



AREA 2 - WATERHEN



Traditional Community Name:
ingipsiewsibi or Singuissippi
(Lake Known for Western Grebes)



Population:
Approximately 195



Waterhen School:
Grades: Nursery to Grade 12
Enrollment: Approximately 82
Staff: Approximately 23



Access:
Paved All-Weather Roads



Indigenous Language(s):
Anishnaabemowin (Western Ojibwe/Saulteaux Dialect)



Average Temperatures:
January
High -10 °C Low -19 °C
Extreme Low -32 °C
June
High 23 °C Low 11 °C
Extreme High 31 °C



Treaty Territory:
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Location:
On the eastern shore of the Waterhen River, midway between Lake Manitoba and Waterhen Lake, approximately 327 km northwest of Winnipeg

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Waterhen is equipped with an EMS station and general store, both within steps from the school. There is a restaurant, gas bar, and convenience store located 20km north within the Skownan first nation, while more expansive amenities are available in the city of Dauphin which is located 126km to the south.

The Waterhen River area has been an important hunting territory for Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. The river was also part of a major transportation route that connected communities. The settlement of Waterhen was established in 1919. The local economy today is primarily based on commercial fishing, trapping and livestock production.



SUBSIDIZED HOUSING IN WATERHEN

There are houses for staff located within a short walk of the school and farther afield within the community. Most are 3-bedroom, however, there are also 2-bedroom and 1-bedroom units. All teacherages are equipped with a fridge, stove, washer, and dryer. Utilities are covered in the rent and Frontier School Division provides maintenance.

Wireless internet is available but must be arranged and paid for by the tenant.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Part of Waterhen School's commitment to its students includes the integration of Land-Based learning and education, where the history and culture of the local community is integrated into school learning in addition to the curriculum. Activities have included sweetgrass braiding, moccasin making, and more.

REASONS TO JOIN FRONTIER SCHOOL DIVISION

- Our 39 school communities are populated with friendly people and are located in some of the most scenic areas of the province.
- There are many opportunities to engage with local Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers and to participate in local cultural events and activities.
- Frontier School Division is dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of Indigenous languages and cultures, as well as advancing the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee.
- We provide our teachers with PD and other supports to ensure our students receive a quality, inclusive education that includes Indigenous perspectives, local language(s), and cultural programming.
- Frontier School Division has a unique 3-tiered, grassroots governance system to help provide meaningful, appropriate, and locally relevant education in our schools.
- Frontier School Division spans nearly 75% of the province and is organized into 5 Areas.



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