
Iford

Community Status

Iford is located along the Bay line, now owned and operated by Omnitrax, 144 air km north-east of Thompson, 416 km north-east by rail from The Pas and 688 air km north of Winnipeg.

The community originated as a construction and service centre during the building of the Hudson Bay Railway. Later it served as a marshalling point for prospectors during the Island Lake gold rush, and then as a similar marshalling point for the network of winter freight roads going east from Iford.

Iford is also home to members of the War Lake Band.

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

Community Contacts

By mail

Iford Community Clerk
Iford Post Office
Iford, Mb, R0B 0S0

By phone

Call (204) 288-4394
Fax (204) 288-4372

Office hours and staff

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

The community also employs a public works employee, and a volunteer fire chief.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	178
1991	133
1996	155
2001	143

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

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 18967A. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	11,800
Real Property	458,300
Grants-in-lieu	287,500
Exempt	692,900
Total	1,450,500

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%

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.

Police

Police response is from the constable the community shares with the War Lake First Nation. Additional response is from the Gillam detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 652-2200.

Medical

Medical response comes from the community health worker. The nearest hospital is in Thompson. The community qualifies for patient transport assistance.

Community-based Services

Airstrip

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services, Northern Airports, operate a 3,000' x 75' gravel-on-sand strip with terminal and remote-controlled lighting about 3 km from the community. Office is in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-3421.

Hydro

Provided by Manitoba Hydro through its land-line electric power system. Monthly costs are:

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

Hydro Office is at Gillam, phone (204) 652-2144.

Telephone

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

Water

Water is pumped from Moose Nose Lake, chlorinated and delivered to two standpipes by a heat traced distribution line. Community buildings, the school and a few residences have piped water.

Waste Disposal

A waste-disposal site is located near the community. Weekly garbage pick up by the community works employee ensures that solid wastes are deposited in the community waste-disposal site.

Sewage is treated at a sewage treatment plant installed in 1994.

Schools

The Julie Lindal School is operated by Frontier School division. It is staffed by a principal, one teacher and three support staff, phone (204) 288-4355.

Recreation Facilities

- Gymnasium, part of the school
- Multi-purpose building
- Skating rink, with change area

Government Services

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

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

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

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-east 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 Gold Trail Hotel provides both overnight accommodation and meals, phone (204) 288-4345

Transportation

- Both Gardewine North and Motorways provide freight transportation service to Iford either by road or the Hudson Bay Railway, depending on road conditions.
- Via Rail provides passenger and parcel services three times per week between Churchill and Thompson or Winnipeg.
- Omnitrax provides car load freight shipments up to three times per week out of The Pas.

Businesses

None listed.

Economic Overview

The local economy is based on fishing, trapping and the service sector.

Fishers harvest fish from 11 lakes in the area and deliver their fish to either the Wabowden or Odie River fish stations.

Trapping is conducted in the Split Lake Registered Trap Line district.

Forest resources in the area are largely immature. Some small winter freight operations are conducted in season.

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