
Pikwitonei

Community Overview

History

Pikwitonei is located on the Hudson Bay Railway which reached the community in 1914 serving as a division point until 1972. Railway employment is now limited to track maintenance.

Access

The community is 304 kilometres (km) by rail northeast of The Pas and 48 km southeast of Thompson. The railway provides the only all-weather surface linkage. A logging road and winter road link the community to the all-weather road network for about six to eight weeks.

Governance

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

Economic Overview

Pikwitonei is located within an area suitable for recreation as well as forestry development. Pockets of clay soils with some suitability for agriculture are also found in the area. Trapping is a vital economic activity. Commercial fishers harvest on six nearby lakes and deliver fish to the Wabowden fish station. Wild rice has been planted in some of the surrounding area.

Contacts

Pikwitonei Community Council
General Delivery
Pikwitonei, MB R0B 1E0

Phone: 204-458-2420

Fax: 204-458-2403

Phone: 204-458-2433 Public Works

Email: pikcouncil@xplornet.com

Office hours: Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 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	201
1991	125
1996	140
2001	117
2006	96
2011	98
2016	64

**information is from Statistics Canada*

Households

There are about 43 housing units.

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18992. 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.

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$15,700
Real Property	\$923,100
Grants-in-lieu	\$241,100
Exempt	\$131,450
Total	\$1,311,350
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	5.7 mills
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.

Police

Police response is from the Thompson RCMP detachment. Phone: 204-677-6911.

Medical

Medical response is from the local provincial nursing station operated by two nurse's aides and supervised by medical staff from Thompson where the nearest hospital is located. The community qualifies for the Northern Patient Transportation Program. Phone: 204-458-2402.

Communication Services

Phone

BellMTS provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to Thompson. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

Cellular Service/High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi
Unavailable.

Community-Based Services

Airstrip

Manitoba Infrastructure, Northern Airports operate a 2,200' x 75' crushed rock strip with terminal and remote-controlled lighting adjacent to the community. Office: 204-945-3421 in Winnipeg or local airport manager Phone: 204-458-2450.

Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office: 204-677-2357 in Thompson.

Water

Water is from the Pikwitonei River, filtered, chlorinated and distributed to a piped system.

Wastewater

Wastewater is piped by low-pressure wastewater lines to a lagoon located in the community.

Waste Disposal

Solid waste is picked up once a week and delivered to the community site. Businesses must arrange for their own waste transportation.

Schools

Pikwitonei School, operated by Frontier School Division, serves seven students from Nursery to Grade 8. Phone: 204-458-2471.

Recreation Facilities

- baseball diamond
- playground
- community hall
- fitness trail
- beaches

Recreation Activities

- swimming/fishing
- baseball
- snowshoeing/sledding
- picnics
- bingo

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- Arrangements can be made with individuals for private overnight accommodation; otherwise, travellers must go to Thompson.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight services by road, depending on winter road conditions or by rail. Office toll free: 1-800-665-7340.
- The Hudson Bay Railway, owned and operated by the Arctic Gateway Group, provides three times weekly passenger, parcel and carload freight service from The Pas and Thompson.
- Chartered air service can be arranged with operators out of Thompson.

Business Directory

Business	Phone
Cordell's Fuel/Store	204-458-2434
Satellite System	204-458-2437
Thorne's General Store Thorne's Construction Co. Thorne J.P. Enterprises Ltd Thorne's Trailer Rental	204-458-2481

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 (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 Thompson 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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