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# Barrows

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## Community Status

Barrows is located on PTH #77 between Mafeking and the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border. The PTH is the approximate northern boundary of the Porcupine Forest.

Barrows is the approximate centre of a group of five communities, including Baden, Powell, National Mills, Red Deer Lake and the Westgate cottage area. Barrows is the largest of the five communities, and it provides services to the area.

Barrows was recognized as a community in 1984 and is governed by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

## Community Contacts

### By mail

Barrows Community Clerk  
Barrows Post Office  
Barrows, MB, R0L 0B0

### By phone

Call (204) 545-6275  
Fax (204) 545-6220

### Office hours and staff

Office hours are: Mon to Thu 9:00 to 5:00

The community also employs a public works employee, community constable, volunteer fire chief and shares a recreation director with other communities in the area.

## Community Statistics

### Population

1985	176
1991	144
1996	148
2001	127

Information is from Statistics Canada after 1985.

### Households

There are 54 housing units in the community.

## By-laws

- Dog Control
- Employee benefits
- Fire Department

## Boundary

Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 19309. See map.

## Property Assessment and Taxes

### Values of assessment

Business	\$500
Real Property	474,700
Grants-in-lieu	142,600
Exempt	522,600
Total	1,140,400

### Rate of Taxation (mills)

General Municipal	7.00
School levies	
Farm & Residential	5.75
Commercial & Other	17.00
Frontier School Division (#48)	22.75
Business Tax	4%

Information is from the 2003 assessment roll and tax by-law of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs.

## Emergency Services

### Fire

Fire fighting capability is based on a pumper truck and equipment from the community fire hall. Portable forestry equipment is available for grass and brush fires. The volunteer fire department also responds to nearby communities of Baden, Red Deer Lake, and National Mills. The department is part of a regional mutual aid district and can receive backup from Mafeking as required.

### Police

A community constable responds locally and in nearby communities with back-up from the Swan River detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 734-3454.

### Medical

Medical services, including hospital facilities, are located in Swan River, the nearest major community. Ambulance service is from Swan River.

### Community-based Services

#### Hydro

Manitoba Hydro provides land line electric power.

Residential rates are:

Basic charge	\$6.25/month
First 175 kWh	5.78 cents /kWh
Balance	5.16 cents /kWh

Hydro Regional Office is located at Swan River, phone (204) 734-4505 or 1-800-474-0707.

#### Telephone

Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual line service and digital switching with toll-free calling to Benito, Birch River, Bowsman, Cowan, Mafeking, Minitonas, Pelican Rapids and Swan River. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687

#### Water

Water is provided by 2 community wells. The water is treated through a reverse osmosis process, chlorinated and then piped to residences.

#### Waste Disposal

A solid waste disposal site is located 2 kilometers west of the community on PTH #77. This is a regional waste disposal site manned and open to the public 12 hours per week. Waste is picked up weekly by the public works employee.

Sewage is piped from residences to a 2 cell sewage lagoon located near the community. Other liquid waste is collected by a pump-out truck and deposited in the lagoon.

#### Schools

Children attend the Mountain View School in Barrows, operated by Frontier School Division. Children from Baden, Powell, Red Deer Lake and National Mills also attend this school, phone (204) 545-6246.

#### Recreation Facilities

- Ball diamond
- Outdoor rink with change house
- Recreation hall, 2880 sq. ft.

### Government Services

Communities Economic Development Fund, Head Office located at Thompson, phone (204) 778-4138.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Western Region, District Office located at Swan River, phone (204) 734-3429.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Western Region, Natural Resources Officer is located at Mafeking, phone (204) 545-2263.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Western Region, Public Health Office is located at Swan River, phone (204)734-6774.

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, Regional Services Branch, Parkland Regional Office located at Dauphin, phone (204) 622-2022.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Economic Development, Regional Office located at The Pas, phone (204) 627-8389.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Planning Services, Regional office located at Dauphin, phone (204)622-2115.

Manitoba Justice Circuit Court sits at Swan River, coordinated by the Swan River Regional Court office, phone (204)734-2252.

Manitoba Labour, Employment Standards Branch, Employment Standards Officer is located in Brandon, phone (204) 726-6926.

Manitoba Labour, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Assistant Fire Commissioner is located at Dauphin, phone (204) 1-888-253-1488.

### Commercial Services

#### Accommodation

Nearest accommodation is motels at Mafeking. A small (limited service) restaurant is located in the community.

#### Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight services from its terminal at Swan River.
- Williamson Trucking provides some freight service out of Westgate.

#### Businesses

- Tilly's – restaurant, pool room and post office.

### **Economic Overview**

Barrows originated in the 19<sup>th</sup> century when the Red Deer Lake Sawmill was in operation. This mill was closed in 1927, and since that time several small sawmills have operated for short periods of time.

The area is heavily forested, and forest harvesting continues to provide some employment with saw logs for some mills and pulp logs going to the Tolko Manitoba Inc. Pulpmill at the Pas.

The soils of the area have potential for agricultural development and there is limited ranching.

Trapping continues to be a major source of employment, and the community shares traplines in the Porcupine and Shoal River Registered Trap Line Zones with other communities.

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