

OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY NAME Black River - Matheson

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MUNICIPAL WEBSITE www.twpbrm.ca

MAP WITH LOCATION



Black River-Matheson is located in the heart of Northeastern Ontario. The Township consists of four main town sites: Matheson, Ramore, Holtyre and Val Gagne.

FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES SERVED BY CLINICIANS

Wahgoshig First Nations

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

As of the 2016 census, the population of Black River-Matheson was 2,438. Analysis of the projected population of 2,438 revealed that Black River-Matheson had an older population compared to the provincial average. Furthermore, 44% of the population is bilingual, speaking both French and English. Black River-Matheson has a higher percentage of persons with a college or trades and technical certifications than the provincial average. There is also a strong Mennonite presence in the area. More demographic information can be found [here](#).

A true four seasons community, residents often have winter coats and boots, as well as rubber boots for the wetter seasons.

View the [Matheson Welcome Package](#).



AMENITIES

There's plenty of fun activities to do near by!

- Check out the local golf course
- Go hiking or skiing depending on the season, on the Rotary Trails located behind the arena
- Go out for ice cream or a slushie at Tanny's Convenience
- Catch yourself some dinner on the river where pickerel, bass and pike can be caught (depending on season)

A [complete business directory](#) for the municipality, including Val Gagne, Ramore and Holtyre is available.

TRAVEL OPTIONS

Highways

Major arterial highways serving the region:

- Highway 101 runs west-east through Black River–Matheson and links to Iroquois Falls at Highway 11.
- The nearest four lane highway is Highway 400 near Parry Sound. It is approximately 459 km from Black River-Matheson and runs northwest to southeast into Toronto.

Rail Service

Ontario Northland is primarily engaged in providing rail freight services for the transportation of mineral and forest products, chemicals, petroleum, and other products

to and from north-eastern Ontario and north-western Quebec. In addition to rail freight, Ontario Northland operates express freight services between Cochrane and Moosonee.

Ontario Northland also provides rail service to passengers in Black River-Matheson Township. The train goes south once per day and returns north once per day.

Airports

- Nighthawk Flying Club In. (Iroquois Falls Municipal Airport)
- Iroquois Falls Municipal Airport has three runways. The length of the longest runway is 4000 feet. The current users of the Iroquois Falls Municipal Airport include medical transfer, private users, and local air cadets/flying club.
- Timmins Victor M. Power Airport (Domestic Airport) is one of the largest airports in Northern Ontario. The Airport is a convenient gateway to Toronto and northern communities. The airport serves as an administration and maintenance centre for Air Creebec; a base for recreational, business and private operators. It also serves as a flight training centre, an aircraft maintenance centre, and emergency medical transportation hub.
- Rouyn-Noranda Regional Airport plays a major role on the board of economic development and industrial community. Equipped with modern navigation, the airport can receive and serve both small planes and large commercial aircraft.

Located halfway between Montreal and Toronto, Rouyn-Noranda offers scheduled air services to major centres (Montreal, Quebec, Toronto) as well as charter flights to the facilities of the Nordic region Nord-du-Québec.



Bus

Greyhound Canada is the largest provider of intercity bus transportation in Canada, serving nearly 1,100 locations. It has become an icon of bus travel, providing safe, enjoyable, and affordable travel to 6.5 million passengers each year.

Iroquois Falls Station

231 Devonshire Avenue, PO Box 520

Iroquois Falls, ON P0K 1G0

Phone: 705-258-3854

The Iroquois Falls Greyhound Bus Stop provides limited schedule service and passenger and cargo bus services. The Ontario Northland has a bus station conveniently located at Tanny's Convenience

HOUSING/ACCOMMODATION

- The living and average housing costs in Black River-Matheson are significantly lower than the Ontario average.
- Please visit the following link to [Black River-Matheson Realtor.ca](https://www.blackrivermathesonrealtor.ca).
- MICS Group of Health Services has several owned and maintained properties for the occupancy of locum physicians, as well as future full-time physicians. As part of their Recruitment Incentive package, MICS Group of Health Services offers FREE housing to new full-time physicians!

SPOUSAL EMPLOYMENT

The majority of Black River-Matheson residents who work outside of Black River- Matheson commute to work in Timmins and Iroquois Falls. 44.4% of the workers living in Black River-Matheson have a usual place of work outside of Black River-Matheson. The largest number of non-residents commuting to work in Black River-Matheson travel from Kirkland Lake and Iroquois Falls. The largest percentage of labour force (by industry) in Black River-Matheson is employed in the health care and social assistance industry which accounts for 12.1% of the labour force compared to 9.4% for Ontario. The percentage of labour force in the mining industry in Black River-Matheson is also high and is much larger than the provincial average.

Other industries for employment within the region include (but not limited to); management and business administration, natural and applied sciences, health, social sciences and education, sales and services, recreation and sport, trades and equipment operators, manufacturing and utilities, and unique primary industry.

CLINICAL SERVICES

CATCHMENT AREA AND DEMOGRAPHICS

The Township of Black River-Matheson (including Matheson, Val Gagne, Ramore, and Holtyre)

shares one local hospital within the largest community of Matheson, Bingham Memorial Hospital. MICS Group of Health Services is the governing body for the regional hospitals and their associate long-term care facilities located in the Northern Ontario communities of Matheson, Iroquois Falls, and Cochrane (MIC). Together, MICs communities offer comprehensive health care services. As Matheson is linked through health governance to Iroquois Falls and Cochrane, the community offers health services (if needed) to this catchment area with an all-encompassing population of approximately 13,000 residents.

