
Gods Lake Narrows

Community Status

Two closely related but independent communities share the name of Gods Lake Narrows. One is the Gods Lake Narrows Indian Reserve and the other is the non-treaty community on nearby provincial Crown land. The information in this report relates to the non-treaty community unless noted.

The community is located along the lakeshore of the narrow portion of Gods Lake, about 224 km by air south-east of Thompson and 547 km by air north-east of Winnipeg.

The community has been recognized by Northern Affairs since June 1976, and is governed by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

Community Contacts

By mail

Gods Lake Narrows Community Administrator
Gods Lake Narrows Post Office
Gods Lake, Mb. R0B 0M0

By phone

Call (204) 335-2596
Fax (204) 335-2662

Office hours and staff

Office hours are:
Mon to Fri 10:00 - 5:00

In addition to the administrator, the community has a clerk, two public works employees and a volunteer fire chief.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	112
1991	105
1996	101
2001	113

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are 38 housing units in the community.

By-laws

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

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 18658. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment	
Business	\$26,400
Real Property	460,900
Grants-in-lieu	394,100
Exempt	99,800
Total	981,200

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

Police

Police response is from the Gods Lake Narrows detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 335-2464.

Medical

Medical response is available from the federal nursing station. It is staffed by two nurses, a dental therapist and two community health workers. A doctor visits weekly on Thursdays to hold a clinic. Four hospital care beds are available at the station.

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Community-based Services

Airstrip

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services, Northern Airports, operate a 3,425' x 100' crushed rock strip with terminal and remote-controlled lighting near the community. Office is in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-3421.

Hydro

Provided by Manitoba Hydro as line power. Rates are:

Basic Charge	\$ 6.25 /month
First 175 kWh	5.78 cents/KWH
Balance	5.16 cents/KWH

Hydro Office at God's Lake Narrows, phone (204) 335-2193.

Telephone

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

Water

Water is pumped from Gods Lake, filtered and chlorinated. Distribution is through a piped water system.

Waste Disposal

Garbage pickup is provided three times a week by contract, and material is disposed of in a solid-waste disposal site near the community.

Sewage collection is piped and pumped to a treatment plant capable of handling 10,000 IGPD.

Schools

Frontier School Division operates the Ministic School in the community. The reserve has its own school. Staff comprise a principal, one teacher and two support staff. Phone (204) 335-2159

Recreation Facilities

- Community Hall, with Administration Office
- Outdoor rink with warm-up shelter

Government Services

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

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Northeast Region Office, District Office located at Gods Lake Narrows, phone (204) 335-2366.

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

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Northeast 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 Gods Lake Narrows 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.

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

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- The Gods Country Lodge and five cabins provide overnight accommodation with meals
- Healey's Lodge
- Burton's Gods Lake Motel.

Transportation

- Gardewine North and Horbas Transfer both provide freight service to Gods Lake Narrows via winter roads. At other times of the year service is provided to the nearest air carrier serving the community.
- Perimeter Airlines, Skyward Aviation and Air Manitoba all provide scheduled or charter service to Gods Lake Narrows from Thompson or Winnipeg.

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Businesses

- Awassis Agency – phone (204) 335-2098
- Gods Narrows Outfitters – phone (204) 335-2518
- Johanson Service – phone (204) 335-2405
- Louie's Grocery – phone (204) 335-2540
- Northern Stores Inc – phone (204) 335-2323
- Sarah's – phone (204) 335-2364

Economic Overview

Gods Lake lies within the Precambrian Shield region which is heavily forested and dotted with many small lakes. Whitefish in Gods Lake have been downgraded to "cutters" and are not economical to harvest; therefore, there is no commercial fishing. Relatively small amounts of fish are taken from some of the outlying lakes.

Trapping occurs in the Gods Lake Registered Trap Line Zone.

Local Lodges are providing residents with seasonal guiding jobs.

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