

2022
COMMUNITY
PROFILE

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The 2022 Oxbow Community Profile is a production of the Southeast Regional Economic Development Region. The Community profile is designed to provide an overview of the market environment in the Southeast region for businesses and residents, both existing and prospective.

**Statistics Canada serves as the statistical source unless otherwise indicated.*

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OVERVIEW

Introduction

"Progress with Pride," the motto of the beautiful Town of Oxbow, reflects a community that is a growing and vibrant. Along with natural resource development, agriculture also remains one of the main industries found in the area. The balance of economic activity has allowed the community to grow with a new K-12 school, hospital, and medical clinic as well as an abundance of other amenities. Federally the Town of Oxbow is in the constituency of Souris-Moose Mountain, and provincially, in the constituency of Cannington.

The Town of Oxbow is located within the Rural Municipality of Enniskillen No. 3. The community is located on the Canadian Pacific Railway and on Provincial Highway 18. It is approximately 58 kilometers west of the



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Saskatchewan/Manitoba border and approximately 26 kilometers (16 miles) north of the Canada-USA border. The Town of Oxbow is surrounded by an abundance of beauty, nature, and wildlife - the Bow Valley Park is nestled in the hills on the outskirts of town and the community is a short fifteen-minute drive from the beautiful Souris Moose Creek Regional Park. Both parks allow you to indulge in water sports, field and recreational pastimes and family fun.

According to the 2021 Canada Census, the towns population is 1,286, with an area of 3.33 sq km and a

population density of 386.6 per sq km. With an immediate trading area population of 26,168 residents plus visitors, one will find a unique blend of shops, restaurants, and recreational facilities, supporting a high quality of life in a community full of progress and pride.

The Town of Oxbow has a rich history, starting with First Nations people in the area. Settlers first arrived in 1882, and due to the growth and expansion the Town of Oxbow was officially incorporated in 1904. Its name is derived from the winding curves and bows of the local Souris River.

Distance to Major Centres

Regina, SK | 221 km
(2h 50 min driving time)

Saskatoon, SK | 510 km
(5h 13 min driving time)

Brandon, MB | 226 km
(2h 21 min driving time)

Winnipeg, MB | 437 km
(4h 41 min driving time)

Calgary, AB | 986 km
(9h 53 min driving time)

Bismark, ND | 345 km
(3h 36 min driving time)

Minot, ND | 170 km
(1h 53 min driving time)

60 km west

Manitoba/SK Border
(45 min driving time)

51 km north

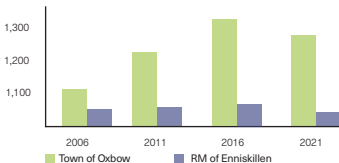
U.S.A. /Canada Border
(44 min driving time)

Border Crossing at
Portal, North Dakota open 24/7

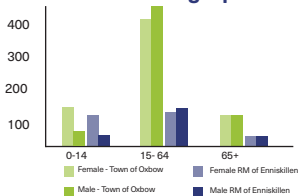
Location

The Town of Oxbow is located within the Rural Municipality of Enniskillen No. 3, nestled into the Southeast corner of Saskatchewan, Canada. Located on the Canadian Pacific Railway, Provincial Highway #18 and near Provincial Highway #9, Oxbow is approximately 58 kilometers west of the Saskatchewan/Manitoba border and about 26 kms (16 miles) north of the Canada-USA border (North Dakota).

Population Growth



Residential Demographics



Population

2021 Community
Population: 1286
2021 RM of Enniskillen #3
Population: 422



Time Zone

Saskatchewan uses Central
Standard Time Zone
(UTSC-06:00) year-round.
There is no adjustment made for
daylight savings time.

Province

Saskatchewan's population is
approximately 1.18 million.
The capital city, Regina
has a population of
approx. 236,481.

(Statistics Canada, 2016)



Community programming reaches families and individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and economic status. From drop-in parent and child focused activities, cultural and recreational after school activities, parent support workshops, and special events – parents, caregivers, children, and youth can participate and benefit from the many after school, weekend, and evening programs offered by the Expressway Family Centre.

