
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

Email: pikcouncil@xplornet.com

Office hours: Monday to Friday 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Staff

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

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	201
1991	125
1996	140
2001	117
2006	96
2011	98
2016	64
2021	55

**information is from Statistics Canada*

Households

There are about 38 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 2023 assessment roll and Tax Rates Regulation (2023) of Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$16,300
Real Property	\$1,385,420
Total	\$1,401,720
Grants-in-lieu	\$253,000
Exempt	\$115,840
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 also available for grass and brush fires.

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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 Transportation and 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

The Pikwitonei School operated by Frontier School Division is temporarily closed.

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 Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources

Regional Operations, Northern Region, District Office and conservation officer Phone: 204-677-6640 and fire operations manager Phone: 204-677-6623 in Thompson.

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

Regional drinking water officer Phone: 204-677-6704 in Thompson. Environment officer Phone: 204-620-5797 or 431-355-2245 in The Pas. The 24 hour environmental emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care

Public health inspector Phone: 204-677-6472 in Thompson.

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 Thompson coordinated by the Thompson Regional Court Office Phone: 204-677-6761.

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.

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

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations

Northern Affairs, Northern Region Phone: 204-677-6786 in Thompson. The 24 hour emergency number toll free: 1-866-735-3111.

Community and Regional Planning Branch, Regional Office Phone: 204-945-8353 in Winnipeg.

Community Development Branch, Eastman/ Norman Region regional consultant Phone: 204-268-6021 in Beausejour.

Office of the Fire Commissioner, emergency services officer Phone: 204-726-6855 in Brandon or Email: 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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