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# Sherridon

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## Community Status

Sherridon originated as the service centre for the nearby Sherritt Gordon nickel mines. The mine closed in 1940, resulting in the equipment and many of the workers and families relocating to Lynn Lake. A recent gold mine, operated by Pioneer Metals at Puffy Lake, closed in 1989.

The community is located on the Omnitrax rail line to Lynn Lake about 156 km north of The Pas. Pukatawagan Reserve is 72 km further north of Sherridon. A 78 km community-access gravelled road was constructed as part of the Puffy Lake Mine development, and the community is now connected to PTH #10 between Cranberry Portage and Flin Flon.

Sherridon is governed by a mayor and council, under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

## Community Contacts

### By mail

Sherridon Community Administrator  
Sherridon Post Office  
Sherridon, Manitoba R0B 1L0

### By phone

Call (204) 468-2026  
Fax 468-2110

### Office hours and staff

The community also employs a public works employee, and a volunteer fire chief.

## Community Statistics

### Population

1985	173
1991	115
1996	97
2001	113

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

### Households

There are 39 housing units in the community.

## By-laws

- Curfew
- Dog Control
- Employee Benefits (by minister's regulation)
- Fire Department

## Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 161/95, as amended, refers to Director of Surveys Plan 18433A. See map.

## Property Assessment and Taxes

Values of Assessment	
Business	\$43,600
Real Property	1,316,400
Grants-in-lieu	643,200
Exempt	588,500
Total	2,591,700

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 Cranberry Portage detachment, RCMP, phone (204) 472-3611.

### Medical

Medical response is based on services of a community health worker. Higher-level care requires transporting the patient to the nearest hospital in Flin Flon. The community qualifies for Patient Air Transport assistance.

### 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 located at Flin Flon, phone (204) 687-6780.

#### Telephone

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

#### Water

Treated water is distributed by distribution lines to both parts of the community, Sherridon and Cold Lake.

#### Waste Disposal

A solid-waste disposal site is located nearby.

A gravity sewage collection system serves the Sherridon portion of the community, and goes to a rotating biological contactor plant for treatment. The Cold Lake portion, still requires private pumpout services. Wastes are transported to a two-cell wastewater treatment lagoon.

#### Schools

The Cold Lake School, in Sherridon, is operated by the Frontier School Division with three teachers and two support staff. Phone (204) 468-2021

#### Recreation Facilities

- Campground area
- Two community halls
- Outdoor rink with change house

### Government Services

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

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-west Region Office located at The Pas, phone (204) 627-8307.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-western Region, Natural Resources Officer located at The Pas, phone (204) 627-8277.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-west Region Public Health located at The Pas, phone (204) 627-8307.

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, Regional Services Branch, Norman Region Office located at The Pas, phone (204) 627-8213.

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 The Pas Regional Court Office, phone (204) 627-8428.

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

Overnight accommodation is available at Kississing Lake Lodge, Sharon's Outfitting and True North Adventures.

#### Transportation

- Gardewine North provides freight service by road, depending on road conditions, or by rail from the terminal at The Pas.
- Rail freight is handled by the Hudson Bay Railroad (Omnitrax) out of The Pas.
- Charter float/ski plane service can be arranged from The Pas.

#### Businesses

- Bayview General Store – phone (204) 468-2024
- Cold Lake Development Corporation – phone (204) 468-2026
- Sherridon Taxi - 486-2025

## **Economic Overview**

Economic opportunities include commercial fishing, trapping, mining, forestry, some tourism support, and some wild rice harvesting in nearby lakes.

Fishing on the nearby Kississing Lake is divided between commercial and recreational interests. Commercial fishers deliver their catch to The Pas fish station.

Seasonal logging in the area produces pulp-logs for the Tolko Manitoba Inc. pulp mill at The Pas.

Both Kississing Lodge and others are located on Cold Lake, and divide the tourism between them. This is a major employment area in season.

Although there is opportunity for mining in the area, a nearby mine was recently closed, based on economic considerations.

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