A safe and comfortable environment was created for parents and infants to socialize during these difficult times. These programs have improved the community through aiding maternal mental health, providing family support, and activities for early childhood development. Creating opportunities and a safe space for young families is essential for community wellbeing.

Message from Brent Scott Founder and CEO of Saskarc:



I would like to thank our employees, our customers, and our community for being such influential parts in Saskarc's exceptional growth over the past 30 years. Our employees make up the foundation of our company, and by embracing Saskarc's mission, vision, and values, we continue to deliver in every aspect. As a unified team at Saskarc, we are grateful to our customers for every opportunity we've received. The support of our community has helped foster our growth over the years and in turn has aided the community at large. I am truly honored to have established many strong and lasting relationships along the way, and I look forward to what the future holds for Saskarc!

STRUCTURAL FABRICATION

We have invested significantly in modern software, fully robotic fitting and welding equipment and other facility upgrades to cover all aspects of fabricating structural steel. This state-of-the-art equipment combined with decades of experience, positions Saskarc as a valuable partner providing industry leading efficiency and superior quality. Strengthened by our past. Adapting in the present. Investing in the future.

We contribute to local community initiatives that adhere to similar core values as part of our social responsibility program.

Beneficiaries include STARS Air Ambulance, Flood Relief Programs and many more. Saskarc has donated over \$8,000 to STARS Air Ambulance. STARS is a charitable, non-profit organization, serving Saskatchewan since 2011. With STARS, those living in rural communities, working in remote areas, traveling on highways, or being transported from community hospitals to major medical centres, receive the very best in critical care in helicopters staffed and outfitted as mobile ICUs.



Message from Terry Gunderman,
Founder and CEO of RedHawk Well
Servicing:

Red Hawk Well Servicing Inc. is a privately owned and operated service rig company located in Oxbow, Saskatchewan serving the oil & gas industry since 2000. Our crews are based out of Oxbow, SK and Virden, MB. We take pride in providing exceptional service to customers by employing experienced rig crews & highly trained personnel who maintain our principles of respect, integrity & hard work.

We are committed to helping our local and surrounding communities in any way we can. Red Hawk Well Servicing Inc. provides financial contributions and volunteer time to community projects, and we are proud to have sponsored numerous activities and projects for our communities. We actively support STARS.



ENVIRONMENT

Investing in Oxbow, whether you're an entrepreneur, small or large commercial or industrial manufacturer will allow you the flexibility of creating that perfect work, life, balance, for your employees.

The Town of Oxbow is a safe affordable community, featuring several community services groups and activities, modern facilities, parks, and recreation opportunities at your doorstep, along with a large trading area to draw from. The opportunity of attracting skilled workers to the area will be an advantage to your company and an asset to becoming an entrepreneur in our community.

Oxbow is a community that is open to new investments and opportunities, that will help you grow roots with a solid foundation for long term growth. Supporting your success will ensure that we are open for advancement, diversity and future economic growth to benefit everyone for years to come.

The Oxbow Advantage

Doing business in here has its advantages:

- Proximity to the USA border for international trade
- Commercial tax abatements for large development
- Large region to draw skilled workers
- Abundance of recreational activities, health care and educational facilities to promote an excellent work life balance to attract and retain employees
- Affordable real estate and taxes, clean drinking water, paved streets and upgraded infrastructure



Photo: Ryan Scott

The Saskatchewan Advantage

The province of Saskatchewan offers businesses:

- The Saskatchewan Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for M&P provides M&P corporations with a refundable tax credit for expenditures made on qualifying machinery and equipment that is made available for use in Saskatchewan.
- The M&P ITC for qualifying new equipment is administered by the Canada Revenue Agency on behalf of Saskatchewan. It may be claimed by including a completed Schedule 402 with the annual T2 Corporate Income Tax Return.
- The M&P ITC for qualifying used equipment on which PST has been paid is administered by the Ministry of Finance. It must be claimed by applying directly to Saskatchewan Finance.

