



AREA 1 - LEAF RAPIDS



Traditional community name:

Nipiskaw-Pawistik
(Leaf Rapids)



Population:

Approximately 453
(includes 90 residents
of Granville Lake who evacuated
to Leaf Rapids in 2003)



School:

Leaf Rapids Education
Centre



Access:

By air via Perimeter
Airlines to Thompson
and by gravel road
from Thompson



Indigenous Language(s):

Rocky Cree
(Th-Dialect/Neethowiwini)



Location:

Northeast of Granville
Lake on the Churchill
River, 980 km north of Winnipeg
and 244 km WNW of Thompson,
Manitoba



Average Temperatures:

| January | July |
|------------|-----------|
| High -18°C | High 16°C |
| Low -27°C | Low 6°C |



Treaty territory:

Treaty 5

LEAF RAPIDS EDUCATION CENTRE

Grades: Nursery to Grade 12

Enrollment: Approximately 120

Staff: Approximately 35

Frontier School Division is known for friendly people, cultural diversity, and the natural beauty of Northern Manitoba.

We are committed to the success of all students and believe that quality, inclusive education includes Indigenous perspectives, local language(s) and cultural programming. Providing meaningful, appropriate, and locally relevant education is a shared responsibility of all staff members.



Teacherages

There is one 4-bedroom house outfitted with fridge, stove, washer and dryer. The house has a basement, storage garage, fenced in back yard, and a raspberry patch.

However, most teachers have a 10-month sublet agreement with Frontier School Division that leases an apartment complex . The apartment complex includes access to satellite service and Xplornet internet service, which is paid by the tenant. All apartments are 2-bedroom units and are fully furnished. The only items you need to bring are pictures and personal items.

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHT

Leaf Rapids Education Centre offers a Cree language program for Kindergarten to Grade 8 as well as elective High School Courses. The school is currently developing a Cultural Wellness Fitness Centre to be shared by the school and the community. This project has three phases: a fitness area with equipment and training; a nutrition program; and a cultural area where students can interact with Elders and Knowledge Keepers. The school also has a large and innovative horticultural program, a drone technology course from which two students have become Frontier School Division's first successful Drone Pilots. The school is also building accredited High School Apprenticeship programs in Cosmetology and Carpentry. A young parent program enables children of adult education students and staff to be cared for while taking the educational programming or working within the school.

About the Community

Leaf Rapids is within the traditional territory of the Rocky Cree, which follows the Churchill River System from Churchill Lake in northern Saskatchewan to Hudson Bay. These traditional territories also continue eastward along the Burntwood River toward the city of Thompson.

Surrounded by scenic boreal forest, the area around Leaf Rapids features an abundance of hiking trails, fishing spots, great berry picking, and many other outdoor recreational activities.

Leaf Rapids is a planned community built in the early 1970s, approximately 25 km from a mine at Ruttan Lake. A sprawling Town Centre Complex houses the school, medical centre, theatre, gymnasium, grocery store, post office, offices and more.

Frontier School Division spans nearly 75% of the province and is organized into 5 Areas.



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