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# Iford

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## **Community Overview**

### **History**

The community originated as a construction and service centre during the building of the Hudson Bay Railway. It later served as a marshalling point for prospectors during the Island Lake gold rush and then as a similar marshalling point for the network of winter freight roads going east from Iford. War Lake First Nation is the adjacent reserve. The majority of the community boundary was transferred to reserve status in November 2017.

### **Access**

Iford is located along the bayline, 144 air kilometres (km) northeast of Thompson, 416 km northeast by rail from The Pas and 688 air km north of Winnipeg.

### **Governance**

Iford is recognized as a community under The Northern Affairs Act with no council in place.

### **Economic Overview**

The local economy is based on trapping and the service sector. Trapping is conducted in the Split Lake Registered Trapline Zone. Forest resources in the area are largely immature. Some small winter freight operations are conducted in season.

### **Contacts**

General Delivery  
Iford, MB R0B 0S0

Email: [ilfordcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ilfordcommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

### **Statistics**

Census Year	Population
1985	178
1991	133
1996	155
2001	143
2006	116
2011	43
2016	31

2021	No data
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*\*information is from Statistics Canada*

### **Households**

There is one housing unit.

### **Boundary**

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18967A. 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	\$2,100
Real Property	\$593,320
Total	\$595,420
Grants-in-lieu	\$157,090
Exempt	\$220,470
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**

There is no firefighting capability.

### **Police**

Police response is from the Gillam RCMP detachment. Phone: 204-652-2200.

### **Medical**

Medical response is from the community health worker. The nearest hospital is located in Thompson. The community qualifies for the Northern Patient Transportation Program. Phone: 204-288-4348.

**Communication Services**

**Phone**

BellMTS provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to: Gillam, Split Lake. 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 3,000' x 75' gravel-on-sand strip with terminal and remote-controlled lighting about three km from the community. Office: 204-945-3421 in Winnipeg.

**Hydro**

Manitoba Hydro provides power through its landline electric power system. Office: 204-652-2144 in Gillam.

**Water**

Water treatment is provided under agreement with the adjacent reserve and is distributed by waterlines throughout the community.

**Wastewater**

Wastewater is treated at a wastewater treatment plant.

**Waste Disposal**

A solid waste site is located near the community.

**Schools**

The Julie Lindal School, operated by Frontier School Division, serves 33 students from Nursery to Grade 8. Phone: 204-288-4355.

**Recreation Facilities**

- learning centre

**Recreation Activities**

- Moose Nose Lake: swimming, boating

**Commercial Services**

**Accommodation**

- Northern Lights Place of Learning Phone: 204-288-4315.

**Transportation**

- Gardewine North provides freight service by road, depending on road conditions. Office toll free: 1-800-665-7340.
- The Hudson Bay Railway, owned and operated by the Arctic Gateway Group, provides passenger and parcel services three times per week between Churchill and Thompson or Winnipeg. Carload freight shipments is provided out of The Pas.

**Business Directory**

Business	Phone
Moosecoot Gas Bar and Convenience Store	204-288-4370 Fax: 204-288-4379

**Government Services**

**Provincial Government Departments**

Manitoba Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources

Regional Operations, Northern Region, District Office and conservation officer Phone: 204-675-2697 in Churchill. 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 Gillam 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](mailto: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](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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