



## AREA 1 - CROSS LAKE



**Traditional Community Name:**

Pimicikamāk  
(Flowing Across)



**Population:**

Approximately 520



**D.R Hamilton School:**

*Grades:* Kindergarten to Grade 8  
*Enrollment:* Approximately 113  
*Staff:* Approximately 20



**Access:**

Paved, all-weather road,  
with gravel roads for the last  
55km



**Indigenous Language(s):**

Swampy Cree  
(N-Dialect/Ininîmowin)  
Woods Cree  
(Th-Dialect/Nîhithawîwin )



**Average Temperatures:**

*January*

High -14 °C    Low -23 °C  
Extreme Low -35 °C

*June*

High 22 °C    Low 9 °C  
Extreme High 29 °C



**Treaty Territory:**

Treaty 5



**Location:**

520 km north of  
Winnipeg and 120 km  
south of Thompson

## ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Cross Lake has access to many amenities within the community, with a gas station, multiple restaurants, grocery stores, and recreation options available locally. There is also a local RBC, radio and TV station, as well as a variety of medical services available within the community itself. Mail is delivered daily, and additional amenities are available within a three hour drive to nearby Thompson.

Cross Lake refers to two adjoining communities, an incorporated community situated on Crown Land, and the more populous Cross Lake Reserve (Pimicikamak Cree Nation). D.R, Hamilton School is located within the incorporated community. The history of settlement in this area began in the early fur trade of the late 17th century, when the Hudson Bay Company used the Cross Lake/Nelson River system for transportation. However, for the local Nikickonakos (Otter People), the around Cross Lake has been a place of celebration, trade, and commerce since time immemorial.



## SUBSIDIZED HOUSING IN CROSS LAKE

There are housing units for staff located within a short walk of the school. Up to two pets are allowed. Rental fees include utilities and Frontier School Division provides maintenance. Wireless internet is available but is the responsibility of the tenant.

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

D.R Hamilton School is one of three schools that serves the Cross Lake community, and is the only one to be located off-reserve. The school hosts a wide variety of land-based activities to enrich students' experiences and help them connect with the tradition and history of their local community. Most notable among these are the beekeeping and sturgeon recovery programs, both of which serve as important lessons in conservation for the students who participate in them, and contribute positively to maintaining the natural balance and beauty that much of Northern Manitoba is known for.

## 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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