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# Bissett

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## **Community Overview**

### **History**

Bissett originally acted as the service centre for the San Antonio gold mine. During the 25 years from 1943 to 1968, some 200 employees produced 38,272.13 grams of gold and 6,108.62 grams of silver. The mine was closed down as being uneconomical. Since 1980/81, the mine has opened and closed several times. It is now in a care and maintenance phase.

### **Access**

The community is located on Provincial Road 304 about 256 kilometres (km) northeast of Winnipeg. This road has now been extended into the Nopiming Provincial Park and to Wallace Lake, 32 km to the east and southward through the park to Bird River Road. The road traverses a major recreation area and Bissett is one of two major entry points.

### **Governance**

The community was recognized in October 1972 and is represented by a mayor and council under The Northern Affairs Act.

### **Economic Overview**

Conservation, trapping and mining are major contributors to the local economy. Tourism and local services also provide income. Trapping is largely confined to registered traplines in the Hole River and Lac du Bonnet Registered Trapline (RTL) Zones. Bissett shares this RTL Zone with other nearby communities. Commercial fishing is not a large contributor to the local economy. The San Antonio gold mine when in production is a major contributor to the community. The Bissett Development Corporation is responsible for encouraging economic development in the area.

### **Contacts**

Bissett Community Council  
Box 30  
Bissett, MB R0E 0J0

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Fax: 204-277-5521  
Email: [bissettcc@xplornet.ca](mailto:bissettcc@xplornet.ca)  
website: [bissettcc.com](http://bissettcc.com)

Bissett Development Corporation  
Phone: 204-277-5218

Office hours: Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### **Staff**

The community employs a community administrative officer, public works employee/water operator and backup, part-time recreation director and part-time transfer station attendant.

### **Statistics**

Census Year	Population
1985	146
1991	154
1996	159
2001	243
2006	120
2011	130
2016	108

*\*information is from Statistics Canada*

### **Households**

There are 100 housing units.

### **Boundary**

Manitoba Regulation 67/2009 refers to Director of Surveys at Winnipeg as No. 18427A. See map.

### **Property Assessment and Taxes**

Information is from the 2020 assessment roll and Tax Rates and Levy Regulation (2020) of Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Business	\$79,300
Real Property	\$8,062,010
Grants-in-lieu	\$753,280
Exempt	\$360,820
Total	\$9,255,410

<b>Rate of Taxation</b>	
General Municipal	5.7 mills
Business Tax	3.75%
<b>School Levies</b>	
Education Support	8.828 mills
Frontier School Division #48	13.202 mills

## **Emergency Services**

### **Fire**

Firefighting capability is based on a pumper truck accompanied by a ¾ ton truck and equipment from the fire hall. Portable forestry equipment is available for grass and brush fires.

### **Police**

Police response is from the Powerview RCMP detachment Phone: 204-367-2222. The community shares a community safety officer with Manigotagan and Seymourville. Phone: 204-363-7246.

### **Medical**

There is no ground ambulance in the community at this time. Medical response is provided by ambulance service operated by Interlake Eastern Regional Health Association. The nearest hospital is in Powerview-Pine Falls.

## **Communication Services**

### **Phone**

BellMTS provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to: Manigotagan, Powerview-Pine Falls exchanges. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

### **Cellular Service/High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi**

Available.

## **Community-Based Services**

### **Hydro**

Manitoba Hydro provides landline electric power. Office toll free: 1-888-624-9376.

### **Water**

The water source is Rice Lake. In 1987, an upgraded intake line was installed. Treatment consists of a nanofiltration system followed by

chlorination. Water is then distributed by line throughout the community.

### **Wastewater**

Wastewater is transported to a lagoon by low pressure collection system or truck haul.

### **Waste Disposal**

The community has a solid waste transfer station a few km away.

### **Schools**

The San Antonio School, operated by Frontier School Division, serves 13 students from Nursery to Grade 9. Phone: 204-277-5277.

### **Recreation Facilities**

- baseball diamond
- beach area
- campground
- curling rink and hall
- outdoor rink with change house

## **Commercial Services**

### **Accommodation**

- Hotel San Antonio has beer vendor and pub. Phone: 204-277-5250.
- Northern Wings Bed and Breakfast offers lodging. Phone: 204-277-5215.

### **Transportation**

- Gardewine North provides freight service to the community.
- Blue Water Aviation provides charter air services between Bissett and other points.

### **Business Directory**

<b>Business</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Bissett Air Service and Outfitters	204-277-5262
Blue Water Aviation	204-277-5536
Byron's Trucking and Contracting	204-277-5262
Clinton Spence Contracting	204-277-5070
Fishing Lake Lodge	204-277-5262
Post Office	204-277-5139
1911 Gold Mine	204-277-5411
Wynne's Place Ltd	204-277-5500

## **Government Services**

### **Provincial Government Departments**

#### Manitoba Conservation and Climate

Drinking water officer Phone: 204-642-6134 in Gimli. Environment officer Phone: 204-345-1486 in Lac du Bonnet. The 24 hour emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

Regional Operations, Eastern Region, District Office Phone: 204-367-6130 and conservation officer Phone: 204-367-6131 in Powerview-Pine Falls. Fire control officer Phone: 204-345-1419 in Lac du Bonnet and Fire Base in Bissett Phone: 204-277-5212.

#### Manitoba Economic Development and Training

Communities Economic Development Fund (CEDF) Phone: 204-778-4138 in Thompson (Head Office) or toll free: 1-800-561-4315.

#### Manitoba Finance

Employment Standards Branch Phone: 204-945-3352 in Winnipeg or toll free: 1-800-821-4307.

Workplace Safety and Health Branch toll free: 1-855-957-SAFE (7233).

#### Manitoba Health, Seniors and Healthy Living

Public health inspector Phone: 204-345-1447 in Lac du Bonnet.

#### Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations

Northern Affairs Branch, North Central Region Phone: 204-622-2110 in Dauphin. The 24 hour emergency number toll free: 1-866-735-3111.

#### Manitoba Infrastructure

Emergency Measures Organization, General Office and emergency management advisor toll free: 1-888-267-8298.

#### Manitoba Justice

Circuit court sits at Powerview-Pine Falls coordinated by the Selkirk Regional Court Office Phone: 204-785-5077.

#### Manitoba Municipal Relations

Community and Regional Planning Branch,

Regional Office Phone: 204-268-6058 in Beausejour.

Eastman Region, Recreation and Regional Services Branch Phone: 204-268-6020 or toll free: 1-866-665-6107 in Beausejour.

Office of the Fire Commissioner, emergency services officer Phone: 204-726-6855 in Brandon. The 24 hour emergency response number toll free: 1-888-253-1488.

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