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# Norway House

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## Community Status

Two communities share the name Norway House: Norway House Indian Reserve and the adjacent non-treaty community of Norway House. Information in this report relates to the non-treaty community unless noted.

The community is located on the east channel of the Nelson River, approximately 29 km north of Lake Winnipeg. PR #373 serves as an all-weather road connecting Norway House to Jenpeg and then on to PR #6. By air, Norway House is 456 kilometres north of Winnipeg, 208 kilometres east of The Pas, and 190 km south of Thompson. All internal community roads are paved.

One of the original Hudson's Bay Trading Posts from the fur trading days, the community was recognized by the department of Northern Affairs in 1970. Today it is governed by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

## Community Contacts

### By mail

Norway House Community Administrator  
Box 5100  
Norway House, Manitoba R0B 1B0

### By phone

Call (204) 359-6719  
Fax (204) 359-6004

### Office hours and staff

Office hours are:  
Mon. to Fri. 8:00 - 5:00

In addition to the administrator, one administrative assistant, the community employs a public works employee, recreation director, two full-time water/sewer truck operators, two part-time water/sewer truck operators, a part-time assistant in the office, 1 seasonal arena maintenance workers and a volunteer fire chief.

## Community Statistics

### Population

1985	722
1991	507
1996	575
2001	456

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

### Households

There are about 203 housing units in the community.

### By-laws

- Employee Benefits
- Fire Department

### Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 18628A. See map.

## Property Assessment and Taxes

### Values of Assessment

Business	\$147,900
Real Property	4,886,400
Grants-in-lieu	3,349,600
Exempt	5,358,200
Exempt School	8,900
Total	13,751,000

### 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 Norway House detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 359-6715.

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### Medical

Medical response is based on the federal hospital in Norway House staffed with five doctors, 15 nurses, a medical and public health centre, and three community health workers. Norway House Cree Nation provides local medical transportation services for treaty status people.

### Community-based Services

#### Airstrip

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services, Northern Airports operate a 3,922' x 100' crushed rock airstrip in the community with terminal, remote-controlled lighting and fuel facilities. Terry Mowat Enterprises staff provide weather data on a 24 hours/day basis under contract to Atmospheric Services, Canada. Head Office is in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-3421, or airport manager, phone (204) 359-6702 or fax (204) 359-4559.

#### Ferry Service

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services, Marine Services Cable ferry *James Apetegon* provides daily service on the access highway across the Nelson river. Office is in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-3424.

#### 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 located in Norway House, phone (204) 359-6270.

#### Telephone

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

#### Water

The community has piped water on Fort Island and West Island. Water is pumped from the Nelson river, filtered and chlorinated and fed into the system. Truck delivery is available for houses not yet connected to the system.

#### Waste Disposal

Solid-waste disposal site is located near the community on the reserve, and transport to the waste disposal site is contracted out.

Sewage is handled by a combination of sewage collection lines and a pumpout truck to a lagoon located in the community.

#### Schools

Frontier School Division operates three schools in Norway House. Jack River School, Rossville School and Norway House High School provide up to 200 or more jobs. The three schools do not separate treaty and non-treaty students for enrollment statistics. The Division has an agreement with the Norway House Band to provide services for treaty students. Phone numbers are:

- Jack River School (204) 359-6781
- Norway House School (204) 359-6761
- Rossville School (204) 359-6757
- Area School Office (204) 359-6711

Keewatin community college employs a community coordinator for adult education courses. Phone (204) 359-6313

#### Recreation Facilities

- Arena with artificial ice
- ball field
- playground

### 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 Norway House, phone (204) 359-6877.

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.

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Manitoba Justice Circuit Court sits at Cross Lake 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

- Norway House Riverside Cottages – phone (204) 359-4444
- The Playgreen Inn provides accommodation and meals – phone (204) 359-6321.

#### Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service to Norway House by all-weather road from its terminal in Winnipeg.
- Reimer Manitoba Express provides freight services between Thompson and Norway House by all-weather road.
- Perimeter Airlines (Inland) Ltd. and Skyward Aviation both provide scheduled and charter service to Norway House.
- Two local taxis operate within the community.
- Grey Goose Bus Lines provides limited passenger and small parcel service from Winnipeg or Thompson.

#### Businesses

- A & R sports Motor Repairs – phone (204) 359-8580
- Anderson Fuel, Convenience & Towing (reserve) phone (204) 359-4296
- Apetegon Small Motor Repairs –phone (204) 359-6696
- Canada Post Corporation – phone (204) 359-6741
- Chicken Chef – phone (204) 359-6646
- D’Aoust Carpentry – phone (204) 359-6341
- Duncan Transportation (reserve) – phone (204) 359-6345
- Fort Island Enterprises – Laundromat & Car Wash - phone (204) phone (204) 359-6645
- Lakeside Gas Bar (reserve) – phone (204) 359-6800
- Family Foods – phone (204) 359-6689
- Mowat Sales and Backhoe Rentals – phone (204) 359- 6377
- Northern Stores – phone (204) 359-6258

- Norway House Fisherman’s Coop – phone (204) 359-6579
- Norway House Fisherman’s Gas Bar & Convenience – phone (204) 359-4633
- Norway House Hospital Pharmacy – phone (204) 359-6363
- Pinaw Wach Ltd (Personal Care Home) – phone (204) 359-6606
- Riverside Restaurant – phone (204) 359-4866
- Royal Bank – phone (204) 359-6593
- Scribes Taxi –phone (204) 359-6407
- Skyward Aviation – phone (204) 359-4900
- Terry Mowat Backhoe Rentals – phone (204) 359-6626
- The York Boat Diner (reserve) –phone (204) 359-6679
- Western Union Services (see Family Foods)
- West Island Welding & Repair – phone (204) 359-6674
- York Boat Inn (reserve) – phone (204) 359-6550 or 1-888-355-9675

### Economic Overview

The terrain, which currently severely limits economic opportunity, is primarily a granite base with little or no soil cover. Large areas are marshy and there are many small creeks, streams and rivers. Several small lakes lie in the nearby area, and much of the waterways are dotted with islands.

Commercial fishing is conducted throughout the year. Fishers deliver their catch to the Playgreen Point and Tait Island fish stations.

Other factors in the economy are trapping and local services, as Norway House is a regional centre. Trapping occurs in the Norway House Registered Trap Line Zone.

Wild rice has been seeded in shallow lakes east of Norway House.

Continuing its history as a regional centre, Norway House is also a transportation centre with air carriers flying in all directions.

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