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# Norway House

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## **Community Overview**

### **History**

Two communities share the name Norway House, the reserve and adjacent non-reserve community. The community is one of the original Hudson's Bay Trading Posts from the fur trading days. Continuing its history as a regional centre, it is also a transportation centre with air carriers flying in all directions. Information relates to the non-reserve side, unless otherwise noted.

### **Access**

The community is located on the east channel of the Nelson River, 29 kilometres (km) north of Lake Winnipeg. Provincial Road 373 serves as an all weather road connecting Norway House to Jenpeg and Provincial Trunk Highway 6. All internal community roads are paved. By air, 456 km north of Winnipeg, 208 km east of The Pas and 190 km south of Thompson.

### **Governance**

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

### **Economic Overview**

The terrain, which currently severely limits economic opportunity, is primarily a granite base with little or no soil cover. Large areas are marshy and there are many small creeks, streams and rivers. Several small lakes lie in the nearby area and much of the waterways are dotted with islands. Commercial fishing occurs throughout the year. Fishers deliver their catch to the Playgreen Point and Tait Island fish stations. Other factors in the economy are trapping and local regional services. Trapping occurs in the Norway House Registered Trapline Zone. Wild rice has been seeded in shallow lakes east of Norway House.

### **Contacts**

Norway House Community Council  
Box 5100  
Norway House, MB R0B 1B0

Phone: 204-359-6719  
Fax: 204-359-6004  
Email: [nhccoun@mymts.net](mailto:nhccoun@mymts.net)  
website: [www.norwayhousecc.ca](http://www.norwayhousecc.ca)

Norway House Community Development Corporation

Phone: 204-359-8185  
Fax: 204-359-6004  
Email: [nhcdc@mymts.net](mailto:nhcdc@mymts.net)

Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **Staff**

The community employs a community administrative officer and assistant, public works employees (including two full-time water and wastewater truck operators), water operator and backup, recreation director, seasonal arena maintenance worker, fire chief and emergency coordinator.

### **Statistics**

Census Year	Population
1985	722
1991	507
1996	575
2001	456
2006	521
2011	461
2016	478
2021	394

*\*information is from Statistics Canada*

### **Households**

There are 203 housing units.

### **Boundary**

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18628A. See map.

### **Property Assessment and Taxes**

Information is from the 2023 assessment roll and Tax Rates Regulation (2023) of Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations.

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Value of Assessment	
Business	\$221,200
Real Property	\$11,031,800
Total	\$11,253,000
Grants-in-lieu	\$3,789,310
Exempt	\$3,031,530
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	5.7
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 pumper truck and equipment from the fire hall. Portable forestry equipment is also available for grass and brush fires. Phone: 204-359-4400. The reserve may respond locally.

#### **Police**

Police response is from the Norway House RCMP detachment. Phone: 204-359-4955.

#### **Medical**

Medical response is provided by the federal hospital on the reserve staffed with five doctors and 15 nurses. The Northern Regional Health Authority is responsible for public health and home care. The reserve operates the community clinic and provides local medical transportation services for treaty status people. Phone: 204-359-4400.

### Communication Services

#### **Phone**

BellMTS provides individual line, cell service and digital switching with toll free calling to Cross Lake. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

#### **Cellular Service**

Available.

#### **High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi**

Unavailable.

### Community-Based Services

#### **Airstrip**

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI), Northern Airports operate a 3,922' x 100' crushed rock airstrip with terminal, remote-controlled lighting and fuel facilities. Terry Mowat Enterprises staff provides weather data on a 24 hour/daily basis under contract with Atmospheric Services Canada. Head Office: 204-945-3421 in Winnipeg or local airport manager Phone: 204-359-6702 or Fax: 204-359-4559.

#### **Ferry Service**

MTI, Marine Services Cable ferry *James Apetagon* provides daily service on the access highway across the Nelson River. Office: 204-945-3424 in Winnipeg.

#### **Hydro**

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office: 204-359-6270 in Norway House.

#### **Water**

There is piped water on Fort Island and West Island. Water is pumped from the Nelson River, filtered and chlorinated and fed into the system. Truck delivery is available for houses not connected to the system.

#### **Wastewater**

Wastewater is handled by a combination of wastewater collection lines and a pump-out truck to a lagoon located in the community.

#### **Waste Disposal**

A solid waste site is located on the reserve with transport to the site contracted out.

#### **Schools**

Frontier School Division operates two schools serving 1,903 students from Nursery to Grade 12. Jack River School (N-8) Phone: 204-359-6781. Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre (N-12) Phone: 204-359-4100.

University College of the North operates its Regional Centre in Norway House that offers recognized certificate, diploma and degree

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programs. It also offers customized courses to meet community needs. Phone: 204-359-6296.

### Recreation Facilities

- arena
- baseball diamond
- fitness centre

### Recreation Activities

- Lighthouses program
- hockey (minor/senior/junior)
- summer day camps
- swimming
- fishing derby
- fairs

### Commercial Services

#### Accommodation

- There are cottages and rooms available.

#### Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service by all weather roads from its Winnipeg terminal. Office toll free: 1-800-665-7340.
- Perimeter Aviation provides scheduled and chartered service. Office toll free: 1-800-665-8986.

### Business Directory

Business	Phone
Anderson Fuel and Convenience (reserve)	204-359-4296
Apetagon's Small Motor Repairs	204-359-6696
Charley Biggs	204-359-4174
Family Foods	204-359-6689
NHCDC Backhoe Rentals	204-359-6719
Northern Store	204-359-6258
Norway House Fisher's Co-op	204-359-6579
Norway House Co-op Gas Bar	204-359-4633
Norway House Pharmacy	204-359-6363
Pinaow Wachi Ltd (Personal Care Home)	204-359-6606
Playgreen Inn	204-359-6321
Post Office	204-359-6741
Re-store/Lighthouse Cottages	204-359-6637
Royal Bank of Canada	204-359-3484

The York Boat Diner (reserve)	204-359-6679
West Island Cottages	204-359-6626 Cell: 204-359-5053
York Boat Inn (reserve)	204-359-6550 Toll free: 1-888-355-9675

### 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: 204-627-8307 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 Norway House 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](mailto:TechnicalServices@gov.mb.ca).

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

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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: 204-945-8353 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](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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