



AREA 3 - CHURCHILL



Traditional community names:

Cree: Missinipi
(Great or Big Waters)

Dene: Tzandezze (Metal River)

Inuktitut: Kuujuak (Big River)



Indigenous Language(s):

Swampy Cree (N-Dialect/
Ininimowin, Dene, and
Inuktitut



Treaty territory:

Treaty 5



Population:

Approximately 870



School:

Duke of Marlborough
School



Access:

By air via Calm Air
out of Winnipeg.

Overland access is via the
Hudson Bay Railway from
The Pas, Manitoba



Location:

On the western
shore of Hudson Bay,
approximately 140 km from the
Manitoba - Nunavut border



Average Temperatures:

	January	July
High	-22°C	High 18°C
Low	-30°C	Low 7°C

DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL

Grades: Nursery to Grade 12

Enrollment: Approximately 160

Staff: 29

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

Rental accommodations are available in the community through the local Manitoba Housing office. Alternatively, new residents may purchase a home listed on local real estate websites.

Cell service and fibre optic high-speed internet are available throughout the community.

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHT

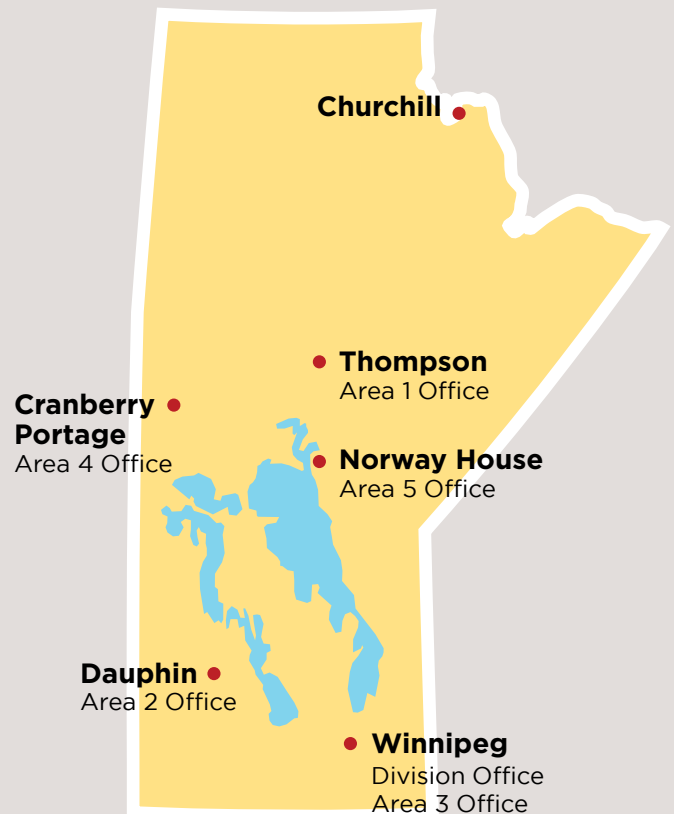
Duke of Marlborough school provides an engaging Cree language and culture program for kindergarten to grade 12. Recently, the school worked with the community to form a consultative Circle of Relatives comprised of Elders/Knowledge Keepers representing each of the four local Indigenous cultural groups (Cree, Dene, Inuit and Métis). The Circle of Relatives is accessible for programming to support staff and students. A variety of other activities and programs are offered in collaboration with local agencies and organizations, such as Parks Canada, the Northern Studies Centre and the Town of Churchill. A Junior Ranger program is also available through the Canadian Armed Forces Ranger Program.

About the Community

The area in and around the Churchill River basin, where the river empties into Hudson Bay, has been part of the overlapping traditional territories of the Cree, Dene and Inuit peoples since time immemorial. During the fur trade era, Churchill also became home to a community of Métis people.

Today, the Port of Churchill provides some employment opportunities, however, the local economy is primarily based on tourism. Tourists come to Churchill for polar bear season (October to November), northern lights season (February to March), and beluga whale season (June to August). Other tourism draws include dog sled tours, the Métis Heritage Hall, Fort Prince of Wales, and the Northern Studies Centre. Churchill is also home to a vibrant and active arts collective whose works can be seen and heard throughout the community.

A sprawling Town Centre Complex is connected to the school and provides indoor access to the health centre and many recreational facilities, including an indoor playground, a movie theatre, swimming pool, curling rink, hockey arena, and fitness centre. The Complex also has several multi-purpose spaces that are used by the school and community members.



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



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