



AREA 3 - WANIPIGOW / HOLLOW WATER FIRST NATION



Traditional community name:

Waanibiigaa (Hole in the Water or Hollow Water)



Population:

Approximately 1,072 on reserve and 2,850 residents of the Northern Affairs communities of Wanipigow, Seymourville and Aghaming.



School:

Wanipigow School



Access:

180 km of paved, all-weather road followed by 20 km of gravel road



Indigenous Language(s):

Anishinabemowin (Ojibwe dialect)



Treaty territory:

Treaty 5



Location:

On the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg, approximately 200 km northeast of Winnipeg.



Average Temperatures:

January	July
High -14° C	High 27° C
Low -24° C	Low 19° C

WANIPIGOW SCHOOL

Grades: Nursery to Grade 12

Enrollment: Approximately 268

Staff: Approximately 51

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 are 15 teacherages, all but one of which is located on the shore of Lake Winnipeg and next to the school. The one- to four-bedroom teacherages include detached houses, duplexes and mobile homes.

Frontier School Division subsidizes rental fees and provides maintenance. Teacherages in Wanipigow are furnished with appliances (washer, dryer, fridge and stove) and pets are allowed. Wireless high-speed internet is available from Xplornet or Starlink.

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHT

The school offers a unique, locally developed Ojibwe language program for Early Years. Students at all grade levels also have opportunities to participate in land-based learning that incorporates the Ojibwe language and cultural teachings from local Elders and Knowledge Keepers. Additionally, Wanipigow school's archery program provides students with the opportunity to be physically active, explore a traditional cultural practice, and develop hand-eye coordination skills.

About the Community

Indigenous peoples resided on and harvested resources from the east side of Lake Winnipeg for at least 6,000 years.

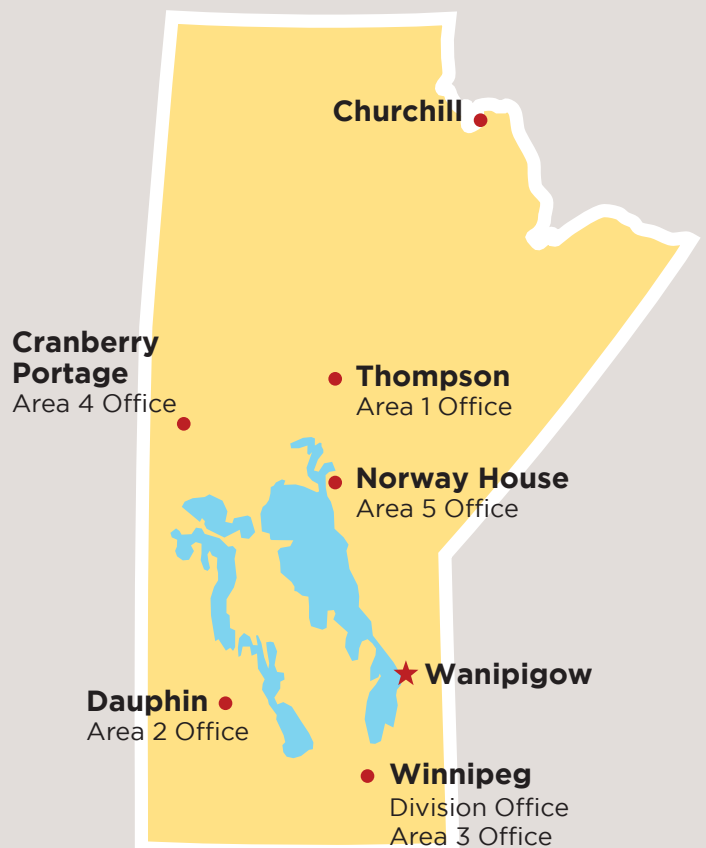
Located in the scenic Boreal Forest on the southeastern shore of Lake Winnipeg, Hollow Water First Nation's traditional territory encompasses the entire drainage basin of the Wanipigow and Manigotogan Rivers.

The Ojibwe word "Waanibiigaa" (Wanipigow) means "hole in the water" or "hollow water" and refers to a whirlpool that formed in a nearby set of rapids.

A major source of nutrition was wild rice harvested from the Wanipigow River and stored in pots made from locally sourced clays.

Today, the local economy is based on fishing, trapping, and wild rice harvesting. Amenities include a health centre, gas bar, grocery store, daycare, and coffee shops.

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



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