
Crane River

Community Status

Crane River is located on the west shore at the north end of Lake Manitoba and borders the Crane River Indian Reserve. All-weather access is provided by PR #276 from Ste. Rose du Lac to Toutes Aides, and then PR #481 to Crane River.

Dauphin is about 120 kilometres to the west while Winnipeg is about 320 kilometres to the Southeast. All information relates to the non-treaty community unless noted.

Crane River has been governed by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act* since May 1969.

Community Contacts

By mail

Crane River Community Clerk
General Delivery
Crane River, Manitoba, R0L 0M0

By Phone

Call (204) 732-2268
Fax 732-2709

Office hours and staff

Office hours are: Mon to Thurs 9:00 – 3:00
and Friday 9:00 – 12:00.

The community also employs a public works employee, community constable, volunteer fire chief and recreation director.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	328
1991	232
1996	178
2001	161

Information is from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are 67 housing units and a senior's complex in the community.

By-laws

- Curfew
- Dog Control
- Employee Benefits
- Financial Reserves
- Fire Department

Boundary

Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 19315. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	\$3,300
Real Property	1,005,900
Grants-in-lieu	1,128,100
Exempt	1,128,900
Total	3,266,200

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 bylaw of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs.

Emergency Services

Fire

Fire fighting capability is based on a pumper truck and equipment from the community fire hall, phone (204) 732-2335. Portable forestry equipment is also available for grass and brush fires. The fire department is a member of the Winnipegosis Mutual Aid District.

Police

The community constable responds locally with back up from the Ste. Rose du Lac detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 447-2513.

Medical

Medical services consist of a community health station, staffed by a community health worker. A visiting nurse travels from Dauphin. The nearest doctor and hospital are located at Ste. Rose du Lac.

Community-based Services

Hydro

Provided by Manitoba Hydro as 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 Ste. Rose du Lac, phone (204) 447-2617.

Telephone

Crane River is served by the Manitoba Telecom Services Rorketon Exchange, providing individual-line service and digital switching with toll-free calling to Camperville, Dauphin, Eddystone, Ethelbert, Fork River, Gilbert Plains, Grandview, Ochre River, Pine River, Rorketon, Sifton, Ste. Rose du Lac, Waterhen and Winnipegosis. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687.

Water

Water is pumped twice yearly from Lake Manitoba into a reservoir when there is minimum turbidity. It is then coagulated, filtered and chlorinated before being distributed. Manual pick-up of treated water from the plant is available for non-connected customers.

Waste Disposal

A solid-waste disposal site exists 8 kilometres from the community. It is manned and open 16 hours per week. The Public Works employee picks up solid waste twice per week.

Sewage is piped by a low-pressure system to a lagoon located within the community.

Schools

A principal, three teachers and five support staff operate the Lakefront School under the Frontier School Division, phone (204) 732-2750.

Recreation Facilities

- Ball diamond
- Community Hall, 4,080 sq. ft.
- Gymnasium, part of the school
- Horse Race Track
- Outdoor rink
- Play ground facilities
- Recreation building, 720 sq. ft.

Community Groups and Recreational Events

Groups

- Crane River Church Group
- Crane River Rodeo Club
- Lakefront School Committee (All host weekly bingo's)
- MMF Local

Recreation Programs

- Adult co-ed floor hockey nights
- Volleyball nights
- Youth gym nights
- O Chi Chak Osipi Square Dancing
- Adelard Dumas Memorial Square Dancing
- Adult Square Dancing
- Open public skating
- Slo-pitch games
- Seniors Gym night
- Seniors fun day, monthly
- Fun in the Sun.

Special events and festivals

- Canada Day Festival
- Adalard Dumas Sports Day (August long weekend)
- Crane River Snofest
- Community Christmas Parade
- Community Seniors Christmas Supper
- Lakefront Christmas concert

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 Dauphin, phone (204) 622-2106.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Western Region, Natural Resources Officer is located at Brandon, phone (204) 726-6304.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Western Region, Public Health Office is located at Brandon, phone (204) 726-6064.

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 Dauphin, phone (204) 622-2158.

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Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Planning Services, Regional office located at Dauphin, phone (204)622-2159

Manitoba Justice Regional Court sits at Dauphin, phone (204) 622-2087.

Manitoba Labour, Employment Standards Branch, Employment Standards Officer is located in Brandon, phone (204) 726-6370.

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

Commercial Services

Accommodation

There is no local overnight accommodation. Meals can be obtained from the Crane River Band Restaurant, phone (204) 732-2047.

Transportation

- Gardewine North Transportation provides freight service from its terminal at Dauphin.
- Morass Taxi – phone (204) 732-2824
- Morrisseau Taxi – phone (204) 732-2537

Businesses

- Crane River Band Store, phone (204) 732-2832
- Fish Shed, phone (204) 732-2221

Economic Overview

Economic opportunities in the Crane River area focus on commercial fishing, trapping, ranching and local services.

Most commercial fishing is winter fishing. Some trapping is done in open areas adjacent to the community.

The terrain primarily supports mixed farming and ranching. There is little or no forestry operation at present.

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