
Easterville

Community Status

The community of Easterville developed beside the Chemawawin Indian Reserve. It is located on the south shore of Cedar Lake about 40 kilometres by air west of Grand Rapids.

The community and reserve relocated to this site in 1962-63 as a result of the flooding of Cedar Lake caused by construction of the hydro dam on the Saskatchewan River, where it enters Lake Winnipeg at Grand Rapids.

The area is a mixture of rock outcrops, small pockets of marsh and black spruce timber. Some parts of the timber can be selectively harvested.

Road access is provided by PR #327, which connects both PTH #6 and PTH #10. Both Grand Rapids and The Pas are about 100 km from Easterville.

Easterville is governed by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

Community Contacts

By mail

Easterville Community Clerk
Box 116
Easterville, MB, R0C 0V0

By phone

Call (204) 329-2080
Fax (204) 329-2130

Office hours and staff

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

The community also employs two public works employees and a volunteer fire chief.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	230
1991	145
1996	90
2001	80

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are 28 housing units in the community.

By-laws

- Dog Control
- Employee Benefits (by minister's regulation)
- Financial Reserves
- Fire Department

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 18562. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	\$27,700
Real Property	391,000
Grants-in-lieu	685,000
Exempt	222,600
School Exempt	10,200
Total	1,336,500

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 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. Additional portable forestry-style equipment is available for grass and brush fires.

Police

Police response is from the Grand Rapids detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 329-2332.

Medical

Medical response is limited to a federal nursing station on the reserve, staffed by three nurses, one community health worker and 2 on-call workers. The nearest hospital is at The Pas. Emergency medical transport service is provided by a medical van.

Community-based Services

Airstrip

An unattended limited maintenance 2,600' x 35' emergency gravel airstrip is located on the edge of the community. It is necessary to phone the nursing station in advance to arrange for use.

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 Grand Rapids, phone (204) 639-2208.

Telephone

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

Water

Water source is wells. Water is chlorinated and pumped to two pump houses and a standpipe. The community administration building, the nursing station and school facilities have running water supplied by the system. Water delivery is available to individual houses.

Waste Disposal

In addition to a community solid-waste disposal site, a pump-out truck removes night soil from houses and other buildings.

Schools

All treaty and non-treaty students attend school on the Chemawawin Indian Reserve.

Recreation Facilities

- Community Hall
- Skating Rink

Government Services

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

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Northwest Region Office located at The Pas, phone (204) 627-8307.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Northwestern Region, Natural Resources Officer located at The Pas, phone (204) 627-8277.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Northwest Region Public Health located at Flin Flon, phone (204) 687-1625.

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 The Pas Regional Court Office, phone (204) 627-8428.

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

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

Commercial Services

Accommodation

The nearest overnight accommodation is located at Grand Rapids.

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Transportation

- Gardewine North provides all weather freight service to Easterville from either The Pas or Winnipeg terminals.
- Herman's Taxi, phone (204) 329-2224, and Ledoux Taxi, phone (204) 329-2264, provide both local transport and transport to The Pas or Grand Rapids.
- Grey Goose Bus provides daily passenger and parcel service between The Pas and Winnipeg as far as the Easterville cut-off (about 2 miles from the community).

Businesses

- Coffee shop
- Easterville Fisherman's Association – phone (204) 329-2001
- Griffin's Lucky Dollar Foods- phone (204) 329-2156
- U&S Department Store – phone (204) 329-2156

Economic Overview

The most important economic activity is the commercial fishing on Cedar Lake. The local fish station packs fish for transportation to The Pas.

Community trappers share the Cedar Lake (Easterville) and Grand Rapids Registered Trap Line Zones with residents of Grand Rapids. Trapping is the second most important source of income.

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