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# National Mills

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## Community Status

National Mills is located on PTH #77 between Barrows (10 kilometres to the east) and Westgate (4 kilometres to the west). PTH #77 connects Mafeking and PTH #10 with Saskatchewan.

National Mills has a mid-size population compared to the five communities in the surrounding area, including Baden, Powell, Barrows, Red Deer Lake, and Westgate.

It was one of a number of small logging communities built during the years of the sawmill operations on the edge of the Porcupine Provincial Forest.

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

## Community Contacts

### By mail

National Mills Community Clerk  
Barrows Post Office  
Barrows, Manitoba, R0L 0B0

### By phone

Call (204) 545-6263  
Fax (204) 545-6263

### Office hours and staff

Office hours are:  
Tues. and Wed. 8:00 - 5:00

In addition to the clerk, there is also a public works employee, volunteer fire chief and a shared recreation director with neighbouring communities.

## Community Statistics

### Population

|      |    |
|------|----|
| 1985 | 46 |
| 1991 | 23 |
| 1996 | 43 |
| 2001 | 20 |

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

## Households

There are 14 housing units in the community.

## By-laws

- Employee Benefits (by minister's regulation)

## Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 19308. See map.

## Property Assessment and Taxes

### Values of Assessment

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Business       | nil      |
| Real Property  | \$43,000 |
| Grants-in-lieu | 73,500   |
| Exempt         | 29,800   |
| Total          | 146,300  |

### 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 limited to a "fast-attack" vehicle, forestry-style portable equipment and personnel protective clothing. Additional support is from the nearby community of Barrows.

### Police

The Barrows community constable provides response to the community with back-up from the Swan River detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 734-3454.

### Medical

Medical response is based on transporting patients to Swan River by the Swan River Ambulance.

### Community-based Services

#### Hydro

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

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Basic charge  | \$ 13.65 /month |
| First 175 kWh | 7.33 cents/KWH  |
| Balance       | 5.16 cents/KWH  |

Hydro Office is at Swan River, phone (204) 734-4505.

#### Telephone

National Mills is served by the MTS Mafeking Exchange. Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual- line services and digital switching with toll-free calling to Barrows, Benito, Birch River, Bowsman, Cowan, Mafeking, Minitonas, Pelican Rapids and Swan River. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687.

#### Water

Water supply is from a drilled well to the water treatment plant where the water is filtered and chlorinated and then piped to the homes. A standpipe for public access is located at the WTP for pick-up of water.

#### Waste Disposal

solid-waste disposal site is near the community. There is weekly pickup services.

#### Schools

Children attend Mountain View School in Barrows, operated by Frontier School Division. There are six teachers and five support staff. Children from Barrows, Westgate, Powell, Red Deer Lake and Baden also attend the school Phone (204) 545-6246.

#### Recreation Facilities

- Community Hall, 1296 sq. Ft.
- Concession booth, 240 sq. ft.
- Outdoor rink, lighted with change house.

### Government Services

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

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Western Region, District Office located at Swan River, phone (204) 734-3429.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Western Region, Natural Resources Officer is located at Mafeking, phone (204) 545-2263.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, Western Region, Public Health Office is located at Swan River, phone (204)734-6774.

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, Regional Services Branch, Parkland Regional Office located at Dauphin, phone (204) 622-2022.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Economic Development, Regional Office located at The Pas, phone (204) 627-8389.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Planning Services, Regional office located at Dauphin, phone (204)622-2115.

Manitoba Justice Circuit Court sits at Swan River, coordinated by the Swan River Regional Court office, phone (204)734-2252.

Manitoba Labour, Employment Standards Branch, Employment Standards Officer is located in Brandon, phone (204) 726-6926.

Manitoba Labour, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Assistant Fire Commissioner is located at Dauphin, phone (204) 1-888-253-1488.

### Commercial Services

#### Accommodation

The nearest commercial accommodation is at Mafeking.

#### Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service on an all-weather road from its terminal in Swan River.
- Williamson Trucking from Westgate provides local trucking and freight services.

#### Businesses

None on record at the present.

### Economic Overview

The area is heavily forested and forest harvesting continues to be the dominant economic activity. Soils have potential for agricultural applications in the mixed farming sector.

Trapping provides an additional income and is carried out as part of the Porcupine and Shoal River Registered Trap Line Zones.

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