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# Fisher Bay

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## Community Status

Fisher Bay is on the west shore of Lake Winnipeg and is adjacent to the northern boundary of the Fisher River Indian Reserve (Koostatak), about 215 kilometres north of Winnipeg. PR #224 which passes through the reserve connects Fisher Bay to the provincial highway system.

The community is represented by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

## Community Contacts

### By mail

Fisher Bay Community Clerk  
Koostatak Post Office  
Koostatak, Mb, R0C 1S0

### By phone

Call (204) 645-2398  
Fax (204) 645-2556

### Office hours and staff

Office hours are:  
Mon - Wed 9:00 - 1:00

In addition to the clerk, the community has a volunteer fire chief.

## Community Statistics

### Population

1985	55
1991	57
1996	59
2001	35

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

### Households

There are 16 housing units in the community.

### By-laws

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

## Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 19255. See map.

## Property Assessment and Taxes

### Values of Assessment

Business	nil
Real Property	\$478,400
Grants-in-lieu	172,400
Exempt	276,200
Exempt School	54,300
Total	981,300

### 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%

## 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 Fisher Branch detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 372-8484.

### Medical

Medical response is based on assistance from the Peguis Emergency Response unit or the nearest hospital at Hodgson.

## 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 Fisher Branch, phone 372-6354.

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### Telephone

The community of Fisher Bay is served by the MTS Fisher River Exchange. Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual-line service and digital switching with toll-free calling to Fisher Branch. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687.

### Water

The community depends on drilled wells for water supply.

### Waste Disposal

A solid-waste disposal site is near the community.

### Schools

School age children are transported to the Fisher River Reserve School by Frontier School Division and the reserve.

### Recreation Facilities

- Ball Diamond
- Community Hall, 208 sq. meters

### Government Services

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

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Interlake Region, District Office is located in Hodgson, phone (204) 372-6296.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Interlake Region, Fire Control Officer located in Gimli, phone (204) 642-6071.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Interlake Region, Public Health officer is located in Selkirk, phone (204) 785-5205.

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, Regional Services Branch, Interlake Region Office is located at Gimli, phone (204) 642-6006.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Economic Development, Regional Office located in Selkirk, phone (204) 785-5005.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Planning Services, Regional office located in Selkirk, phone (204) 785-5130

Manitoba Justice Regional Court sits at Selkirk, phone (204) 785-5120.

Manitoba Labour, Employment Standards, Employment Standards Officer is located in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-3352.

Manitoba Labour, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Assistant Fire Commissioner is located in Winnipeg, phone toll-free 1-800-282-8069.

### Commercial Services

#### Accommodation

Nearest accommodation is at Fisher Branch. Some restaurant services are available at Dallas-Red Rose.

#### Transportation

Freight transportation service is provided by Fisher Branch-Hodgson Transfer from its terminal in Fisher Branch.

#### Businesses

A heavy mechanical field-service business is available in the community.

### Economic Overview

Residents of Fisher Bay engage in commercial fishing on Lake Winnipeg. Fishers use the Catfish Creek, George's Island, Jackhead, Koostatak and McBeth fish stations.

Some income is generated from trapping in open areas which are not part of a Registered Trap Line Zone. A small amount of income is made from seasonal pulp logging.

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