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# South Indian Lake

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## Community Status

South Indian Lake is situated on an arm of the lake that joins South Bay to the main body of the Lake. Approximately two-thirds of the residents are members of the Nelson House Band, many of whom can trace ancestry back to the 1920s.

The community is about 130 air km Northwest of Thompson and 64 air km from Leaf Rapids. PR # 391, which connects both Thompson and Leaf Rapids, also extends to South Bay, providing access to the ferry/barge in season.

The community has undergone major change as a result of the Churchill River Diversion, which causes water to flow south to the Rat River, then through the Burntwood river into the Nelson River to provide additional water for Hydro development on the lower Nelson River.

Recognized as a community in 1971 by the department, and incorporated in 1999, the community is governed by an Incorporated Council consisting of mayor and councillors under *The Northern Affairs Act*.

## Community Contacts

### By mail

South Indian Lake Administrator  
Box 25  
South Indian Lake, Manitoba, R0B 1N0

### By phone

Call (204) 374-2134  
Fax (204) 374-2017

### Office hours and staff

Office hours are:  
Mon to Fri 8:00 - 5:00

The community also employs a clerk, three public works employees, a volunteer fire chief, a recreation director and two community constables.

## Community Statistics

### Population

1985	845
1991	732
1996	887
2001	808

Information from Statistics Canada after 1985.

### Households

There are 169 housing units in the community.

### By-laws

- Curfew
- Derelict Vehicles
- Employee Benefits (by minister's regulation)
- Fire Department

### Boundary

Manitoba Regulation 51/99 refers to Director of surveys Plan 18606. See map.

## Property Assessment and Taxes

### Values of Assessment

Business	\$19,449
Real Property	1,642,900
Grants-in-lieu	1,407,800
Exempt	2,574,900
Total	5,645,049

### 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.

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### Police

Police response is from the Leaf Rapids detachment RCMP, phone (204) 473-2469. There is also two community constables who respond in the community.

### Medical

Medical response is based on a federal nursing station staffed by three nurses and two community health workers, with a five bed capacity. The community also qualifies for Patient Transport assistance.

### Community-based Services

#### Airstrip

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services, Northern Airports operate a 2,600' x 100' crushed rock airstrip with terminal and remote-controlled lighting about 1 mile north of the community. Office is located in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-3421, or airport manager, phone (204) 374-2225.

#### Ferry Service

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services, Marine Services operate the ferry *MV Charles Robert* on an hourly schedule between South Indian Lake and South Bay. Office is in Winnipeg, phone (204) 945-3424.

#### 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 Leaf Rapids, phone (204) 473-2383.

#### Telephone

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

#### Water

Water is drawn from the Churchill River system via wet-well intake to the pumphouse. It is then put through a package treatment plant and chlorinated. The major buildings in the community core area are connected to a distribution system. Residences are served by truck delivery.

#### Waste Disposal

Solid-waste is picked up twice weekly by a local contractor and taken to the solid-waste disposal site located near the community.

Most residences have sewage pumpout, which is then hauled for treatment in a sequencing batch reactor (SBR) sewage treatment plant.

### Schools

The Oscar Blackburn School is operated by Frontier School Division. It is staffed by the principal, a vice-principal, 17 teachers and numerous support staff, Phone (204) 374-2056 or (204) 374-2094.

### Recreation Facilities

- Ball field
- Beach area
- Community Hall, 4,500 sq. ft.
- Indoor rink
- Playgrounds
- Youth Centre

### 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 Leaf Rapids, phone (204) 356-2413.

Manitoba Conservation, Regional Operations, North-eastern Region, seasonal Fire Ranger and Trap Line Officer ; Natural Resources Officer located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6633.

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) 677-6692.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Planning Services, Regional Office located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6700.

Manitoba Justice Circuit Court sits at South Indian Lake and is coordinated by the Thompson Regional Court Office, phone (204) 677-6798.

Manitoba Labour, Employment Services Standards, Employment Standards Officer is located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6664.

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Manitoba Labour, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Assistant Fire Commissioner is located at Thompson, phone (204) 677-6592.

### **Commercial Services**

#### **Accommodation**

- Accommodation can be arranged at the McLeod Motel, or in private homes.

#### **Transportation**

- Both Gardewine North and Horbas Transfer provide freight services to South Indian Lake via all-weather road to Leaf Rapids and either barge from South Bay or winter road, in season.
- Calm Air provides scheduled services to Lynn Lake and Thompson.
- Calm Air and Skyward provide charter services.
- Clee's Taxi provides local transportation services.

#### **Businesses**

- Aswassis-Sekamink Centre – phone (204) 374-2215
- Casil
- Northern
- South Indian Lake Community Garage – phone (204) 374-2015
- South Indian Lake Development Corporation

### **Economic Overview**

The most important economic activity is commercial fishing. Fishers deliver their catch to the Leaf Rapids fish station. Trapping contributes some additional income. The community is located in the South Indian Lake Registered Trap Line Zone.

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