OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY

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<th>Community Name</th>
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<td>Municipal Website</td>
<td><a href="https://emo.ca/">https://emo.ca/</a></td>
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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

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<th>Population and demographics</th>
<th>National Household Survey (NHS) Profile, 2011 (statcan.gc.ca)</th>
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<td>Experience the riches of the Rainy River District, the sun filled summer days, the kaleidoscope of fall colours, the crisp cool air of winter mornings and bursting revival of every spring. The Rainy River District is a great place to raise a family. The warm, friendly people live in a relaxed and satisfying lifestyle with superb natural treasures and exciting outdoor activities, coupled with great entertainment. The hub of the Rainy River District is the town of Fort Frances. The town is the judicial, medical, and business centre of the area and has the infrastructure to supply the needs of all area businesses, both large and small. Fort Frances offers a secure and stable economic base and the town has the advantages of a large city with the convenience of a small town. Fort Frances offers all the amenities desired for a comfortable living; fully serviced land, affordable housing, a developed industrial site and the lowest priced utilities in Northwestern Ontario. Fort Frances has a great Sportsplex facility that includes two ice rinks, pool, gym, squash courts and also is a great place to hold an event or wedding. The La Verendrye Parkway is a 5 km path along Rainy River, bike, walk, job, walk your dog, stop at the Sorting Gap Marina for an ice cream or visit one of the food trucks on site. Access Rainy Lake from the Sorting Gap marina, hundreds of miles of lakeshore, and miles of lake to discover. The Rainy River District has numerous natural resources, both renewable and non renewable, ranging from forestry and mining to agriculture, fish and wildlife. To the sportsman, this part of Ontario is indeed a &quot;happy hunting ground.&quot; The waters abound with fish and wild fowl, while the forests abound with deer, moose, bear and partridge. One of the most valuable resources in Rainy River District is its timber. Pine, poplar, birch, basswood, oak, elm, ash, soft maple, balsam, spruce, cedar and tamarack make up the area's forest. Occasional white pine appears in the beautiful valley of Rainy River and on the innumerable islands of the Lake of the Woods.</td>
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The forest sector has been a key component in the area’s economy. There are mining operations such as explorations and prospecting occurring within the Rainy River District. Companies such as Metalcorp, Nuinsco Resources and New Gold have discovered significant deposits of gold, platinum and nickel. These companies continue to drill to verify findings and find additional deposits. The New Gold/Rainy River Project has become operational and is located 60 kms northwest of Fort Frances, based their main office in Emo. Emo is the agricultural centre of the Rainy River District, a thriving community along the Rainy River, a full-service town with Physician Clinic, Health Centre, Dental Office, Physiotherapy, Long Term Care and Inpatient Care. Emo has established building lots, affordable housing, newly constructed apartments, many unique businesses, services and great river view.

To the west of Fort Frances, the area transitions into agricultural farmland. The agricultural area of the district runs about 100 km between Lake of the Woods to the west and Rainy Lake to the East and about 35 km between the Rainy River to the south and the Precambrian shield to the north. Production in the agricultural community includes dairy products, cow-calf operations and grain production, prevalent in the town of Rainy River. Rainy River built on the namesake river is a busy borderland community with Baudette, MN. Affordable housing and full-service health centre offering 24/7 ER, Long Term Care and Inpatient Care.

At the centre of the District, the Emo Agriculture research station assists with development of new crops and cultivars. There are also several hydro-electrical dams in the area. The Fort Frances Generating Station operated by H2O Power is an eight-unit hydroelectric station located on the Rainy River in the town of Fort Frances. The station was built in 1909 and equipped with horizontal turbines that were used to grind wood and generate power. In 1954, all original equipment was removed and replaced with eight vertical turbine generators. The station has an installed capacity of 12.8 MW at a head of 24 metres. Our central location provides instant access to major markets. We have a highly skilled, highly productive labor force. An affordable location to operate your business. Take advantage of year-round recreational opportunities. The Rainy River District is a great place to locate a business and raise a family.

### Travel options

**Airport**

Fort Frances Municipal Airport is the one and only airport located within the Rainy River District. It is located 2.2 nautical miles (4.1km or 2.5 mi) northwest of Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada. The airport is classified as an airport of entry by NAV CANADA and is staffed by the Canada Border Services Agency. CBSA officers at this airport currently can handle general aviation aircraft only, with no more than 15 passengers. Hours of operation are: Sunday to Friday - 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays - 7 a.m. until dark.

**Rail**

Canadian National Railway is located in the heart of Fort Frances, and runs both east and west through the Rainy River District. This rail line carries products across Canada to and from the shipping ports of Thunder Bay.

**King’s Highway**

Commonly referred to as Highway 11, is a provincially maintained highway in the province of Ontario. At 1,780.2 kilometres (1,106.2 mi), it is the second longest highway in the province, following Highway 17. Highway 11 begins at Highway 400 in Barrie, and arches through northern Ontario, across the Rainy River District to the Ontario–Minnesota border at Rainy River via Thunder Bay; the road continues as Minnesota State Highway 72 across...
the Baudette-Rainy River International Bridge. The highway is also part of MOM’s Way between Thunder Bay and Rainy River.  

**Canada-USA Borders**

The Fort Frances – International Falls border crossing is the busiest crossing in Minnesota and is in the top 20% of all crossings between the United States and Canada. Although it carries a fair number of trucks it is used mostly by local residents and vacationers. This crossing is applicable to toll fees.  

**Rainy River – Baudette** border crossing is the most westerly border crossing between Ontario and Minnesota, and is the 4th busiest crossing in Minnesota. It is used mainly by vacationers and local autos with little truck traffic. There is no toll fee to cross at this crossing.

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| Spousal employment          | Northern Community Development Services NCDS: [https://www.ncds4jobs.ca/](https://www.ncds4jobs.ca/)  
                            Rainy River Future Development Corporation: [https://rrfdc.on.ca/](https://rrfdc.on.ca/) |
| CLINICAL SERVICES           | Riverside Health Care – Emo Health Centre  
                            [https://riversidehealthcare.ca/emo-health-centre/about-us](https://riversidehealthcare.ca/emo-health-centre/about-us) |
| Hospital description /services | **SUPPORTS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR LOCUMS OR LEARNERS COMING TO THE COMMUNITY** |
| Living: housing and accommodations | Learner Housing:  
Shari Bujold, Local NOSM University Representative  
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Locum Housing:  
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Email: T.Hamilton@rhcf.on.ca  
Phone: 807 275 9794  
Dr. Kimberly Myers, RNGPA for Emo Clinic |

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