



Northern Ontario Entrepreneurial Community of the Year 2010/2011

HISTORY

Terrace Bay is originally named after the sand and gravel terraces which were left behind when ice glaciers receded about 20,000 years ago. The Township of Terrace Bay originated as an undeveloped area catering to the needs of the forestry industry and progressed into a planned community developed by the Kimberly Clark Pulp and Paper Company on July 1, 1959. The town is strategically located with access to the Trans Canada Highway, Lake Superior and established railroad infrastructure. The municipality has a population of 1,800 residents with 5,000 more within a 45 minute drive and approximately 140,000 within a 2 hour drive.



ECONOMY

Terrace Bay has seen the following investments in its economy:

- \$3 million in 2010/2011 for downtown revitalization
- \$2 million in 2010 for renovation of a multi-use facility
- \$44 million in 2010/2011 for forestry support/upgrades
- \$7 million in 2009-2011 for a 22-bed long-term care facility
- \$4.5 million in 2009 for water intake infrastructure
- \$2 million in 2009 for a highway commercial development
- \$45 million in 2008 for forestry industry energy cogeneration
- \$5.5 million in 2007 for a French/Catholic school & Daycare

LIFESTYLE

Terrace Bay has an ideal lifestyle with access to nearby beaches and hiking trails, friendly people, affordable real estate, and a relaxing way of life. The pulp mill is strategically located north of the town to diminish the impact of emissions and allow residents to enjoy the natural beauty of the area. The retail sector has a clean, inviting atmosphere and there are a variety of local businesses to welcome residents. Seniors have access to a new active living centre. The small town life has almost no exposure to crime, pollution, and traffic with most goods and services within walking distance.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities for business/economic development are present in the following areas:

- Retail and hospitality sector
- Tourist operators/outfitters
- Industrial type development
- Renewable energy development
- Highway commercial (area recently developed)
- Information technology services

* Contact the township for additional information *

LOCATION

Terrace Bay is located in the centre of Canada with access to major markets within a 1-2 day drive.

Highway traveling distances (2006 populations):

- Thunder Bay: 225 km, 140 miles, pop. 120,000
- Sault Ste Marie: 483 km, 300 miles, pop. 75,000
- Winnipeg: 901 km, 560 miles, pop. 630,000
- Toronto GTA: 1,160 km, 720 miles, pop. 5.5 million
- Twin Cities: 773 km, 480 miles, pop. 3.5 million
- Chicago: 1,242 km, 772 miles, pop. 3 million
- Calgary: 2,239 km, 1391 miles, pop. 1 million





HEALTHCARE

Terrace Bay has a thriving healthcare community. McCausland Hospital is a modern, fully-accredited 23 bed facility serving the immediate region with tertiary care available in Thunder Bay. A 22 bed long-term care facility was completed May 2011. Some hospital services include: full laboratory, radiology, cardiac stress testing, ultrasound, physiotherapy, chemotherapy, emergency room, ambulance services, day surgery, diabetes education, dietary counseling, tele-health, and visiting specialist. Related community services include: dentistry, public health, optometry, speech therapy, mental health, chiropractic services, home care and meals on wheels. The Aguasabon Medical Clinic in Terrace Bay has a full complement of family physicians and offers same day medical service.



Wilkes Terrace Long-Term Care



St. Martin Catholic / École Catholique Franco-Terrace

EDUCATION

Terrace Bay has excellent education options for children, youth and adults. Primary school education offers small class sizes and personal instruction through Terrace Bay Public School and St. Martin Catholic/École Catholique Franco-Terrace. Lake Superior High School is a safe, nurturing environment for teenagers with students from Terrace Bay and nearby Schreiber. The adult learning centre has classes for residents to improve job market skills and Contact North has a selection of distance education certified programs and degrees. Lakehead University and Confederation College are two hours away for specialized education, distance learning and training partnerships.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Electricity is provided by Hydro One and utilizes a modern system with reliability through the ability to switch to the nearby Aguasabon Hydro Station. Heating oil is utilized in the absence of natural gas. The town water source is Lake Superior with a water treatment plant built in 2005. The water system meets provincial drinking water quality standards and is currently at 50% capacity. Several gravity type sewer systems feed into sewage exfiltration lagoons that have excess capacity. Bell Canada is the main telephone provider and TBayTel is the main cellular provider with electronic switching equipment, linkages to a fiber optics/digital microwave network and digital cellular 4G coverage throughout the township.

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TOURISM AND RECREATION

Terrace Bay is the Eastern Gateway to the Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area and has numerous attractions including: the Aguasabon Falls, the Slate Islands, the Dragfest, the Aguasabon Golf Course, Trestle Ridge Ski Hill, nearby beaches and inland lakes and 3 provincial parks with 45 minutes. The township operates a modern community centre with a fitness room, ice arena, racquetball courts, bowling and curling facilities, and track, soccer, and baseball fields. Additionally, tennis courts, an outdoor pool and a skateboard park are within walking distance. The township has a vast array of hiking, skiing, and snowmobiling trails and a public boat launch with access to Lake Superior.

