
Powell

Community Status

Powell is a small agricultural-forestry area on the northern edge of the Porcupine Forest Reserve along PTH #77 west of Mafeking. It is the second of a group of six communities lying between Mafeking and the Saskatchewan border. Other communities include Baden, Barrows, Red Deer Lake, National Mills and Westgate.

Powell, which is three km east of Barrows, was recognized by the department of Northern Affairs in 1984 and is represented by a contact person under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

Community Contacts

By mail

Powell Community Contact Person
Barrows Post Office
Barrows, Manitoba R0L 0B0

By phone

Call (204) 545-6238

There are no official office hours. Additional information may be obtained from the North Central Regional Office located in Dauphin, phone (204) 622-2152.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	17
1991	15
1996	23
2001	15

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are eight housing units in the community.

By-laws

No by-laws are in force

Boundary

A boundary for this community has not yet been established.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	nil
Real Property	\$47,200
Grants-in-lieu	nil
Exempt	11,100
Total	58,300

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 depends totally on service from the nearby community of Barrows.

Police

Police service is from the Swan River detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 734-3454. The nearby community of Barrows has a community constable who also provides service to the area.

Medical

Medical response is based on ambulance services from Swan River where the hospital is also located.

Community-based Services

Hydro

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

Basic charge	\$ 6.25 /month
First 175KWH	5.78 cents/KWH
Balance	5.16 cents/KWH

Hydro Office is located at Swan River, phone 734-4505.

Telephone

Powell is served by the MTS Mafeking Exchange. Manitoba Telecom Services provide individual-line service 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 source is local drilled wells.

Waste Disposal

Powell shares use of a waste disposal site with the nearby community of Barrows.

Schools

Children attend Mountain View School in Barrows, operated by Frontier School Division. There are six teachers and some support staff. Children from Barrows, Westgate, Baden, Red Deer Lake and National Mills also attend this school.

Recreation Facilities

- There is a small building for storage of recreational equipment.

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 Transportation provides freight service from the terminal in Swan River.

Businesses

None on record at this time

Economic Overview

The area is heavily forested and forest harvesting continues to provide some employment for the residents. Some private sawmills operate on a permit basis and some pulp logs are provided to Tolko Industries Inc. in The Pas.

Trapping is a source of income, and the community shares the registered trapline licenses of the Porcupine and Shoal River Registered Trap Line Zones with other communities.

There are some small farm holdings slowly developing mixed farming potential in the area.