
Dawson Bay

Community Overview

History

Dawson Bay was first settled as a fishing site by fishers who commercially fished the bay and Lake Winnipegosis. The community continues to serve as a harbour.

Access

It is located 35 kilometres north of Mafeking and east of Provincial Trunk Highway 10 and on the north western shore of Dawson Bay, which is part of Lake Winnipegosis.

Governance

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

Economic Overview

The fish packing plant operates in the summer and winter. There is limited trapping in open areas. Although agriculture has not been developed, there is potential for mixed farming. The soil, which is quite stony, produces good gardens.

Contacts

Dawson Bay Community Council
Box 57
c/o Mafeking, MB R0L 1B0

Phone/Fax: 204-545-2366

Phone: 204-545-2339 Public Works

Email:

dawsonbaycommunitycouncil@gmail.com

Office hours: Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Staff

The community employs a community administrative officer, public works/water operator and backup.

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	43
1991	52

1996	53
2001	25
2006	38
2011	31
2016	21
2021	31

**information is from Statistics Canada*

Households

There are 19 housing units.

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 19499. 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	\$900
Real Property	\$348,440
Total	\$349,340
Grants-in-lieu	\$125,030
Exempt	\$21,780
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 small fast-attack vehicle with limited water supply, hoses and equipment.

Police

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

Medical

Medical services consists of an ambulance,

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clinics and hospital in Swan River. Phone: 204-734-2215.

Communication Services

Phone

BellMTS Mafeking Exchange provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to: Barrows, Benito, Birch River, Cowan, Bowsman, Swan River, Minitonas, Pelican Rapids. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

Cellular Service/High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi
Unavailable.

Community-Based Services

Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office: 204-734-4505 in Swan River.

Water

The water treatment plant supplies chlorinated well water to a pail fill and the community hall. Residents are responsible for their own wells.

Wastewater

Wastewater is delivered from septic fields and holding tanks to the community lagoon.

Waste Disposal

A solid waste site is located close by the community.

Schools

Students attend the Barrows Junction School in Barrows operated by Frontier School Division. The school serves 22 students from Nursery to Grade 9. Phone: 204-545-6246. Grade 10 or higher students live away from home to attend school, generally Cranberry Portage or Swan River.

Recreation Facilities

- community hall
- outdoor rink
- beach

Recreation Activities

- snowmobiling
- swimming

- hunting, fishing, trapping
- hockey
- exercise program, walking
- playing cards
- harvesting maple sugar and birch bark for baskets

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- Nearest is at Swan River or The Pas.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service from The Pas terminal. Office toll free: 1-800-665-7340.

Business Directory

Business	Phone
Dawson Bay Fish Packers Ltd	204-545-2049

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

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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.

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: 1-866-735-3111.

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. 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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