
Incorporated Community of Cross Lake

Community Overview

History

Two communities share the name Cross Lake, the reserve and adjacent non-reserve side. The community of Cross Lake was incorporated in 2010. 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.

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
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Cross Lake, MB R0B 0J0

Phone: 204-676-2465

Fax: 204-676-2945

Phone: 204-676-2214 Public Works

Phone: 204-676-3166 WTP

Email: clcc@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, volunteer fire chief, 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

**information is from Statistics Canada*

Households

There are 142 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 2020 assessment roll of Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations and the incorporated community tax levy bylaw.

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$166,300
Real Property	\$2,303,370
Grants-in-lieu	\$2,299,420
Exempt	\$1,156,490
Total	\$5,925,580
Rate of Taxation	

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General Municipal	5.7 mills
Business Tax	3.75%
School Levies	
Education Support	8.828 mills
Frontier School Division #48	13.202 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. A boat is available for water rescue. A community water truck provides backup water supply. Phone: 204-676-2291.

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 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 123 students from Nursery to Grade 9. Phone: 204-676-2278. The reserve operates two schools that serve 1,617 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

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 Cross Lake Inn. Phone: 204-676-3333.
- Hilliker Hotel – rooms available. Phone: 204-676-0001.

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 Restaurant	204-676-3635
Family Foods	204-676-2558
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

Government Services

Provincial Government Departments

Manitoba Conservation and Climate
 Drinking water officer Phone: 204-677-6704 and environment officer Phone: 204-677-6703 in Thompson. The 24 hour emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

Regional Operations, Eastern Region, District Office and conservation officer Phone: 204-359-6877 in Norway House. Fire control officer Phone: 204-679-2253 in Thompson.

Manitoba Economic Development and Training
 Communities Economic Development Fund (CEDF) Phone: 204-778-4138 in Thompson (Head Office) or toll free: 1-800-561-4315.

Manitoba Finance

Employment Standards Branch Phone: 204-677-6664 in Thompson or toll free: 1-800-821-4307.

Workplace Safety and Health Branch toll free: 1-855-957-SAFE (7233).

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living
 Public health inspector Phone: 204-677-6472 in Thompson.

Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations
 Northern Affairs Branch, Northern Region Phone: 204-677-6786 in Thompson. The 24 hour emergency number toll free: 1-866-753-3111.

Manitoba Infrastructure

Emergency Measures Organization, General Office and emergency management advisor toll free: 1-888-267-8298.

Manitoba Justice

Circuit court sits at Cross Lake coordinated by the Thompson Regional Court Office Phone: 204-677-6761.

Manitoba Municipal Relations

Community and Regional Planning Branch, Regional Office Phone: 204-945-8353 in Winnipeg.

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Norman Region, Recreation and Regional
Services Branch Phone: 204-627-8213 in
The Pas.

Office of the Fire Commissioner, emergency
services officer Phone: 204-726-6855 in
Brandon. The 24 hour emergency response
number toll free: 1-888-253-1488.

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