



AREA 1 - LYNN LAKE



Traditional community name:
Namiwi-Sâkahikan
(Sturgeon Lake)



Population:
Approximately 600



School:
West Lynn Heights School



Treaty territory:
Treaty 5



Location:
1,083 km northwest of
Winnipeg, 321 km from
Thompson



Indigenous Language(s):
Neethowiwîn
(Cree - Th-Dialect)



Access:
All-weather road



Average Temperatures:

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

WEST LYNN HEIGHTS SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten to Grade 12 and Adult Education

Enrollment: Approximately 225

Staff: Approximately 27

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.



HOUSING

There is a 7-plex for staff at Lynn Lake. Each unit is a fully furnished 2-bedroom suite fitted with beds, living room and dining room furniture as well as a fridge and stove. A laundry area in the building is shared. Up to two pets are allowed.

Locally there are several Internet providers available, including Starlink. However, services must be arranged and paid for by the tenant. Frontier School Division provides maintenance.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

West Lynn Heights School offers a Cree language program for grades 1 to 12, Expanded Options and Adult Education. The school offers teachers a vast selection of educational resources for all subject areas and there are lots of professional development opportunities. A school greenhouse and numerous after-school activities help to keep students busy. After school-activities include volleyball, badminton, soccer, snowshoeing, trap setting, movie nights and art clubs. The school fitness room is also available several evenings a week. Some of the extracurricular activities are offered in partnership with local organizations, such as driving instruction, curling, skating, Junior Rangers, and a youth mentorship program. Breakfast and hot lunch programs are available in partnership with the local Friendship Centre.

About the Community

Surrounded by dozens of lakes and rivers and located deep within the Boreal forest, the area in and around Lynn Lake has been part of the traditional territory of the Cree since time immemorial.

The contemporary history of the town of Lynn Lake begins with a mineral claim by Sherritt Gordon Mines in the mid-1940s. The town was named after Lynn Smith, Chief Engineer for Sherritt Gordon. Alamos Gold is set to begin construction on a new mine in the coming years.

Lynn Lake is well-known for being welcoming and friendly and the area continues to be a popular hunting and fishing destination. The town also offers young people many leadership opportunities that can help them build a varied and impressive resume.

Local amenities include a hospital, hotels, several stores, gas stations, a restaurant, arena and much more. In the 2016 census, more than 70% of the population identified as Indigenous (i.e. First Nations and/or Métis).

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



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