
Dawson Bay

Community Status

Dawson Bay is located on the north-western shore of Dawson Bay, part of Lake Winnipegosis. The community is approximately 35 kilometres north of Mafeking, and a little east of PTH #10.

The community operates with a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

Community Contacts

By mail

Dawson Bay Community Clerk
Box 57
Mafeking, Manitoba, R0L 1B0

By phone

Call (204) 545-2175
Fax (204) 545-2366

Office hours and staff

Regular office hours are not scheduled.

The community has a public works employee, a water plant operator and volunteer fire chief.

Community Statistics

Population

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| 1985 | 43 |
| 1991 | 52 |
| 1996 | 53 |
| 2001 | 25 |

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are 22 housing units in the community.

By-laws

- Employee Benefits (by minister regulation)
- Fire Department

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 19499. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Business | nil |
| Real Property | \$216,600 |
| Grants-in-lieu | 166,500 |
| Exempt | nil |
| Total | 383,100 |

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 from 2003 assessment roll and tax bylaw of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs.

Emergency Services

Fire

Fire fighting capability is based on a small "fast-attack" vehicle with limited water supply, hoses and equipment. Additional portable forestry-style equipment is available for grass and brush fires.

Police

Police response is from the Swan River detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 734-3454.

Medical

Medical services consisting of ambulance, clinics or hospital comes entirely from Swan River.

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 Office is at Swan River, phone (204) 734-4505.

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Telephone

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

Water

Community water supply is obtained from a drilled well. Individual residents have their own wells.

Waste Disposal

Disposal is limited to a solid-waste disposal site near the community.

Schools

School children for grades 1-6 are transported to school in Mafeking. Higher grade students live away from home to attend school, generally Swan River or Cranberry Portage.

Recreation Facilities

- Ball diamonds
- Beach with change house
- Camp sites
- Community Hall

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 at Swan River or Mafeking.

Transportation

Gardewine North provides freight service to Dawson Bay via all-weather road from the terminal at The Pas.

Businesses

- Darlene's Upholstery, phone (204) 545-2049
- North End Packers, phone (204) 545-2015

Economic Overview

Dawson Bay was first settled as a fishing site by fishermen who commercially fished the bay and Lake Winnipegosis. The community continues to serve as a harbour and now has a fish packing plant, which operates in both summer and winter seasons.

There is limited trapping in open areas.

Although agriculture has not been developed, there is potential for some mixed farming. The soil, which is quite stony, produces good gardens.

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