

Community Quick Reference

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Rainy River District Related Sites

Government Links

Local Member of Parliament
www.kenboshcoff.ca
Member of Provincial Parliament
www.ontariodp.on.ca/qp/hampton.html

Business Development

Ontario Investment Services
<http://2Ontario.com>
FedNor
www.fednor.ic.gc.ca
Northwestern Ontario Development Network
www.nodn.com
Ontario Association of Community Futures
Development Corporations
www.oacfdc.com

Tourism Links

Ontario Sunset Country
<http://ontariosunsetcountry.ca/sunmain.html>
Northwestern Ontario Tourism Assoc.
<http://www.nwota.com/>
Manitoba Ontario Minnesota's Highway
www.momsway.com
Fort Frances Canadian Bass Championship
www.canadianbass.com
Emo Walleye Classic
www.emowalleye.com
Rainy River & District Walleye
www.rrwalleye.com

Chambers of Commerce

Canadian Chamber of Commerce
www.chamber.ca
Ontario Chamber of Commerce
www.occ.on.ca
Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce
www.fortfranceschamber.com
Emo Chamber of Commerce
www.twspemo.on.ca/chamber.html
Rainy River & District Chamber of Commerce
www.rainyriverchamber.ca
Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of
Commerce
www.noacc.com

First Nation Tribal Councils

Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Nee-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services
www.advisory-services.net

Rainy River District

The Rainy River District, stretching along the Canada/US border, is an ideal place for new and exciting businesses wishing to take advantage of the expanding markets of two countries.

Drive to the Rainy River District by discovering the route less traveled; MOM's Way – the Manitoba, Ontario, Minnesota highway. Running along the Historic Boundary Waterway, MOM's Way follows the famous route of the first fur traders on the original east-west highway. Noted on maps as Hwy 11 in Ontario, Hwy 11 in Minnesota and Hwy 12 in Manitoba.

Municipalities in the Rainy River District

The Township of Alberton

General Office: (807) 274-6053
Fax: (807) 274-8449

The Township of Chapple

General Office: (807) 487-2354
Fax: (807) 487-2406
www.chapple.on.ca

The Township of Dawson

General Office: (807) 852-3529
Fax: (807) 852-3529

The Township of Emo

General Office: (807) 482-2378
Fax: (807) 482-2741
www.twspemo.on.ca

The Town of Fort Frances

General Office: (807) 274-5323
Fax: (807) 274-8479
www.fort-frances.com

The Township of LaVallee

General Office: (807) 486-3452
Fax: (807) 486-3863

The Township of Lake of the Woods

General Office: (807) 852-3529
Fax: (807) 852-3529

The Township of Morley

General Office: (807) 483-5455
Fax: (807) 483-5882
www.townshipofmorley.ca

The Town of Rainy River

General Office: (807) 852-3978
Fax: (807) 852-3553
www.town.rainyriver.on.ca

First Nations

Big Grassy

General Office: (807) 488-5614
Fax: (807) 488-5533

Big Island

General Office: (807) 488-5602
Fax: (807) 488-5942

Couchiching

General Office: (807) 274-3228
Fax: (807) 274-6485

Lac La Croix

General Office: (807) 485-2431
Fax: (807) 485-2583

Naicatchewenin

General Office: (807) 486-3407
Fax: (807) 486-3704

Nicikousemenecaning

General Office: (807) 481-2536
Fax: (807) 481-2511/2573

Rainy River

General Office: (807) 482-2479
Fax: (807) 482-2603

Seine River

General Office: (807) 599-2224
Fax: (807) 599-2865

Stanjikoming

General Office: (807) 274-2188
Fax: (807) 274-8597

Population (Organized Towns, Townships & First Nations)

