
Loon Straits

Community Status

Loon Straits is located on the east shore of Lake Winnipeg diagonally opposite Washow Bay, and about 50 kilometres north of Manigotagan.

There is a seasonal access road connection to the timber-haul road. Other access is gained by boat and barge from Calder's dock on the west shore, about 11 km across the narrow portion of the lake. Float and ski-plane access and winter road access are alternate transportation modes.

The community is represented by a contact person under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

Community Contacts

By mail

Loon Straits Community Contact Person
Box 2539
Wanipigow, MB, R0A 2E0

By phone

Call (204) 276-2247
Fax (204) 276 2143

Office hours and staff

There is no office or clerk, but additional information can be obtained from the North Central Regional Office, located in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-1313.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	6
1991	8
1996	11
2001	10

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985

Households

There are five year-round housing units in the community with additional seasonal housing units.

By-laws

- Employee Benefits (by minister's regulation)

Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 19543A. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	nil
Real Property	430,500
Grants-in-lieu	31,800
Exempt	1,044,600
Total	1,506,900

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 limited to forestry-style portable equipment. The community has a small tractor and trailer to move the equipment around.

Police

Police response is from the Selkirk detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 482-3322, who have to fly some distance to the community.

Medical

No medical support other than basic first aid is available.

Community-based Services

Airstrip

During summer weather a non-licensed grass strip is available for small aircraft.

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Hydro

Provided by Manitoba Hydro as land line electric power. Residential rates are:

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

Hydro Office is at Berens River, phone (204) 382-2454.

Telephone

Loon Straits is served by the Pine Dock Exchange. Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual-line service and digital switching with toll-free calling to Arborg, Hecla, Poplarfield, Riverton and Vidor. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687.

Water

Water is obtained from Lake Winnipeg by private systems. There is no treatment.

Waste Disposal

A solid-waste disposal site is near the community.

Schools

The school has been closed for a number of years. No students live in the community.

Recreation Facilities

- There is no recreation facilities

Government Services

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

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Eastern Region, District Office located at Lac du Bonnet, phone (204) 345-1444

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Eastern Region, Natural Resources office located in Lac du Bonnet, phone (204) 345-1444.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Eastern Region, Public Health, (204) 345-1447.

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, Regional Services, Eastman Regional Office located at Beausejour, phone 1-800-665-6107

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

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Planning Services, Regional Office located in Beausejour, phone (204) 268-6063

Manitoba Justice, Circuit Court sits at Pine Falls and is coordinated from the Selkirk Regional Court Office, phone (204) 785-5120.

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

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

Commercial Services

Accommodation

No commercial accommodation is available at Loon Straits.

Transportation

Arrangements for freight transportation services can be made with Riverton Transfer.

Economic Overview

Commercial fishing and trapping are the primary economic resources for the community.

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