
Thicket Portage

Community Overview

The community was originally known as Franklin Portage after the Franklin expedition. It is one of the portages in the route used to connect the Nelson River system with Wintering Lake. The community is located on the Hudson Bay Railway, now operated by OmniTRAX, between Landing Lake to the south and Wintering Lake to the north.

Access

The community is 48 kilometres (km) south of Thompson and 256 km northeast of The Pas. The railway provides the only all-year surface transportation linkage to the outside. A winter road is established for six to eight weeks every year.

Governance

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

Community Contacts

Thicket Portage Community Council
Box 80
Thicket Portage, MB R0B 1R0

Phone: 204-286-3296
Fax: 204-286-3256
Email: tpcc3@hotmail.com

Office Hours and Staff

Monday to Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The community employs a community administrative officer, public works employee, community safety officer and outreach worker.

Economic Overview

Thicket Portage, adjacent to the Wabowden-Thompson Nickel Belt, is located in an area suitable for forestry and tourism development. Wild rice has been planted in nearby areas.

Tree-planting, fishing and trapping are seasonal activities, supplemented by employment in local services such as health care workers, community workers and New Beginnings program.

Fishers utilize Landing Lake and Wintering Lake and deliver catch to the Wabowden fish station.

Community Statistics

Population	
1985	198
1991	192
1996	204
2001	137
2006	156
2011	152

**Information is from Statistics Canada.*

Households

There are 50 housing units.

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18830. 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	\$17,400
Real Property	\$450,200
Grants-in-lieu	\$485,050
Exempt	\$1,202,360
Total	\$2,155,010
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 fire truck and equipment from the fire hall. Portable forestry equipment is also available for grass and brush fires. There are ten volunteer firefighters. Phone: 204-286-2274.

Police

Police response is from the Thompson RCMP detachment Phone: 204-677-6911. The community safety officer can also respond Phone: 204-286-3207.

Medical

Medical response is based on a community health worker and visiting nurse twice a month. Additional response is based on transporting the patient to the Thompson General Hospital Phone: 204-677-2381. This community qualifies for the Northern Patient Transportation Program. Doctors visit once a month.

Communication Services

Phone

Manitoba/Internet Broadband Tower Services 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 2,220' x 75' crushed rock airstrip with terminal and remote-controlled lighting near the community. Office Phone: 204-945-3421 in Winnipeg or local Airport Manager Phone: 204-286-3278.

Hydro

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

Water and Wastewater

Water is pumped from Landing Lake by line to a water treatment plant where it is chlorinated, pressurized and distributed by piped system.

A piped system collects liquid wastes and delivers it to a sewage treatment plant.

Waste Disposal

Twice weekly pick-up is made in residential areas and materials are deposited in a solid waste disposal site near the community.

Schools

The Thicket Portage School is operated by Frontier School Division which serves 28 students from Nursery to Grade 8. Phone: 204-286-3264. There is also a Manitoba Aboriginal Head Start Program for ages 1 to 6. Phone: 204-286-3284.

Recreation Facilities

- School
- Community hall

Recreation Activities

- Manitoba Aboriginal Head Start program
- Bingo
- Card games
- Gym nights
- Winter carnival
- Fishing derby
- Sports days
- Skating
- Baseball
- Walking club
- Gardening

Government Services

Manitoba Sustainable Development

Regional Operations, Northeast Region, District Office and Conservation Officer Phone: 204-689-2688 in Wabowden. 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).

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Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living
Public Health Inspector Phone: 204-677-6472 in
Thompson.

Canada Post	No phone number, in-person contact only
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Manitoba Justice
Circuit court sits at Thompson 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: 1-866-753-3111.

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

- Private accommodation can be arranged.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight services
via Hudson Bay Railway out of Thompson.
Office toll free: 1-800-665-7340.
- OmniTRAX provides scheduled passenger
and small-parcel services from Thompson.
Office toll free: 1-877-276-3777.

Business Directory

Business	Phone
Ceo Store	204-286-3149

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