
Red Sucker Lake

Community Status

Two closely related, adjoining but independent communities are known as Red Sucker Lake. The treaty community is part of the Island Lake Band, which was granted a reserve in 1978. The non-treaty community is located on two nearby islands.

Both communities are located on the north shore of Red Sucker Lake, approximately 350 air km Northeast from Winnipeg and 285 air km Southeast from Thompson. There are no land linkages except winter roads. All the information in this report relates to the non-treaty community unless noted.

The community is represented by a contact person under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

Community Contacts

By mail

Red Sucker Lake Community Contact Person
Red Sucker Lake Post Office
Red Sucker Lake, Manitoba R0B 1H0

By phone

Call (204) 469-5545
Fax (204) 469-5152

Office hours and staff

There are no official office hours. Additional information can be obtained from the North Central Regional office located in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-1313.

Community Statistics

Population

1985	54
1991	26
1996	25
2001	33

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

Households

There are nine housing units in the community.

By-laws

- Employee Benefits (by minister's regulation)

Boundary

A boundary has not been established for this community at this time.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment

Business	nil
Real Property	\$174,900
Grants-in-lieu	75,200
Exempt	30,800
Total	280,900

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 limited to forestry-style portable equipment.

Police

Police response is from the Island Lake detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 456-2626.

Medical

Medical response is based on the federal nursing station on the nearby reserve staffed with two nurses and a community health worker. The nearest hospital is at Norway House, although most flights are direct to Winnipeg. The community qualifies for Patient Air Transport Assistance.

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Community-based Services

Airstrip

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services, Northern Airports operate a 3,000' x 85' crushed rock on clay strip with terminal and remote-controlled lighting adjacent to the Red Sucker Reserve, but across the water from the community. Office is in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-3421, or airport manager phone (204) 469-5396.

Hydro

Provided by Manitoba Hydro as enhanced diesel electric power. Service Capacity of 60A per residence. Rates are based on zone 3 levels:

Basic charge	\$ 13.65 /month
First 175 kWh	7.33 cents/KWH
Balance	5.16 cents/KWH

Hydro Office is at Garden Hill, phone 456-2714.

Telephone

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

Water

A water intake system from Red Sucker Lake to a treatment plant was installed in 1991/92. The treated water is available at a pail-fill station at the pump-house. The school has its own system. Some homes have piped water.

Waste Disposal

A solid-waste disposal site is near the community. Residents transport their own wastes to the site.

Liquid-waste disposal consists of septic tanks and fields.

Schools

Children attend the Disbrowe School operated by Frontier School Division with one teacher and one support staff. Phone (204) 469-5778

Recreation Facilities

- Community Meeting Place – 500 sq. ft.
- Outdoor 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 Island Lake, phone (204) 456-2362.

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 Island 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

Nearest commercial accommodation is at Island Lake.

Transportation

- Both Horbas Transfer and Gardewine North provide winter road freight service to this community. At other times they will deliver to the nearest air carrier serving the community.
- Scheduled air service is by Perimeter Airline (Inland) Limited and Northland Air Manitoba. Charter services are available from Islandair and Red Sucker Lake Air Services.

Businesses

- Northern Stores – phone (204) 469-5392
- Red Sucker Lake Restaurant (reserve) – phone (204) 469-5325

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Economic Overview

The community is situated in the Precambrian shield region of Manitoba and there are indications of the presence of gold, lithium and nickel ore bodies in the area. There are no operating mines at the present.

The area is heavily forested, but the remoteness and lack of transportation makes harvesting this resource impractical at the present time.

The primary activity is trapping, with a small amount of fishing. The community shares the Island Lake RTL zone with Garden Hill, St. Theresa Pt. and Wasagamack.