
Incorporated Community of Cross Lake

Community Overview

History

Two communities share the name Cross Lake, the reserve and adjacent non-reserve side. Information relates to the non-reserve side, unless otherwise noted.

Access

The community is located on the shores of the Nelson River where the river enters Cross Lake. Provincial Road (PR) 374 connects Cross Lake to PR 373 and onto Provincial Trunk Highway 6. By air, Cross Lake is 120 kilometres (km) south of Thompson and 520 km north of Winnipeg.

Governance

The community was recognized in September 1970 and is represented by a mayor and council under The Northern Affairs Act. The community of Cross Lake was incorporated in 2010.

Economic Overview

Present economic activity includes fishing, trapping and local services. Fishers from Cross Lake, Walker Lake and Pipestone Lake deliver their fish catch to the Wabowden fish station. Trappers have traplines in the Cross Lake Registered Trapline Zone. Small deposits of lithium, copper and titanium in the immediate area are not economically recoverable. Forest resources are substantial and there is some potential for market development. A proposed community centre will create long-term economic growth and enhance community infrastructure.

Contacts

Incorporated Community of Cross Lake
Community Council
Box 208
Cross Lake, MB R0B 0J0

Phone: 204-676-2465

Fax: 204-676-2945

Phone: 204-676-2214 Public Works

Phone: 204-676-3166 Water Treatment Plant

Email: beckclcc@mymts.net

website: www.crosslakemanitoba.ca

Cross Lake Community Development
Corporation Phone: 204-676-2465.

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

Staff

The community employs a community administrative officer, office support staff, public works employees, water operator and backup, fire chief, emergency coordinator, recreation director, part-time ambulance administrator, custodian and part-time outreach worker.

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	581
1991	401
1996	412
2001	481
2006	406
2011	388
2016	443
2021	451

**information is from Statistics Canada*

Households

There are 140 housing units.

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 135/2010 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 20440. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Information is from the 2023 assessment roll, incorporated community tax levy bylaw and Tax Rates Regulation (2023) of Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$173,500
Real Property	\$6,058,940
Total	\$6,232,440
Grants-in-lieu	\$2,433,970
Exempt	\$1,256,060

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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. The volunteer fire department responds locally and works jointly with the First Nation fire department and responds to motor vehicle accidents. Phone: 204-676-2291. A boat is available for water rescue. A community water truck provides backup water supply.

Police

Police response is from the Cross Lake RCMP detachment. Phone: 204-676-2345.

Medical

Medical response is from the local federal nursing station staffed by doctors, nurses, dentist and community health workers. There is an Emergency Rescue First Response Team as part of the fire department operations and a community operated provincial ambulance service. Phone: 204-676-2011.

Communication Services

Phone

BellMTS provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to: Thompson, Norway House. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

Cellular Service

Available.

High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi

Unavailable.

Community-Based Services

Airstrip

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure,

Northern Airports, operate a 3,000' x 95' crushed rock strip with terminal and remote-controlled lighting on the edge of the community. Office: 204-945-3421 in Winnipeg.

Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office: 204-676-2466 in Cross Lake or 204-359-6260 in Norway House.

Water

Water is pumped from Cross Lake to a chemical feed treatment plant where it is filtered, chlorinated and fed to a reservoir. Ninety per cent of the community has piped distribution. The remainder has trucked water delivery.

Wastewater

Wastewater is collected by pump-out truck from homes not on the low-pressure and gravity systems. The wastewater is delivered to a wastewater lift station which empties into a lagoon capable of handling 305,400 litres/day.

Waste Disposal

Solid waste pickup is twice a week and delivered to a site also used by the reserve.

Schools

D.R. Hamilton School, operated by Frontier School Division, serves 122 students from Nursery to Grade 9. Phone: 204-676-2278. The reserve operates two schools that serve 2,050 students from Nursery to Grade 12. Mikisew High School (8-12) Phone: 204-676-3030 and Otter Nelson River School (N-7) Phone: 204-676-2050.

University College of the North operates its Pimicikamak (Cross Lake) Regional Centre in Cross Lake that offers recognized certificate, diploma and degree programs. It also offers customized courses to meet community needs. Phone: 204-676-2677.

Recreation Facilities

- Sand Bay beach area
- community hall
- playground

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Recreation Activities

- Youth: cadets, spring carnival
- Families: annual camp out, Christmas parade
- Elders: monthly activities
- Smokey's firefighter rodeo

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- Rooms and meals are available at the inn and rooms available at the hotel.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service by all-weather road. The nearest terminal is at Thompson. Toll free: 1-800-665-7340.
- Daily bus passenger and parcel service is available between Cross Lake, Wabowden, Thompson and Winnipeg. Maple Bus Lines Office toll free: 1-833-339-4197 or Thompson Bus Phone: 204-939-3991.
- Perimeter Aviation provides scheduled daily and chartered air service from Winnipeg and Norway House. Office toll free: 1-800-665-8986 or local: 204-676-2210.

Business Directory

Business	Phone
Allan McLeod Construction Ltd	204-676-2440
Brother Bear Bus Lines	204-981-6503
CFNC Radio Station	204-676-2331
Convenience Store	204-676-3398
Cross Lake First Nation Multi Channel System	204-676-2146
Cross Lake Inn	204-676-3333
Cross Lake Restaurant	204-676-3635
Family Foods	204-676-2558
Hilliker Hotel	204-676-0001
Mid North Development Corporation	204-676-2404
Mistasineek Gas	204-676-3515
Muskego's Restaurant and Gas	204-676-3332
Northmart	204-676-2371
Pimicikamak Okimawin Gas Bar and Convenience Store	204-676-4914
Red Sun Gas Bar and Smoke Shop	204-676-2914

Triple R Electric and Auto Glass	204-676-2411
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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: 204-627-8307 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 Cross Lake 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: 1-866-753-3111.

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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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