Community	Population	First Nation Community	Population
Fort Frances	8315	Lac La Croix	260
Alberton	956	Seine River	297
La Vallee	1073	Nicickousemenecaning	121
Emo	1331	Couchiching	555
Chapple	910	Stanjikoming	85
Morley	447	Naicatchwenin	239
Rainy River	981	Rainy River	191
Dawson	613	Big Grassy	249
Lake of the Woods	330	Anishnaabeg of Naongashiing	123
Total:	14956	Total:	2174

Labour Force Information

2001 Census Profile

Average income of persons reporting	\$28,906
Total population 15 years and over	
by labour force activity	17,415.0
In the labour force	11,835.0
Employed	10,808.0
Unemployed	1,027.0
Not in the labour force	5,580.0
2005 Unemployment rate	9.5%
2005 Participation rate	67.9%

2000 Estimates

Personal Income	\$442,800,000
Per Capita Income	\$18,600
Retail Sales	\$284,900,000
Per Capita Sales	\$12,000

*“The Rainy River District:
Your kind of Environment”*

Industries in the Rainy River District

Agricultural and related service industries	330	Wholesale trade industries	260
Fishing and trapping industries	65	Retail trade industries.....	1385
Logging and forestry industries	430	Finance and insurance industries	155
Mining (including milling), quarrying and oil well Industries	65	Real estate operator & insurance agents	115
Manufacturing industries	1535	Business service industries	240
Construction industries	835	Government service industries.....	785
Transportation and storage industries	555	Educational service industries.....	880
Communication and other utility industries.....	305	Health and social service industries.....	1565
		Accommodation, food & beverage service	1025

Industrial Sites For Sale:

Location	Size	Distance To U.S. Border	Distance To Highway	Electricity Available
Fort Frances	10.2 Acres	Within 5 km	Within 1 km	Yes
Fort Frances	7 Acres	Within 5 km	Within 1 km	Yes
Fort Frances	2.85 Acres	Within 5 km	Within 1 km	Yes

Available Buildings

Location	Size (Square Ft.)	Electricity	Distance to U.S. Border	Distance to major highway
Fort Frances	7800	Yes	2 km	1 km
Fort Frances	3600	Yes	2 km	1 km
Fort Frances	1040	Yes	2 km	1 km

Local Employers - Employment by Industry

Government Service

Name	Product/Service	Employment	Union
RR District School Board	Education	530	YES
Riverside Health Care	Health	450	YES
Rainycrest Home for the Aged	Health	170	YES
Northwest Catholic District School Board	Education	145	YES

Business

Name	Product/Service	Employment	Union
Abitibi Consolidated Incorporated	Pulp and Paper Mill	789	YES
Ainsworth Canada	Oriented Strand Board Mill	145	YES
Canada Safeway	Retail/Grocery Store	120	YES
NORFAB Building Components	Retail/Building Supplies	115	NO

Utilities

Electricity

Rainy River District

Supplier Private
 Name of Supplier Hydro One

Fort Frances Area

Supplier Private
 Name of Supplier Fort Frances Power Corp.

Natural Gas

Name of local distributor..... Union Gas Limited
 Pipeline Source..... Trans-Canada Pipeline

Sanitation

Town of Fort Frances

Type of sewage treatment plant
 Biological Primary and Secondary
 Residential sewage cost \$20.00/month
 Percent served by sewer.....98%
 Percent who utilize septic tanks.....2%
 Percent serviced by storm drain..... 65%
 Percent serviced by storm drain & ditches85%
 Average load8,910,000 litres/day
 Peak load21,780,000 litres/day
 Design capacity24,750,000 litres/day
 Rural areas are serviced by wells & septic systems

“For those seeking an area for business development and growth, the Rainy River District offers the lowest utility rates in Ontario”

