



AREA 2- BARROWS JUNCTION



Traditional Community Name:
None Known



Population:
Approximately 100



Barrows Junction School:
Grades: Nursery to Grade 9
Enrollment: Approximately 15
Staff: Approximately 9



Access:
All-weather roads



Indigenous Language(s):
Ininimowin (N-Dialect/
Swampy Cree) and
Anishinabemowin
(Ojibwe/Saulteaux)



Average Temperatures:
January
High -11 °C Low -20 °C
Extreme Low -35 °C
June
High 23 °C Low 10 °C
Extreme High 31 °C



Treaty Territory:
Treaty 4



Location:
Approximately 590 km northwest
of Winnipeg, near the Manitoba-
Saskatchewan border

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Since time immemorial, the lands on which the community of Barrows was founded has been part of the overlapping traditional territories of local Indigenous Peoples. Though a trading post established in the region in the late 1700's drew both settlers and Métis People to the area, Barrows itself was established in the early 1900s by the Red Deer Lumber Company, becoming the largest of five Métis communities along the northern border of the Porcupine forest.

Today, Barrows' economy is primarily based on fishing and logging, with extensive ATV and snowmobile trails dotting the surrounding Porcupine Mountain Provincial Forest. Shopping and other amenities are approximately 40 minutes to an hour drive away, but Barrows remains lively year round with a community music festival every August, ice fishing in March, and a snowmobile derby in February.



SUBSIDIZED HOUSING IN BARROWS

There are two houses for staff located within steps of the school. Both mobile homes are 3-bedroom and are equipped with a fridge, stove, washer and dryer. Up to two pets are allowed. Utilities are included in the rent and Frontier School Division provides maintenance.

Wireless internet is available but is the responsibility of the tenant.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Barrows Junction school is equipped with its own tipi, which is often used as a place where students can learn cultural teachings, storytelling, and participate in cultural events. The school also provides outdoor education, including nature walks, pottery classes, access to local hunters and trappers, and camping on school grounds in tents. There are currently plans to expand this nature-oriented programming, with designs underway for an outdoor classroom and wellness area with a firepit alongside the school.

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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