
Pikwitonei

Community Status

Pikwitonei is located along the Hudson Bay Line, operated by Omni Trax, some 304 kilometres by rail Northeast of The Pas and 48 kilometres approximately Southeast of Thompson. The railway provides the only all-weather surface linkage.

Since recognition by Northern Affairs in 1969, the community has a mayor and council under *The Northern Affairs Act* as the governing body.

Community Contacts

By mail

Pikwitonei Community Clerk
Pikwitonei Post Office
Pikwitonei, Manitoba R0B 1E0

By phone

Call (204) 458-4240
Fax (204) 458-2403

Office hours and staff

Office hours are:
Mon. to Fri. 11:00 - 5:00

In addition to the clerk, the community also employs a public works employee and a volunteer fire chief.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	201
1991	125
1996	140
2001	117

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are about 43 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 18992. See map.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	\$13,700
Real Property	658,600
Grants-in-lieu	282,300
Exempt	424,700
Total	1,979,300

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 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 Thompson detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 677-6909.

Medical

Medical response is based upon a local provincial nursing station operated by two nurses aides and supervised by medical staff from Thompson. The nearest hospital is in Thompson. This community may qualify for assistance through the Northern Patient Transportation Program.

Community-based Services

Airstrip

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services, Northern Airports operate a 2,200' x 75' crushed rock strip with terminal and remote-controlled lighting adjacent to the community. Office is in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-3421 or airport manager 458-2450.

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 (204) 677-2357.

Telephone

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

Water

Water is obtained from the Pikwitonei River, filtered, chlorinated and distributed to a piped system.

Waste Disposal

A solid-waste disposal site is located near the community and solid-waste is picked up once a week. Businesses must arrange for their own transportation of wastes to the disposal site.

Sewage is piped by low-pressure sewage line to a lagoon located in the community.

Schools

Pikwitonei School is operated by Frontier School Division. It is staffed by two teachers, phone (204) 458-2471.

Recreation Facilities

- Community hall
- Skating rink with change house

Government Services

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

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-east Region Office, District Office located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6648.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-eastern Region, Fire Control Officer located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6627.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-east 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

Arrangements can be made with individuals for private over-night accommodation; otherwise, travellers must go to Thompson.

Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight services to Pikwitonei by road, depending on winter road condition, or by rail shipments on the Hudson Bay Railroad.
- VIA Rail provides passenger and small parcel service three times per week out of Thompson.
- Omnitrax provides car load freight out of The Pas.
- Chartered air service can be arranged with operators out of Thompson.

Businesses

- Cordell's Fuel
- Cordell's Store – phone (204) 458-2434
- J.P. Thorne Enterprises Ltd.
- Satellite System – phone (204) 458-2437
- Thorne's General Store – phone (204) 458-2481
- Thorne's Construction Co. – phone (204) 458-2481
- Thorne's Trailer Rental

Economic Overview

Pikwitonei is located within an area suitable for recreation as well as forestry development. Pockets of clay soils with some suitability for agriculture are also found in the area.

The railway reached Pikwitonei in 1914 and the community served as a division point until 1972. Railway employment is now limited to track maintenance.

The Tolko Manitoba Inc Forestry road and winter roads link the community to the all-weather road network for about six to eight weeks every January and February.

Trapping is a vital economic activity. Commercial fishers harvest on six nearby lakes and deliver fish to the Wabowden fish station. Wild rice has been planted in some of the surrounding area.

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