Saskatchewan Manufacturing and Processing Profits Tax Reduction

The Manufacturing and Processing (M&P) Profits Tax Reduction applies to firms in the manufacturing and processing industry. Eligible corporations can reduce

their Saskatchewan income tax rate on Canadian manufacturing and processing profits by as much two percentage points. Saskatchewan-based firms with a high allocation of income to Saskatchewan will receive a larger tax reduction than firms with a low allocation of income.

Manufacturing and Processing Exporter Tax Incentive

The M&P Exporter Tax Incentive provides non-refundable tax credits to eligible corporations that expand the number of M&P-related full-time employees above the number that were employed in 2014. Eligible businesses are those that derive at least 25% of revenues from the export to the rest of Canada or internationally of their manufactured goods each year and that: "Manufacture or process" goods for sale as defined in the federal Income Tax Act; or are principally involved in the commercial development of "new economy" products for export, including interactive digital media products and creative industry product.

Commercial Tax Abatements

Town of Oxbow

Any business considering locating or significantly expanding an industrial or commercial enterprise in the community of Oxbow is invited to contact the Community Development Officer or the Chief Administrative Officer with inquiries regarding land and development, development permits, servicing agreements and potential tax incentive proposals. Tax incentive proposals will be taken to the Town Council and assessed based on:

- (a) the potential to benefit residents and/or other businesses
- (b) the potential to increase traffic to the community and/or stave off business leakage
- (c) the potential to create new jobs in the community
- (d) the long-term viability of the new business.

Talk to us!

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RM of Enniskillen

Businesses who purchase or own land within the RM of Enniskillen No. 3 and wish to construct commercial improvement which covers agriculture, manufacturing, ethanol, and biodiesel development are invited to contact the RM Chief Administrative Office, and may be eligible for:

- (a) 50% rebate of municipal tax for the first year
- (b) 25% rebate of municipal tax for the second year.

1st year

50%

TAX REBATE

2nd year

25%

TAX REBATE

Property Tax

The Town of Oxbow strives to ensure property taxes are kept low ensuring the growth of our community.

A Base Tax is applied to certain property classes including agricultural, residential, and commercial.

Mill rates are applied to all municipal tax assessments for commercial and residential property.

Where a property is assessed as being in more than one property class, only one tax base shall apply, that being the one pertaining to the class representing the highest percentage of that property's total assessment.

Property tax discounts are applied to taxes paid in full before set dates in the calendar year.

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Trading Area Population

26,168

(100km radius)

Source: SquareOne

Household Income & Spending

\$98,752

Oxbow

\$86,272

R.M. of Enniskillen #3

\$75,412

Province of
Saskatchewan (2015)

\$70,336

Canada (2015)

Average Monthly Rent

\$800 - \$1000

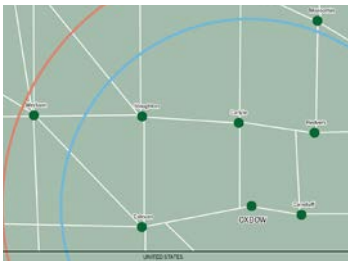
Apartment Vacancy Rate

1%

The Region

The southeast region encompasses the following larger communities within a 100 km radius: City of Estevan, Towns of Alameda, Carnduff, Carlyle, Redvers, Kenosee Lake, White Bear and Stoughton, the border communities of Northgate and North Portal and several smaller towns and villages. Just outside of the 100 km radius lies the City of Weyburn and the Town of Moosomin amongst others.

Within this Region an abundance of natural resources, oil, gas and mining sectors, agricultural farmland, crushing terminals, as well as Commercial and Industrial Manufacturers. This area is also abundant in parks and lakes, scenic views, and rich history. Within this area there are many unique tourist attractions and shopping experiences.



