
Norway House

Community Overview

History

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

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.

Contacts

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Office hours: Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Staff

The community employs a community administrative officer, administrative assistant, public works employees, water operator and backup, recreation director, two full-time water and wastewater truck operators, seasonal arena maintenance worker, volunteer fire chief and volunteer firefighters.

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	722
1991	507
1996	575
2001	456
2006	521
2011	461
2016	433

**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.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Information is from the 2020 assessment roll and Tax Rates and Levy Regulation (2020) of Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations.

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Value of Assessment	
Business	\$206,500
Real Property	\$3,918,930
Grants-in-lieu	\$3,591,400
Exempt	\$3,293,710
Total	\$11,010,540
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	5.7
Business Tax	3.75%
School Levies	
Education Support	8.828 mills
Frontier School Division #48	13.202 mills

Emergency Services

Fire

Firefighting 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

BellMTS 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: 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: 204-945-3424 in Winnipeg.

Hydro

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

Water

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 connected to the system.

Wastewater

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

Waste Disposal

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

Schools

Frontier School Division operates two schools serving 1,775 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.

University College of the North operates its Regional Centre in Norway House that offers recognized certificate, diploma and degree

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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

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 and 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
Anderson Fuel and Convenience (reserve)	204-359-4296
Apetagon's Small Motor Repairs	204-359-6696
Chicken Chef	204-359-6646
Family Foods	204-359-6689
Mowat Backhoe Rentals	204-359-6626
Northern Store	204-359-6258
Norway House Fisher's Co-op	204-359-6579
Norway House Co-op Gas Bar	204-359-4633
Norway House Hospital Pharmacy	204-359-6363
Pinaow Wachi Ltd (Personal Care Home)	204-359-6606

Post Office	204-359-6741
Ranger Insurance Brokers (reserve)	204-359-8800
Re-store/Lighthouse Cottages	204-359-6637
Royal Bank of Canada	204-359-6593
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

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 and conservation officer Phone: 204-359-6877 in Norway House. Fire control officer Phone: 204-679-2253 in Thompson.

Manitoba Economic Development and Training

Communities Economic Development Fund (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.

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Manitoba Infrastructure

Emergency Measures Organization, General Office and emergency management advisor toll free: 1-888-267-8298.

Manitoba Justice

Circuit court sits at Norway 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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