Water

	Fort Frances	Rainy River	Emo	Chapple	Dawson	Lake of the Woods	La Valley/Morley/Alberton
Water Supply	Municipal	Municipal	Municipal	Municipal	Private	Private	Private
Supplier	Public Works	Town of Rainy River	Town of Emo	Barwick Water plant	Private	Private	Private
Source of Water	Rainy Lake	Rainy River	Rainy River	Wells	Wells & Rainy River	Wells & Lake of the Woods	Wells
Elevated storage capacity (Litres)	4,500,000	1,136,500	727,000	280,000	0	0	0
Capacity of Water plant (litres/day)	14,400,000	2,474,000	950,000	273,600	0	0	0
Average consumption (litres/day)	7,200,000	630,000	553,000	60,000	0	0	0
Peak consumption (litres/day)	13,500,000	1,030,000	770,000	273,600	0	0	0

“Perhaps the greatest resource of the District is its clear, unpolluted lakes and rivers”

Communications

Local Telephone Company: Bell Canada
 Residential: Mon-Fri. 07:30-16:00
 Business: Mon-Fri. 07:30-16:00
 Type of central office switcher:.....DMS 100
 (Remote From Thunder Bay)
 Centrex Voice and Data: YES
 Direct Inward Dialing trunks NO
 Switch 56 Data Service: YES
 DS-1 Dedicated T1 Data Service: YES

Frame Relay Service:.....YES
 SS7 Service:..... NO
 ISDN Service:.....YES
 TI-DS1 Service:.....YES
 Point of Presence (POP):.....YES
 ADSL Service.....YES
 Cellular Phone Service.....YES

Internet Service Providers:.....3
 Video Conferencing Capabilities:..... YES
 Local Cellular Service Available:..... YES

Cable Television Providers:.....2
 Fort Frances: Shaw Cable*
 Emo, Rainy River: Norcom Cablevision
 (*Digital Cable Available)

Municipal Services

Type of local government: Mayor/Reeve and Council	City zoning ordinance in effect: YES
Member of Provincial Parliament: MPP Howard Hampton	Number of full-time fire department personnel: 9
Member of Federal Government: MP Ken Boshcoff	Number of volunteer fire department personnel: 22
	Number of full-time OPP officers: 50

Tax Structure

Taxation Statistics, 1996

Total number of returns.....	16,140
Total Income Dollars	\$416,200,000
Total number of Taxable Returns	10,510
Total number of Tax Dollars	\$76,200,000

Taxation Statistics, 2001

Assessed value of property in the Rainy River District	\$1,159,106,403
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High/Low Tax Rates for the Rainy River District

Residential Property 0.609121%	1.319629%
Farm Property 0.152280%	1.000000%
Pipeline Property 4.785096%	11.214905%
Occupied Industrial Property 0.670033%	6.450190%
General Commercial Property 0.721603%	6.088622%

Long-term Debt Outstanding

2001 Town of Fort Frances:	\$5,770,230
2001 Township of Chapple:	\$177,807
All other communities.....	0

Bonded Indebtedness for the public schools

Bonded indebtedness for the Rainy River District School Board.....	0
Bonded indebtedness for the Northwest Catholic District School Board	0

Transportation

Air Service

Airport:	Fort Frances Municipal Airport
Category: Certified Aircraft, Skiplanes, Gliders, Ultra-lights, Helicopters	
Open:	Sunday to Friday 07:00-21:00 Saturday 07:00-dark
Nearest Communities:	Fort Frances, ON International Falls, MN
Coordinates:	48-39-15, W 93-26-23
Appears on a VFR navigation chart:	YES
Certified by Transport Canada:	YES
Main Runway:	12/30-4500 feet
Surface:	Asphalt
Maintained year round:	YES
Radio Communications:	122.8
Customs airport of entry:	YES
CANPASS:	YES
Fort Frances Municipal Airport scheduled airlines per day	2
International Falls Airport scheduled airlines per day	5

Rail Service

Community served by railroad:	YES
Name of railroad:	Canadian National
Trains passing through District are from	Thunder Bay, ON and Duluth, MN
Frequency of trains passing through: Winnipeg, MB to Rainy River, ON: 15 trains/day Rainy River, ON to Rainer, MN: . 15.6 trains/day Rainier, MN to Duluth, MN:	10 trains/day
Thunder Bay, ON to Fort Frances: n/a	

Barge Service

Barge Service:	2
District Adjoins navigable river	YES
Barge Accessible from land	YES
Length of Season:	4 months

Bus Transportation

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Fort Frances to Winnipeg, MB:	2 buses daily Weekdays,
.....	1 bus Sat.

