of the waterways are dotted with islands.

Commercial fishing occurs throughout the year. Fishers deliver their catch to the Playgreen Point and Tait Island fish stations. Other factors in the economy are trapping and local regional services. Trapping occurs in the Norway House Registered Trapline Zone. Wild rice has been seeded in shallow lakes east of Norway House.

Continuing its history as a regional centre, it is also a transportation centre with air carriers flying in all directions.

## Community Statistics

Population	
1985	722
1991	507
1996	575
2001	456
2006	521
2011	461

*\*Information is from Statistics Canada.*

### Households

There are 203 housing units.

### Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18628A. See map.

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### 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	\$201,200
Real Property	\$3,476,730
Grants-in-lieu	\$3,482,700
Exempt	\$3,163,860
Exempt School	\$3,060
Total	\$10,327,550
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. Portable forestry equipment is also available for grass and brush fires. Phone: 204-359-4400.

#### Police

Police response is from the Norway House RCMP detachment Phone: 204-359-6715.

#### Medical

Medical response is provided by the federal hospital on the reserve staffed with five doctors and 15 nurses. The Northern Regional Health Authority is responsible for public health and home care. The reserve operates the community clinic and provides local medical transportation services for treaty status people. Phone: 204-359-4400.

### Communication Services

#### Phone

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

#### Cellular Service

Available.

#### High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi

Unavailable.

### Community Based Services

#### Airstrip

Manitoba Infrastructure (MI), Northern Airports operate a 3,922' x 100' crushed rock airstrip with terminal, remote-controlled lighting and fuel facilities. Terry Mowat Enterprises staff provides weather data on a 24 hour/daily basis under contract with Atmospheric Services Canada. Head Office Phone: 204-945-3421 in Winnipeg or local Airport Manager Phone: 204-359-6702 or Fax: 204-359-4559.

#### Ferry Service

MI, Marine Services Cable ferry *James Apetagon* provides daily service on the access highway across the Nelson River. Office Phone: 204-945-3424 in Winnipeg.

#### Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office Phone: 204-359-6270 in Norway House.

#### Water and Wastewater

There is piped water on Fort Island and West Island. Water is pumped from the Nelson River, filtered and chlorinated and fed into the system. Truck delivery is available for houses not yet connected to the system.

Sewage is handled by a combination of sewage collection lines and a pump-out truck to a lagoon located in the community.

#### Waste Disposal

A solid waste disposal site is located on the reserve with transport to the site contracted out.

#### Schools

Frontier School Division operates two schools serving 1,694 students from Nursery to Grade 12. Jack River School (N-6) Phone: 204-359-6781. Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre (N-12) Phone: 204-359-4100.

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University College of the North operates its Regional Centre in Norway House that offers recognized certificate, diploma and degree programs. It also offers customized courses to meet community needs. Phone: 204-359-6296.

### Recreation Facilities

- Arena
- Baseball diamond
- Fitness centre

### Recreation Activities

- Lighthouses program
- Hockey (minor/senior/junior)
- Summer day camps
- Swimming
- Fishing derby
- Fairs

### Government Services

Manitoba Sustainable Development  
Regional Operations, Northeast Region, District Office and Conservation Officer Phone: 204-359-6877 in Norway House. 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 Norway 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: 204-627-8213 in The Pas.

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

### Commercial Services

#### Accommodation

- West Island Cottages Phone: 204-359-6626 or Cell: 204-359-5053.
- The Playgreen Inn provides meals Phone: 204-359-6321.
- Lighthouse Cottages.
- York Boat Inn.

#### Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service by all weather roads from its Winnipeg terminal. Office toll free: 1-800-665-7340.
- Perimeter Aviation provides scheduled and chartered service. Office toll free: 1-800-665-8986.

#### Business Directory

Business	Phone
Canada Post Corp.	204-359-6741
Chicken Chef	204-359-6646
Restore/Lighthouse Cottages	204-359-6637
Ranger Insurance Brokers (reserve)	204-359-8800
Family Foods	204-359-6689
Mowat Backhoe Rentals	204-359-6626
Northern Stores	204-359-6258
Norway House Fishermen's Co-op	204-359-6579
Norway House Fishermen's Co-op Gas Bar and Convenience	204-359-4633
Pinaw Wachi Ltd. (Personal Care Home)	204-359-6606

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Royal Bank of Canada	204-359-6593
Anderson Fuel, Convenience and Towing (reserve)	204-359-4296
Apetagon Small Motor Repairs	204-359-6696
Norway House Hospital Pharmacy	204-359-6363
The York Boat Diner (reserve)	204-359-6679
West Island Fix-it-Shop	204-359-0276
York Boat Inn (reserve)	204-359-6550 Toll free: 1-888-355-9675

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