
Nelson House

Community Status

Two communities share the name Nelson House. One is the Nelson House Indian Reserve, now called the Nisichawayasihk First Nation, while the other is the non-treaty community adjacent to the reserve. All information in this report relates to the non-treaty community unless noted.

The community is situated on a bay of the north shore of Footprint Lake approximately 75 km west of Thompson. PR # 391 and a community access road connects the community to Thompson or Leaf Rapids.

The community was built at its present location as a result of the Churchill River Diversion through the Rat River. Residents previously lived on the reserve, but established the community when all the adjustments to diversion plans were taking place.

The community was recognized by the department in July 1974, and is currently governed by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

Community Contacts

By mail

Nelson House Community Clerk
Nelson House Post Office
Nelson House, Manitoba R0B 1A0

By phone

Call (204) 484-2023
Fax (204) 484-2110

Office hours and staff

Office hours are:
Mon., Wed., and Fri. 9:00 - 12:00

The community also employs a public works employee and a volunteer Fire Chief..

Community Statistics

Population

1985	108
1991	78
1996	77
2001	54

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are 18 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 18763. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	\$67,300
Real Property	775,300
Grants-in-lieu	577,900
Exempt	117,200
Total	1,537,700

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

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Police

Police response is from the Thompson detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 677-6909.

Medical

Medical support comes from the federal nursing station on the nearby reserve, which has two nurses, two community health workers, a weekly doctor's clinic and a monthly dental clinic. The nearest hospital is in Thompson.

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 Thompson, phone 677-2357.

Telephone

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

Water

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

Waste Disposal

A solid-waste disposal site is located on the reserve and is a joint-use site. Solid-waste is picked up weekly and delivered to the solid-waste site.

Wastewater is collected from holding tanks and hauled to the First Nation Wastewater Lagoon

Schools

Children from the community are transported to the Nelson House Reserve School. There is an agreement between Frontier School Division and the reserve to cover costs.

Recreation Facilities

- ball field and park area
- beach area
- community hall and office, 1500 sq. ft.
- outdoor rink with warm-up shack

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 Leaf Rapids, phone (204) 473-8133.

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 Thompson 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

Nearest commercial accommodation is at Thompson.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service to Nelson House from terminals in Thompson.
- Grey Goose Bus lines provides passenger service between Thompson and Leaf Rapids or Lynn Lake from the junction at PR 391 and the Nelson House access road.
- Local taxis include Mike's taxi, Moody's taxi, Penner's taxi and Spence's taxi all providing local transportation and to and from Thompson.

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Businesses

- Family food – phone (204) 482-2682 (on reserve)
- J.S.P. Services (on reserve)
- Nelson House Forest Industries – phone (204) 484-2084 (on reserve)
- Northern Stores (on the reserve) – phone (204) 484-2343

Economic Overview

Economic activity in Nelson House is based on fishing and trapping.

Fishers at Nelson House have their catch transported to either Leaf Rapids or Wabowden Rapids fish stations.

Trapping is carried out in the Nelson House Registered Trap Line Zone.

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