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# Barrows

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## **Community Overview**

### **History**

Barrows originated in the 19<sup>th</sup> century when the Red Deer Lake Sawmill was in operation. The mill was closed in 1927 and since that time several small sawmills have operated for short periods of time. Barrows is the approximate centre of a group of five including Baden, Powell, National Mills and Red Deer Lake. Barrows is the largest community of the group.

### **Access**

Barrows is located on Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 77 between Mafeking and the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border. The highway is the approximate northern boundary of the Porcupine Provincial Forest.

### **Governance**

The community is represented by a mayor and council under The Northern Affairs Act and first recognized as a community in 1984.

### **Economic Overview**

The area is heavily forested and forest harvesting continues to provide some employment with saw logs for some mills. Local soils have potential for agricultural development and there is limited ranching. Trapping continues to be a major source of employment and the community shares traplines in the Porcupine and Shoal River Registered Trapline Zones with other communities.

### **Contacts**

Barrows Community Council  
General Delivery  
Barrows, MB R0L 0B0

Phone: 204-545-6275  
Fax: 204-545-6220  
Email: barrows@xplornet.com

Office hours: Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Staff**

The community employs a community administrative officer, public works employee/water operator and backup, regional community safety officer, fire chief, emergency coordinator and a part-time regional recreation director.

### **Statistics**

Census Year	Population
1985	176
1991	144
1996	148
2001	127
2006	120
2011	109
2016	98
2021	83

*\*information is from Statistics Canada*

### **Households**

There are 54 housing units.

### **Boundary**

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 19309. See map.

### **Property Assessment and Taxes**

Information is from the 2023 assessment roll and Tax Rates Regulation (2023) of Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$2,900
Real Property	\$677,610
Total	\$680,510
Grants-in-lieu	\$80,950
Exempt	\$183,970
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	5.7 mills
Business Tax	3.75%
School Levies	
Education Support	8.140 mills
Frontier School Division #48	12.422 mills

**Emergency Services**

**Fire**

Firefighting capability is based on a pumper truck and equipment from the fire hall. Portable forestry equipment is available for grass and brush fires. The volunteer fire department responds to nearby areas and is part of a regional mutual aid district and can receive backup from Mafeking as required. Emergency Phone: 204-545-6271.

**Police**

Police response is from the Swan River RCMP detachment. Phone: 204-734-3454. The community safety officer responds locally and in the surrounding area. Phone: 204-545-2450.

**Medical**

Medical services and hospital facilities are provided from Swan River which is the nearest major centre. Ambulance (stationed in Mafeking) service is provided by the Parkland Regional Health Authority. Phone: 204-734-2215.

**Communication Services**

**Phone**

BellMTS provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to: Benito, Birch River, Bowsman, Cowan, Mafeking, Minitonas, Pelican Rapids, Swan River. Office: toll free: 204-225-5687.

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

**Community-Based Services**

**Hydro**

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

**Water**

Water is provided by two local wells. The water is treated through a reverse osmosis process, chlorinated and then piped to residences.

**Wastewater**

Wastewater is piped from residences to a three cell lagoon located near the community. Other

liquid waste is collected by a pump-out truck and deposited in the lagoon.

**Waste Disposal**

A regional site, located two kilometres west of the community on PTH 77, is open 12 hours per week. Solid waste is picked up weekly.

**Schools**

The Barrows Junction School, operated by Frontier School Division, serves 18 students from Nursery to Grade 9. Phone: 204-545-6246.

**Recreation Facilities**

- baseball diamond
- outdoor rink with change house
- recreation hall

**Commercial Services**

**Accommodation**

- A Bed and Breakfast and small (limited service) restaurant is located in the community.

**Transportation**

- Gardewine North provides freight services from its Swan River terminal.
- Williamson Trucking provides some freight service out of Westgate.

**Business Directory**

Business	Phone
Post Office	204-545-2227

**Government Services**

**Provincial Government Departments**

Manitoba Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources

Regional Operations, Western Region, District Office and conservation officer Phone: 204-734-3429 in Swan River. Fire operations manager Phone: 204-627-8267 in The Pas.

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

Regional drinking water officer Phone: 204-648-5200 and environment officer Phone: 204-648-4794 in Dauphin. The 24 hour environmental emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

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Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care  
Public health inspector Phone: 204-627-8307 in  
The Pas.

Manitoba Indigenous Economic Development  
Communities Economic Development Fund  
(CEDF) Phone: 204-778-4138 in Thompson  
(Head Office) or toll free: 1-800-561-4315.

Manitoba Justice  
Circuit court sits at Swan River coordinated by  
the Swan River Regional Court Office Phone:  
204-734-2252.

Manitoba Labour and Immigration  
Employment Standards Branch Phone:  
204-945-3352 in Winnipeg or toll free:  
1-800-821-4307.

Inspection and Technical Services, building  
inspector Phone: 204-945-3373 in Winnipeg or  
Email: [TechnicalServices@gov.mb.ca](mailto:TechnicalServices@gov.mb.ca).

Workplace Safety and Health Branch toll free:  
1-855-957-SAFE (7233).

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations  
Northern Affairs, North Central Region Phone:  
204-622-2110 in Dauphin. The 24 hour  
emergency number toll free: 1-866-753-3111.

Community and Regional Planning Branch,  
Regional Office Phone: 204-622-2115 in  
Dauphin.

Community Development Branch, Westman/  
Parkland Region regional consultant Phone:  
204-726-6068 in Brandon.

Office of the Fire Commissioner, emergency  
services officer Phone: 204-726-6855 in  
Brandon or Email: [firecomm@gov.mb.ca](mailto:firecomm@gov.mb.ca). The  
24 hour emergency response number toll free:  
1-888-253-1488.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure  
Emergency Measures Organization, General  
Office and emergency management advisor  
Phone: 204-945-3050 in Winnipeg or toll free:  
1-888-267-8298.

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