
Norway House

Community Status

Two Communities share the name Norway House: Norway House Cree Nation and the adjacent non-treaty community of Norway House. Information in this report relates to the non-treaty Community unless noted.

The community is located on the east channel of the Nelson River, approximately 29 km's north of Lake Winnipeg. Pr # 373 serves as an all weather road connecting Norway House to Jenpeg and then on to PR # 6. By air, Norway House is 456 KM's North of Winnipeg, 208 km's east of The Pas, and 190 km's south of Thompson. All internal community roads are paved.

One of the original Hudson's Bay Trading Posts from the fur trading days, the community was recognized by the Department of Northern Affairs in 1970. Today it is governed by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

Community Contacts

By mail

Norway House Community Administrator
Box 5100
Norway House, MB R0B 1B0

By phone

Call (204) 359-6719
Fax (204) 359-6004
Email: nhccoun@mts.net
Website: www.norwayhousecc.ca

Office hours and staff

Office hours are: Mon- Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm

Norway House Community Development Corporation
P.O. Box 5100
Norway House, MB.
R0B 1B0
Phone: (204)359-8185
Fax: (204) 359-6004
Email: nhcdc@mts.net

In addition to the CAO, one administrative assistant, the community employs a public works employee, recreation director, two full-time water/sewer truck operators, 1 seasonal arena maintenance worker, a volunteer fire chief, and 8 volunteer fire fighters.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	722
1991	507
1996	575
2001	456
2006	521

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are about 203 housing units in the community.

By-laws

- Employee Benefits
- Fire Department
- Reserve Funds

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 18628A. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment	
Business	\$182,600
Real Property	3,181,380
Grants-in-lieu	2,414,670
Exempt	4,357,670
Exempt School	4,690
Total	10,141,010

Rate of Taxation (mills)

General Municipal	5.20
School levies	
Foundation	12.33
Frontier School Division (#48)	17.60
Business Tax	3.75%

Information is from the 2010 assessment roll and tax by-law of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs.

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Emergency Services

Fire

Fire fighting capability is based on a pumper truck and equipment from the community fire hall. Portable forestry equipment is also available for grass and brush fires.

- 3 Fire fighters
- 1 EMS/ Fire fighter
- 2 junior fire fighters
- 2 Pumper Trucks
- Forest Fire Fighting equipment

Police

Police response is from the Norway House detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 359-6715.

Medical

Medical response is based on the federal hospital in Norway House staffed with 5 doctors and 15 nurses. The BRHA is responsible for Public Health and Home care. Norway House Cree Nation operates the community clinic and provides local medical transportation services for treaty status people.

Community-based Services

Airstrip

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services, Northern Airports operate a 3,922' x 100' crushed rock airstrip in the community with terminal, remote-controlled lighting and fuel facilities. Terry Mowat Enterprises staff provide weather data on a 24 hours/day basis under contract to Atmospheric Services, Canada. Head Office is in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-3421, or airport manager, phone (204) 359-6702 or fax (204) 359-4559.

Ferry Service

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services, Marine Services Cable ferry *James Apetegon* provides daily service on the access highway across the Nelson river. Office is in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-3424.

Hydro

Provided by Manitoba Hydro as land- line electric power. Residential rates are:

Basic charge	\$ 6.25 /month
First 175 kWh	5.78 cents/KWH
Balance	5.16 cents/KWH

Hydro Office is located in Norway House, phone (204) 359-6270.

Telephone

Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual-line, cell service and digital switching with toll-free calling to Cross Lake. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687. Cell service is available in the community.

Water

The community has 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 yet connected to the system.

Waste Disposal

Solid-waste disposal site is located near the community on the reserve, and transport to the waste disposal site is contracted out.

Sewage is handled by a combination of sewage collection lines and a pumpout truck to a lagoon located in the community.

Schools

Frontier School Division operates two schools in Norway House. Jack River School and Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre provide up to 200 or more jobs. The two schools do not separate treaty and non-treaty students for enrollment statistics. The Division has an agreement with the Norway House Band to provide services for treaty students. Phone numbers are:

- Jack River School (204) 359-6781
- Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre (204) 359-4100.

University College of the North offers adult education courses. Phone (204) 359-6296

Recreation Facilities

- Arena
- Baseball Diamond
- Fitness Centre
- Lighthouses Program

Recreational Activities:

- Minor/Senior/Junior Hockey
- Summer Day Camps
- Swimming
- Fishing Derby
- Fairs

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Government Services

Communities Economic Development Fund, Head Office at Thompson, phone (204) 778-4138.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Northeast Region Office, District Office located at Norway House, phone (204) 359-6877.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Northeastern Region, Fire control Officer located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6627.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Northeast Region Public Health, phone (204) 677-6703.

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, Regional Services Branch, Norman Region Office located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6780.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Economic Development, Regional Office at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6792.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Planning Services, Regional Office located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6700.

Manitoba Justice Circuit Court sits at Cross Lake and is coordinated by the Thompson Regional Court Office, phone (204) 677-6759.

Manitoba Labour, Employment Services Standards, Employment Standards Officer is located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6664.

Manitoba Labour, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Assistant Fire Commissioner is located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6592.

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- West Island Cottages – phone (204) 359-6626 cell (204) 359-5053
- Lighthouse Cottages(204)359-6637
- The Playgreen Inn provides accommodation and meals – phone (204) 359-6321.
- York Boat Inn (204) 359-6550 or 1-888-355-9675

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service to Norway House by all weather roads from its terminal in Winnipeg.

- Reimer Manitoba Express provides freight service between Thompson and Norway House by all weather roads.
- Perimeter Airlines (Inland) Ltd. Provides scheduled and chartered service to Norway House.
- Two Local taxis operate within the community.
- Grey Goose Bus Lines provides passenger and small parcel service from Winnipeg or Thompson.

Businesses

- Canada Post Corporation- Phone (204) 359-6741.
- Chicken Chef- Phone (204) 359-6646.
- Fort Island Enterprises- Laundry & Car wash- Phone (204) 359-6645.
- Restore/Lighthouse cottages-(204)359-6637
- Ranger Insurance Brokers (reserve) Phone (204)359-8800.
- Family Foods- phone (204) 359-6689
- Mowat Backhoe Rentals Phone (204)359-6626.
- Northern Stores- phone (204) 359-6258
- Norway House Fishermen's Co-op – phone (204) 359-6579.
- Norway House Fishermen's Co-op Gas Bar & Convenience- phone (204) 359-4633
- Pinaw Wachi Ltd. (Personal Care Home) – phone (204) 359-6606.
- Royal Bank of Canada phone (204) 359-6593
- Anderson Fuel , Convenience& Towing (reserve) phone (204) 359-4296.
- Apetagon Small Motor Repairs – phone (204) 359-6696.
- Norway House Hospital Pharmacy- phone (204) 359-6363
- The York Boat Diner (reserve)- phone (204)359-6679.
- West Island fix-it-shop phone 359-0276
- York Boat Inn (reserve) – phone (204) 359-6550 or 1-888-355-9675.
- Trappers grill phone (204)359-4644.

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 is conducted 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 services, as Norway House is a regional centre.

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Trapping occurs in the Norway House Registered Trap Line Zone.

Wild rice has been seeded in shallow lakes east of Norway House.

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

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