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# Pelican Rapids

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## Community Status

Pelican Rapids is located on the Southeast shore of Dawson Bay, which is on the north-eastern end of Lake Winnipegosis. The Shoal River Indian Reserve adjoins the community. Both communities are connected to PTH #10 by an upgraded 28 km access road. All information in this report is for the non-treaty community unless otherwise noted.

Pelican Rapids is governed by a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

## Community Contacts

### By mail

Pelican Rapids Community Clerk  
Pelican Rapids Post Office  
Pelican Rapids, Manitoba R0L 1L0

### By phone

Call (204) 587-2229  
Fax (204) 587-2395

### Office hours and staff

In addition to the clerk, the community also employs a public works employee, back-up water treatment plant operator, volunteer fire chief and community constable.

## Community Statistics

### Population

1985	219
1991	150
1996	176
2001	117

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

### Households

There are 38 housing units in the community.

### By-laws

- Employee Benefits
- Financial Reserves
- Fire Department

## Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 19316A. See map.

## Property Assessment and Taxes

### Values of Assessment

Business	nil
Real Property	\$154,300
Grants-in-lieu	521,200
Exempt	805,000
Total	1,480,500

### 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 Swan River detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 734-3454. The community constable also responds.

### Medical

Medical response is based on a provincial health unit in the community operated by a community health representative. Hospital service is available from Swan River.

## 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 Swan River, phone (204) 734-4505.

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### Telephone

Manitoba Telecom Services provides individual-line service and digital switching with toll-free calling to Barrows, Benito, Birch River, Bowsman, Cowan, Mafeking, Minitonas, Swan River, Easterville, and Grand Rapids. Call MTS toll-free at (204) 225-5687.

### Water

Water is pumped from Lake Winnipegosis to a dugout reservoir. From the reservoir, it is chlorinated and fed to a centrally located pumphouse. Piped distribution exists in most of the community.

### Waste Disposal

There is a solid-waste disposal site located near the community and shared with Shoal River Indian Reserve.

A low-pressure sewage collection system transfers sewage to a lagoon for treatment.

### Schools

Frontier School Division operates the Pelican Rapids School in the community. The Reserve (Sapotaweyak Cree Nation) has its own school. Staff include the principal, three teachers and seven support staff. Phone (204) 587-2131.

### Recreation Facilities

- Ball Park
- Beach area with change house
- Community Hall and Office, 1680 sq. ft.
- Outdoor rink and change-house

### Community Groups

- Pelican Rapids fastball club
- Pelican Rapids Playground Project Committee.

### 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

No commercial accommodation is available at Pelican Rapids. The closest is at Mafeking.

#### Transportation

- Gardewine North provides all-weather road freight service from the terminal at Swan River.
- A local taxi, Clarkson's, provides transportation to Mafeking.
- Grey Goose Bus Lines provide service to and from The Pas and Winnipeg.

#### Businesses

- Clarkson's Taxi – phone (204) 587-2005
- Post Office – at community centre
- Sapotaweyak Lucky Dollar Store – phone (204) 587-2156.

### Economic Overview

Economic activity is largely confined to trapping and commercial fishing. The community is located in the Porcupine and Shoal River RTL zones. Trappers from surrounding communities also use this RTL zone. Fishers from Pelican Rapids deliver their catch to the Dawson Bay fish station. Some winter fishing occurs.

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