
Cormorant

Community Overview

History

The main community section is on a point along the north shore of The Narrows which connects Cormorant Lake with Little Cormorant Lake. A single lane timber bridge/causeway connects the balance of the community on the south shore of The Narrows. To the west surrounding Cormorant Lake is Cormorant Provincial Forest.

Access

Cormorant is situated on the east shore of Cormorant Lake in west central Manitoba, 48 kilometres (km) northeast of The Pas. Provincial Road 287 provides access from Provincial Trunk Highway 10 to The Pas. The Hudson Bay Railway passes through the community.

Governance

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

Economic Overview

Cormorant's physical location in a relatively flat marshy region, which is part of the Palaeozoic geological zone of Manitoba, is a factor in economic development. The remaining forest areas surrounding Cormorant are part of a designated logging area. Present and potential economic activity is based upon commercial fishing, trapping, forestry and tourism. Potential mineral reserves are also found within 80 km of the community. Wild rice is planted in the shallow areas of nearby lakes. The Pas fish station serves Cormorant fishers. The Cormorant Lodge caters to sport fishers and a number of residents provide guide services to the lodge. Both the Cormorant campground and Cormorant Lake campground provide additional tourist facilities for sport hunting and fishing.

Contacts

Cormorant Community Council
Box 1
Cormorant, MB R0B 0G0

Phone: 204-357-2145

Fax: 204-357-2224

Phone: 204-357-2062 Garage

Email: cormorantcc@xplornet.com

Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Staff

The community employs a community administrative officer, public works employee/water and wastewater operator and backup, fire chief, emergency coordinator, park attendant and custodian.

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	382
1991	482
1996	436
2001	400
2006	334
2011	346
2016	327
2021	307

**information is from Statistics Canada*

Households

There are 139 housing units.

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 19305. 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	\$21,400
Real Property	\$3,260,320
Total	\$3,281,720
Grants-in-lieu	\$544,970
Exempt	\$812,760
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	5.7 mills

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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. The volunteer fire department responds locally. Phone: 911.

Police

Police response is from The Pas RCMP detachment. Phone: 911.

Medical

Medical services consist of a nursing station staffed by a community health worker. Ambulance and hospital services are from The Pas. Phone: 911.

Communication Services

Phone

BellMTS provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to: Clearwater Lake, Moose Lake, The Pas, Wanless. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

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

Community-Based Services

Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Regional Office: 204-623-7471 in The Pas.

Water

Water supply is taken from community wells and distributed after filtration and chlorination. A distribution system serves most of the community.

Wastewater

Wastewater is treated by a lagoon on the north side and a new extended aeration treatment

plant on the south side of the community. The north and south sides of the community are serviced by low-pressure wastewater mains. Wastewater holding tanks service the area known as McKenzie's Point.

Waste Disposal

Solid waste is transported to the community site.

Schools

The Cormorant Lake School, operated by Frontier School Division, serves 102 students from Nursery to Grade 10. Phone: 204-357-2225.

Recreation Facilities

- baseball diamond
- community hall
- park

Recreation Activities

- Lighthouses program
- basketball
- hunting, fishing
- boating, swimming

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- There is no local accommodation available.
- Cormorant Campsite Phone: 204-357-2176.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides all-weather road freight service from The Pas. 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.

Business Directory

Business	Phone
Cormorant Logging and Construction	204-357-2201
Myers Fishing	204-357-2090
Pedie's Take-Out	204-357-2133

Government Services

Provincial Government Departments

Manitoba Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources

Regional Operations, Western Region, District Office and conservation officer Phone: 204-627-8287 and fire operations manager Phone: 204-627-8267 in The Pas.

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

Regional drinking water officer Phone: 204-648-5200 in Dauphin. 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: 204-627-8307 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 The Pas coordinated by The Pas Regional Court Office Phone: 204-627-8420.

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.