Median Value of Dwelling

\$219,901
Oxbow

\$200,494
R.M. of Enniskillen #3

**Households spending
less than 30%
of income on Housing.**

91%
Oxbow

80% **76%**
Sask. Canada

Housing

The Town of Oxbow and surrounding municipality have newly built two-bedroom townhomes for rent. Additional affordable housing units for rent within the community and surrounding areas are available. The City of Estevan has numerous apartment complexes for rent. The community of Oxbow along with the regional trading area have adequate senior housing accommodations - allowing seniors to be active in a safe and vibrant community. The community and region also have an active and affordable real estate market available. A perfect community for first time home buyers and young families to grow.

Photo: Ryan Scott



Municipal Leadership

The Rural Municipality of Enniskillen #3 and the Town of Oxbow are positioned for growth with an approved Official Community Plan in place. The Town of Oxbow is also finalizing the construction stage of a state-of-the-art lagoon system which will allow for greater expansion of the community. The opportunity for

industrial and commercial development exists and is greatly welcomed in the municipality. The Town of Oxbow, together with the RM of Enniskillen #3, have a strong partnership of working together to help build a progressive community to enhance the lives of all residents.



Education and Workforce Development

The Town of Oxbow offers elementary and high school education in a new state of the art school. The Southeast Regional Library in Oxbow also offers online learning, internet access, free children and adult programs and has a vast array of books, CDs, and informational material available for continuing education and enjoyment.

Oxbow Prairie Horizons School is a Pre-K to 12 school with 348 students and 20 full-time teachers. The great variety of school teams play under the banner of the Black Knights. OPHS offers a full range of required courses for the senior academic level.

Highest Level of Education

Highschool or Certificate

41%

Postsecondary

37%

Field of Study

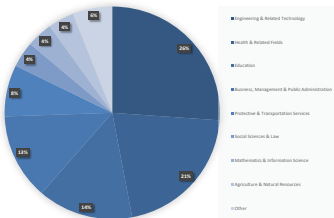


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TRANSPORTATION

Roads

Provincial highway 18 runs through the Town of Oxbow with an average daily vehicle count of 5200 per day, providing a large potential customer base for business. The town is also just a few km away from Highway #9, running north and south.

Freight Services: The most common freight and courier services to the community include Manitoulin Transport, Jay's Transportation, DHL Express, Flatlander Express, Purolator and Canada Post.

Rails

The Canadian Pacific Railway runs through the Town of Oxbow.

Airports

Oxbow has its own municipal airport just east of town. The airstrip is 3200 feet in length, natural grass and lit, with private hangars.

International airports within close proximity include:

- Regina International Airport (YQR) (262 km from Oxbow) is the second busiest airport in Saskatchewan, having served over 1.2 million passengers in 2019. YQR is serviced by Air Canada, West Jet, Sun Wing, Air Transat, and Express Air Service.
- Brandon Municipal Airport (232 km from Oxbow) is serviced by WestJet.
- Winnipeg International Airport (YWG) (423 km from Oxbow).
- Minot International Airport (169 km from Oxbow) boasts the largest commercial terminal in the state of North Dakota.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

HEALTH CARE

Galloway Health Centre

Acute and long term care centre with emergency services. Lab and x-ray services.
Ph: (306) 483-2956

Oxbow Family Medical Clinic

Ph: (306) 483-5244

RM of Enniskillen Wellness Centre

Home to the ambulance service as well as a number of itinerant health care services.

EDUCATION

Oxbow Prairie Horizons School

The school is a Pre-K to 12 school with 348 students and 20 full-time teachers.
Ph: (306) 483-2383

Expressway Family Centre

The primary focus is to provide programming for positive family interaction and create strong community relationships. Most programming targets families with children in the 0-6 range, such as the Playschool Program, but also offers programs for older children and adults.

Ph: (306) 485-8071

LIBRARY

Oxbow Public Library Branch, Southeast Regional Library

Oxbow's library offers programming for all ages, including preschool Story Hour, adult book clubs, a writing group, Art Party, Craft Circle, English as Another Language tutoring, and much more.

