
Thicket Portage

Community Overview

History

The community was originally known as Franklin Portage after the Franklin expedition. It is one of the portages in the route used to connect the Nelson River system with Wintering Lake. The community is located on the Hudson Bay Railway between Landing Lake to the south and Wintering Lake to the north.

Access

The railway provides the only all-year surface transportation linkage. A winter road is established for six to eight weeks every year. The community is 48 kilometres (km) south of Thompson and 256 km northeast of The Pas.

Governance

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

Economic Overview

Thicket Portage, adjacent to the Wabowden-Thompson Nickel Belt, is located in an area suitable for forestry and tourism development. Wild rice has been planted in nearby areas. Tree-planting, fishing and trapping are seasonal activities, supplemented by employment in local services such as health care workers, community workers and New Beginnings program. Fishers utilize Landing Lake and Wintering Lake and deliver their catch to the Wabowden fish station.

Contacts

Thicket Portage Community Council
Box 80
Thicket Portage, MB R0B 1R0

Phone: 204-286-3296
Fax: 204-286-3256
Phone: 204-286-3232 Public Works
Email: TPcouncil2024@outlook.com

Office hours: Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Staff

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

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	198
1991	192
1996	204
2001	137
2006	156
2011	152
2016	150
2021	127

**information is from Statistics Canada*

Households

There are 50 housing units.

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18830. 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	\$19,000
Real Property	\$1,354,990
Total	\$1,373,990
Grants-in-lieu	\$501,940
Exempt	\$273,960
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

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Emergency Services

Fire

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

Police

Police response is from the Thompson RCMP detachment. Phone: 204-677-6911. The community safety officer can also respond. Phone: 204-286-3207.

Medical

Medical response is based on a health worker, visiting nurse twice a month and doctor visit once a month. Additional response is based on transporting the patient to the Thompson General Hospital. Phone: 204-677-2381. The community qualifies for the Northern Patient Transportation Program.

Communication Services

Phone

Manitoba/Internet Broadband Tower Services provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to Thompson. BellMTS 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 2,220' x 75' crushed rock airstrip with terminal and remote-controlled lighting near the community. Office Phone: 204-945-3421 in Winnipeg or local airport manager Phone: 204-286-3278.

Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline power. Regional Office Phone: 204-677-2357 in Thompson.

Water

Water is pumped from Landing Lake by line to a

water treatment plant where it is chlorinated, pressurized and distributed by piped system.

Wastewater

A piped system collects liquid wastes and delivers it to a wastewater treatment plant.

Waste Disposal

Twice weekly pickup is made in residential areas and materials are deposited in a solid waste site located near the community.

Schools

The Thicket Portage School, operated by Frontier School Division, serves 12 students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Phone: 204-286-3264. The Head Start Program serves ages 1 to 6. Phone: 204-286-3284.

Recreation Facilities

- community hall

Recreation Activities

- Head Start program
- bingo, card games
- school gym nights
- winter carnival
- fishing derby
- sports days
- skating, baseball, walking club, gardening

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- Private accommodation can be arranged.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight services by rail out of Thompson. Office toll free: 1-800-665-7340.
- The Hudson Bay Railway, owned and operated by the Arctic Gateway Group, provides scheduled passenger and small parcel services from Thompson.

Business Directory

Business	Phone
Canada Post	in-person only
Ceo Store	204-286-3149

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: 204-677-6472 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 Thompson 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.

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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