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# Thicket Portage

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## **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: thicketportagecc@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, part-time recreation director and outreach worker.

### **Statistics**

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

*\*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 2020 assessment roll and Tax Rates and Levy Regulation (2020) of Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$18,600
Real Property	\$553,360
Grants-in-lieu	\$516,590
Exempt	\$359,510
Total	\$1,448,060
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	5.7 mills
Business Tax	3.75%
School Levies	
Education Support	8.828 mills
Frontier School Division #48	13.202 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. There are 10 volunteer firefighters. Phone: 204-286-2274.

#### **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 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**

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**

<b>Business</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Canada Post	in-person only
Ceo Store	204-286-3149

**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 Phone: 677-6653, conservation officer Phone: 204-677-6645 and 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 Thompson 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.

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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