HOSPITAL DESCRIPTION / SERVICES

Bingham Memorial Hospital, one of three hospitals in the MICs group of hospitals, situated in the Town of Matheson, services six communities in the Black River-Matheson Township. The Bingham Memorial Hospital provides emergency care, eleven active care beds, a palliative care facility along with six chronic and twenty extended care beds provided via a related facility, the Rosedale Center. The hospital also provides for administration of chemotherapy, video consultation with specialists via the North Network and hosts visiting specialists in obstetrics, gynecology, surgery, internal medicine, urology, orthopedic and gastroenterology. A tertiary care hospital is located in Timmins. The hospital also contains a satellite office of the Porcupine Health Unit. Air ambulance services are available when needed. The hospital has on-site laboratory, radiology and physiotherapy departments.

PRIMARY CARE MODEL / CLINIC SETUP / ALLIED HEALTH SUPPORT

Bingham Memorial Hospital employs rural generalist physicians who provide emergency department and primary care services. The medical clinic is conveniently located at the lower level of the hospital. Physicians enjoy the benefits of a FHO contract – which is a capitation model.

OTHER CLINICAL VENUES AND SERVICES

The Rosedale Centre is a 20-bed long-term care wing housed within Bingham Memorial Hospital. The facility was developed as part of the Elderly Capital Assistance Program established in Northern Ontario and opened its doors in 1989. Rosedale offers nursing and personal care service, daily living assistance, treatment and medication administration, special diets, room and board, laundry services, social and recreational programs, physician services, on-site therapy services, foot care, and other optional services.

The Porcupine Health Unit (PHU) offers programs and services by a wide variety of skilled and caring health professionals which include vaccinations, dental program for children, speech, nutrition, food safety, septic application and inspection, tobacco program, travel health, sexual health, injury prevention, health inspection, genetics, family health program, i.e. Parenting, Pre-natal, Growing Healthy Families

SUPPORTS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR LOCUMS OR LEARNERS COMING TO THE COMMUNITY

TEACHING

MICS Group of Health Services (including Matheson) welcome medical students to undertake their 108/110 ICE placements. We also welcome elective students and residents to come and train with us in broad scope rural family medicine and general practice anesthesia.

MICS Group of Health Services are planning to become a NOSM University Clinical Clerkship site and build an exciting and crucial educational infrastructure. This will lead to an enrichment of our health services through education, fostering a “learning community”. This will enable us to ‘grow our own’ future health professionals.

LIVING: HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS

MICS Group of Health Services and Bingham Memorial offer free housing for 24 months as part of their Recruitment Incentive Package for full-time physicians! Additionally, a secondary option of subsidized housing also exists– this provides physicians with the luxury of choosing their own home, and having the mortgage subsidized for 2 full years!

Locums and learners will be provided with their own accommodations. MICS Group of Health services owns and operates several properties for the accommodation of locums and medical learners. If a home is not available, one will be rented for you.

TRANSPORTATION

As the Timmins Victor M. Power Airport is the nearest domestic airport, highway transportation is needed and therefore a vehicle is required. For assistance in renting a car for locum opportunities, please contact: Sylvie Lavoie-Girard, MICS HR Director by email: sylvie.girard@micsgroup.com.

FOOD OPTIONS

Although Matheson is a small Northern town, it certainly does not fall short on dining options and great food!

- Cozy Diner (705-273-1009) – 424 Fifth Avenue
- Ding Ho Restaurant (705-273-2822) – 415 Fifth Avenue
- Northern Delight (705-273-2200) – 439 Highway 11 S
- Rolly’s Restaurant & Motel (705-236-4004) – Highway 11

The community of Matheson is serviced by the grocery store – A&G Freshmart. A&G offers home delivery services; perfect for a busy physician or learner.



COLLEGIAL SUPPORTS

Iroquois Falls, Matheson and Cochrane physicians form a local educational group (LEG) with NOSM University and all physicians are encouraged to become faculty with NOSM University.

We host professional “educational days” as part of our continuing medical education twice a year which is well attended by many professionals in the community.

We participate and undertake research locally and are currently participating in studies in dementia, chronic pain and community engaged recruitment and retention, with NOSM University as our research partner. These projects afford us the ability to hire local students as research assistants in the summer months introducing them to health sciences careers.

COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

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Regional Physician Recruiter

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Phone: 705-232-3070

Please contact Abbigail for access to Matheson’s complete and comprehensive recruitment information package, including practice descriptions, remuneration, incentives, recreational opportunities and much more.



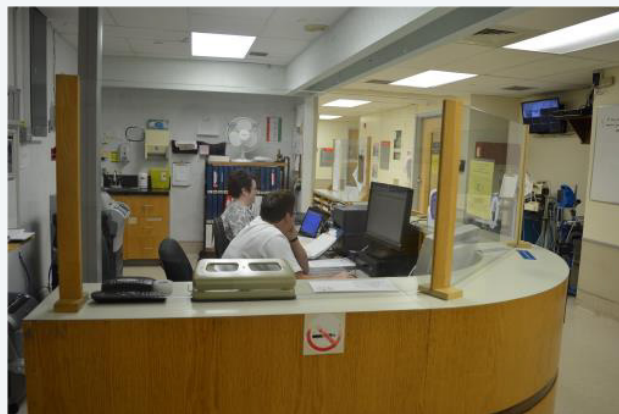
• Bingham Memorial Hospital



• Nursing station



• Hospice



• Emergency room