Ph: (306) 483-5175

CHILDCARE

Oxbow Community Child Care Centre

The daycare offers 33 licensed and subsidized spaces. Children ages 18 months to 12 years are cared for in a safe and nurturing environment and are provided quality childcare and early learning experiences.

Ph: (306) 483-5284

PLACES OF WORSHIP

New Hope Christian Church (Shekinah)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

St. Paul's United Church

St. Peter Lutheran Church

SOCIAL SUPPORT

AA & Al-Anon

Envision Counselling & Support Centre

Oxbow Community Emergency Support Program

HOUSING

REAL ESTATE

Dana Krienke - Century 21 Realty

<https://borderrealestateservice.c21.ca>

Donna Nyeste - ReMax Realty

<http://weyburnlistings.com>

Carmen Farnden - Red Roof Realty

<http://carmenfarnden.com/>

Realtor.ca – Visit this website for a listing of residential and commercial properties available in Oxbow.

RENTAL PROPERTIES

Coldridge Estates

Open concept condos that are available for rent or purchase. These units have a 1200 sq foot floor plan with 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, spacious kitchen with fridge, stove, dishwasher & pantry attached, garage and a private entrance.
Ph: (306) 485-7059

Oxbow Housing Authority

Oxbow Housing Authority manages 47 low-income rental units and 4 market rent units. The low-income units are divided into 42 senior residences and 5 houses. The 4 market rent units are duplexes.
Ph: (306) 485-7252

Bow Valley Villa

Senior Assisted Living facility
Ph: (306) 483-2744

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Oxbow Town Council works hard to promote community safety. Community safety involves everyone from the Mayor and councillors to the private sector, community groups, other orders of government, R.C.M.P, Fire Department, volunteer organizations and individual residents.

AMBULANCE

Oxbow and the R.M. of Enniskillen have access to 24-hour ambulance service.

FIRE SERVICES

The Oxbow/Enniskillen Fire Department is run by a group of volunteer fire fighters. The fire hall is located on Main Street.

POLICE SERVICES

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police patrols the town of Oxbow. The detachment is in the Town of Carnduff (33 KM from Oxbow).

RECREATION

OXBOW COMMUNITY RINK

The Oxbow arena features an 80' by 180' artificial skating ice surface, as well as 4 sheets of curling ice. New insulation has been added to the interior ceiling.

Website: www.facebook.com/OxbowRink

Oxbow Minor Hockey

www.facebook.com/OxbowMinorHockey

Oxbow Figure Skating

facebook.com/Oxbow-Figure-Skating-Club

Oxbow Curling

www.facebook.com/Oxbow-Curling-Club

OXBOW SWIMMING POOL

The Oxbow Community Pool is new outdoor facility (2019) with a swimming pool and paddling splash park. Swimming Lessons are offered in June, July, and August. Public Swimming is offered in the afternoons. The pool is also home to the Oxbow Seawolves Speed Swimming Club. facebook.com/Oxbow-Swimming-Pool



Photo: Ryan Scott

BOW VALLEY PARK

Bow Valley Park, along the Souris River, is home to fishing, kayaking and canoeing, camping and 4 beautiful new ball diamonds for Senior, Minor and Slo-pitch leagues.

MOOSE CREEK GOLF CLUB

Moose Creek Golf Course is a beautiful grass green 9-hole golf course. Power cart rentals are available. Moose Creek Golf Course is located 4 miles North and 1.5 miles West of Oxbow.

OXBOW FITNESS CENTRE CO-OPERATIVE LTD.

The fitness centre provides everything from weight training to aerobics. facebook.com/oxbowcommunityfitnesscentre

OXBOW TENNIS COURTS

Located just north of the Oxbow Memorial Hall. They are available for open play from May to October.

The Souris Valley Tennis Club uses the courts on Monday and Thursday evenings for league play.

OXBOW MEMORIAL HALL

The Oxbow Memorial Hall gymnasium is available to rent for volleyball, basketball, pickleball or other court sports.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

There are over 390 km of groomed trails in the area, maintained by South East Sask. Stubble Jumpers.



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