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# National Mills

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## **Community Overview**

### **History**

National Mills is one of a group of five in close proximity including Baden, Red Deer Lake, Powell and Barrows. It was built as a result of small logging during the years of the sawmill operations on the edge of the Porcupine Provincial Forest. There is no longer any permanent residents.

### **Access**

National Mills is located on Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 77 between Barrows 10 kilometres (km) to the east and Westgate four km to the west. PTH 77 connects Mafeking and PTH 10 with Saskatchewan.

### **Governance**

National Mills is recognized as a community under The Northern Affairs Act. There is no council in place.

### **Economic Overview**

The area is heavily forested and forest harvesting continues to be the dominant economic activity. Soils have potential for agricultural applications in the mixed farming sector. Trapping is carried out as part of the Porcupine and Shoal River Registered Trapline Zones.

### **Contacts**

c/o Barrows, MB R0L 0B0

### **Statistics**

Census Year	Population
1985	46
1991	23
1996	43
2001	20
2006	18
2011	4
2016	0
2021	0

*\*information is from Statistics Canada*

### **Households**

There are four vacant housing units.

### **Boundary**

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 19308. 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	0
Real Property	\$85,970
Total	\$85,970
Grants-in-lieu	\$12,340
Exempt	\$24,570
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 limited to support from the Barrows volunteer fire department. Phone: 204-545-6271.

### **Police**

Police response is from the Swan River RCMP detachment. Phone: 204-734-3454.

### **Medical**

Medical response is from the Parkland Regional Health Authority with an ambulance stationed in Mafeking. Emergency Phone: 204-734-2215.

## **Communication Services**

### **Phone**

BellMTS Mafeking Exchange provides individual line services and digital switching with toll free

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calling to: Barrows, Benito, Birch River, Cowan, Bowsman, Swan River, Mafeking, Minitonas, Pelican Rapids. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

### **Cellular Service/Wi-Fi**

Unavailable.

### **High-Speed Internet**

Rural available.

## **Community-Based Services**

### **Hydro**

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office toll free: 1-888-624-9376.

### **Water**

Water supply is provided by water delivery from the Barrows water treatment facility.

### **Waste Disposal**

A regional solid waste site is nearby in Barrows.

## **Commercial Services**

### **Transportation**

- Gardewine North provides freight service from the Swan River terminal.

## **Government Services**

### **Provincial Government Departments**

Manitoba Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources

Regional Operations, Western Region, District Office and conservation officer Phone: 204-734-3429 in Swan River. Fire operations manager Phone: 204-627-8267 in The Pas.

### Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

Regional drinking water officer Phone: 204-648-5200 and environment officer Phone: 204-648-4794 in Dauphin. 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 Swan River coordinated by the Swan River Regional Court Office Phone: 204-734-2252.

### 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, North Central Region Phone: 204-622-2110 in Dauphin. The 24 hour emergency number toll free: 1-866-735-3111.

Community and Regional Planning Branch, Regional Office Phone: 204-622-2115 in Dauphin.

Community Development Branch, Westman/Parkland Region regional consultant Phone: 204-726-6068 in Brandon.

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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