
Duck Bay

Community Status

Duck Bay is situated on a peninsula on the western shore of Lake Winnipegosis. It is bordered on the south by the Pine Creek Indian Reserve. PR# 272 provides access through the reserve to PTH #20, which goes 128 kilometres south to Dauphin, or 105 kilometres west to Swan River.

The region has a limestone, shale, and sandstone base with light soil cover. It is sparsely forested and dotted with small lakes.

The community has been governed by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*, since June 1971.

Community Contacts

By mail

Duck Bay Community Administrator
Box 39
Duck Bay, MB, R0L 0N0

By phone

Call (204) 524-2314
Fax (204) 2423

Office hours and staff

Office hours are:
Mon to Fri 8:30 - 4:30

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

Community Statistics

Population

1985	669
1991	438
1996	499
2001	454

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are 149 housing units in the community.

By-laws

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

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 18832A. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	\$1,700
Real Property	1,092,000
Grants-in-lieu	932,400
Exempt	1,642,800
Total	3,668,900

Rate of Taxation (mills)

General Municipal	7.00
School levies	
Farm & Residential	5.75
Commercial & Other	17.00
Frontier School Division (#34)	25.00
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 pumper truck and equipment from the community fire hall. Portable forestry equipment is also available for grass and brush fires. The Fire department is a member of the Winnipegosis Mutual aid District. Fire department phone is (204) 524-2222.

Police

Police response is from the Winnipegosis detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 656-7000.

Medical

Medical services, hospital, and ambulance services is available from Swan River or Winnipegosis. In addition, there is a community health worker and a scheduled dental clinic.

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 located at Winnipegosis, phone (204) 656-4552.

Telephone

Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual-line service and digital switching with toll-free calling to Winnipegosis, Dauphin, Cowan, Ethelbert, Fork River, Gilbert Plains, Grandview, Ochre River Pine River, Rorketon, Sifton and Waterhen. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687.

Water

Water is pumped from Lake Winnipegosis into a six million litre reservoir. The water is treated and distributed by lines to most of the homes. Manual water pick-up is available from the plant.

Waste Disposal

A solid-waste disposal site is located near the community, and solid-wastes are picked up regularly for disposal at the site by the public works employee.

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

Schools

Frontier School Division operates the Duck Bay School. Staff comprise the principal, 11 teachers and several support staff, phone (204) 524-2394.

Recreation Facilities

- Ball diamond
- Beach and change house
- Community Hall, 4,000 sq. ft.
- Outdoor rink(s) with change house

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

Riverside Lodge provides accommodation and meals, phone (204) 524-2472.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service on all-weather road from its terminal in Dauphin.
- Grey Goose Bus provides daily passenger and parcel service to and from Winnipeg, phone (204) 524-2224.
- Campbell Taxi, phone (204) 524-2137, provides local transportation.

Businesses

- Good Harbour Fish Packing Plant – phone (204) 524-2496
- Joe's Billiards – phone (204) 524-2134
- Pete Matkowski Fish Market – phone (204) 524-2319
- Thompson's General Store – phone (204) 524-2623
- Winnipegosis Co-op Fisheries – phone (204) 524-2166

Economic Overview

The economic activity centers on commercial fishing. Fishing is primarily on Lake Winnipegosis and Pelican Lake. Seven other lakes provide some commercial fishing. Fish is marketed through three fish stations, the community, Good Harbour and Winnipegosis.

Trapping, with less importance is done in open areas rather than Registered Trap Lines

A Community Development Corporation is available to assist residents with economic development.

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