Fort Frances to Thunder Bay, ON:	1 bus daily
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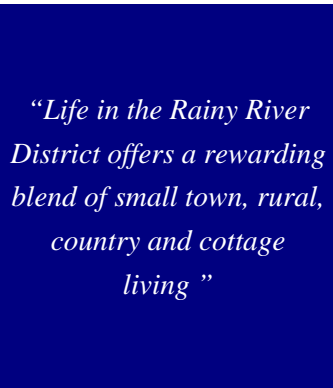
Fort Frances to Kenora, Ontario:	1 bus daily, except Wed. and Sat.
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Highways

Hard surfaced connecting routes:

Highway #11-71 East
USA Highway #53
Highway #71 North
Highway #502 North

Proximity to Markets	Km	Miles
Thunder Bay, Ontario	332.6	193.6
Winnipeg, Manitoba	373.3	223.9
Duluth, Minnesota	262.7	157.6
Minneapolis, Minnesota	473.5	284.1
Chicago, Illinois	1014.6	608.6
Green Bay, Wisconsin	783.8	470.2
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	897.2	538.3
Des Moines, Iowa	860.3	516.2



Newspaper

Daily Newspaper:

The Daily Bulletin of Fort Frances
 The Daily Journal of International Falls
 The Chronicle Journal (Thunder Bay)
 The Winnipeg Free Press
 The Winnipeg Sun
 The Globe and Mail
 The National Post

Weekly Newspaper:

The Fort Frances Times
 West-End Weekly
 Rainy River Record
 The National Post

Education

Type	Number	Teachers	Enrollment	Grades
Elementary	14	103	1858	JK-8
Separate	3	145	640	JK-8
Secondary	3	90	1414	9-OAC

Post Secondary: Confederation College, Seven Generations Education Institute Rainy River First Nation Campus, and two local representatives in the district for the part-time studies offered by Lakehead University.

Health Facilities

Number of hospitals within one hour drive:	3
Total number of acute beds:	46
Total number of long-term beds:	53
Time in minutes to nearest facility:	0
Time in minutes to emergency medical treatment:	0
Is air flight/ambulance service available:	YES
General Practice Doctors:	16
General Surgeons:	2
Obstetrics and Gynecology:	1
Dentists:	10
Chiropractors:	2
Optometrist:	5

Seasonal Averages

January: daily max: -11.1C
 daily min: -25.0C

April: daily max: 17.3C
 daily min: -4.3C

July: daily max: 25.0C
 daily min: 11.0C

October: daily max: 10.0C
 daily min: -0.5C

General Information on the Rainy River District

Customs Requirements

If you are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of the United States, you will not need a passport or visa to enter Canada. However, you will need proof of citizenship such as a birth certificate, citizenship certificate, passport or landing card.

Location of international bridges: Town of Fort Frances and Town of Rainy River

Metric System

Ontario's official standard of measurement is the metric system. All road signs, speed limits, distances, weather reports and the like are in metric. However, some consumer packaging lists measurements in both metric and Imperial.

Climate

Ontario's weather is much like the Northern United States. June, July and August are our true summer months when daytime temperatures range from 25-30C (77-86F), though nights may be cool, particularly in the north. In autumn, foliage takes on fall colours towards the end of September and reaches its height in October. Medium to heavyweight clothing is necessary, especially in November when the weather is cold and frosty. Snowfall is usually experienced through December, January and February. The snow begins to recede in March before totally disappearing in April. This is followed by warm temperatures and spring flowers in May.

