
Cross Lake

Community Status

Two closely related, adjoining but independent communities are known as Cross Lake. One is located on the Cross Lake Indian Reserve, and the other is on nearby provincial crown land. The information in this report relates to the non-treaty community unless noted.

The community is located about 520 kilometres by air north of Winnipeg, and 120 kilometres by air south of Thompson. It is situated on the shores of the Nelson River where the river enters Cross Lake.

The government of the community has been represented by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act* since September 1970.

Community Contacts

By mail

Cross Lake Community Administrator
Box 208
Cross Lake, Manitoba, R0B 0J0

By phone

Call (204) 676-2465
Fax 676-2945

Office hours and staff

Office hours are:
Mon to Fri 9:00 – 5:00

The community also employs four public works employees, a volunteer fire chief, recreation director, two clerks, part time ambulance administrator and one support staff.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	581
1991	401
1996	412
2001	481

Information is from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are 139 housing units in the community.

By-laws

- Employee Benefits (by minister's regulation)

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 19096. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment	
Business	\$157,600
Real Property	3,536,600
Grants-in-lieu	2,124,600
Exempt	1,741,200
Total	7,560,000

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. Portable forestry equipment is also available for grass and brush fires. Community water trucks provide back-up water supply.

Police

Police response is from the Cross Lake detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 676-2345.

Medical

Medical response comes from the federal nursing station based in the area. It is staffed by doctors, nurses, dentist and community health workers. The nearest hospitals are located in Norway House and Thompson. There is also an Emergency Rescue - First Response Team as part of the fire department operations, as well as a community-operated Provincial ambulance service.

Community-based Services

Airstrip

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services, Northern Airports, operate a 3,000'x95' crushed rock strip with terminal and remote-controlled lighting on the edge of the community. Office is in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-3421.

Ferry

The cable ferry *Alfred Settee Sr.* provides daily service on the Nelson River crossing on the access highway to the community, under authority of Manitoba Transportation and Government Services, Marine Transportation Services. Office is in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-3424.

Hydro

Provided by Manitoba Hydro by 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 Office is located in Cross Lake, phone (204) 676-2466, or Norway House, phone (204) 359-6260.

Telephone

Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual-line service and digital switching with toll-free calling to Thompson and Norway House. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687.

Water

Water is pumped from Cross Lake to a chemical feed treatment plant where it is filtered, chlorinated and fed to a reservoir. Ninety percent of the community has piped distribution. The remainder of the community has trucked water delivery.

Waste Disposal

Garbage pickup service is twice a week on a contract basis, and waste material is delivered to the solid-waste disposal site.

Sewage is collected by pump-out truck from those homes not on the low-pressure and gravity systems. The sewage is delivered to a sewage lift station, which empties into a wastewater lagoon capable of handling 305,400 litres/day.

Schools

Frontier School Division operates the D. R. Hamilton School in the community. The reserve has two schools. Staff comprise the principal, seven teachers and several support staff. Phone (204) 676-2278

Recreation Facilities

- Beach area
- Community hall, 4500 sq. ft.
- Community park & playground
- Gymnasium (part of school)
- Recreation centre, 2,700 sq. ft.

Government Services

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

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-east Region Office, District Office located at Norway House, phone (204) 359-6877.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-eastern Region, Fire control Officer located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6627.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-east Region Public Health, phone (204) 677-6703.

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, Regional Services Branch, Norman Region Office located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6780.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Economic Development, Regional Office at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6792.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Planning Services, Regional Office located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6700.

Manitoba Justice Circuit Court sits at Cross Lake and is coordinated by the Thompson Regional Court Office, phone (204) 677-6759.

Manitoba Labour, Employment Services Standards, Employment Standards Officer is located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6664.

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Manitoba Labour, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Assistant Fire Commissioner is located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6592.

Commercial Services

Accommodation

Rooms and meals are available at Cross Lake Inn, phone (204) 676-2043

Transportation

- Both Gardewine North and Motorways provide freight service to Cross Lake by all-weather road. The nearest terminals are at Thompson.
- Grey Goose Bus Lines provide daily passenger and parcel service between Cross Lake, Wabowden, Thompson and Winnipeg.
- Perimeter Airlines provides scheduled daily and chartered air service into Cross Lake from Winnipeg, Norway House.
- Delbert Blacksmith Taxi provides local and short-distance services to Wabowden, Thompson and Norway House.

Businesses

- 247 Convenient Store, phone (204) 676-3398
- Allan McLeod Construction Ltd - phone (204) 676-2440.
- CFNC (Radio Station) – phone (204) 676-2331
- Cross Lake Community Development Corp, phone (204) 2465
- Cross Lake TV Committee – phone (204) 676-2146
- Delbert Blacksmith Taxi, phone (204) 676-3840
- Family Foods, phone (204) 676-2558
- Grey Goose Bus Lines, phone (204) 676-3931
- Kipapanow's Restaurant, phone (204) 676-3635
- McLeods Car Wash
- Mid North Development Corporation – phone (204) 676-2404
- Mistasinek Gas, phone (204) 676-3515
- Muskego's Restaurant and Gas, phone (204) 676-3332
- Northern Stores Ltd – phone (204) 676-2371
- Perimeter Airlines, phone (204) 676-2210
- Triple R Electric Services Ltd. - 676- 2411

Economic Overview

Present economic activity includes fishing, trapping and local services.

Fisherman from Cross Lake, Walker Lake, and Pipestone Lake deliver their fish catch to the Wabowden fish station.

Trappers have traplines in the Cross Lake Registered Trap Line Zone.

Small deposits of lithium, copper and titanium are known in the immediate area, but currently are not economically recoverable.

Forest resources are substantial, and there is some potential for market development.

The community is presently working on a community centre to create long-term economic growth, enhance community infrastructure and the quality of the community.

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