

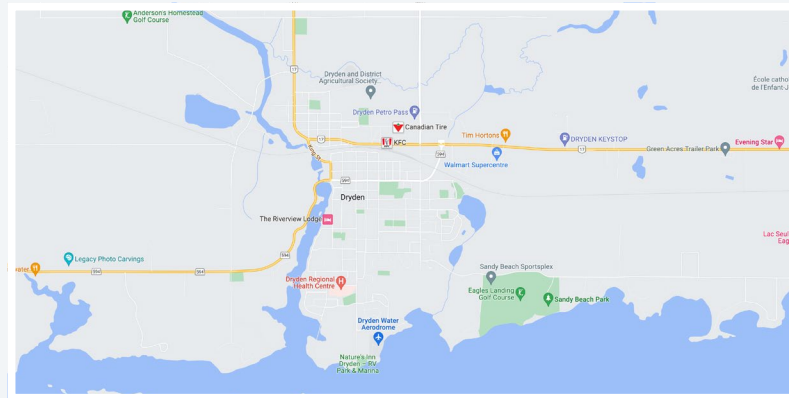
## OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY

**COMMUNITY NAME** Dryden

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**MUNICIPAL WEBSITE** [www.dryden.ca](http://www.dryden.ca)

### MAP WITH LOCATION



### FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES SERVED BY CLINICIANS

- Wabigoon Lake Band Reserve
- Eagle Lake First Nations

## COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

### POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographic information can be found [here](#).

### AMENITIES

Dryden is the second-largest city in the Kenora District of Northwestern Ontario, Canada, located on Wabigoon Lake and is encompassed by the beauty of tranquil lakes, spectacular views and the boreal forest. Dryden, also known as the “Wilderness City”, offers something for everyone; the perfect blend of opportunities to raise a family, launch a business or enjoy retirement. It has numerous conveniences of a larger city centre with a rural feel. The community is situated midway between Winnipeg and Thunder Bay with easy access in either direction via the TransCanada Highway or south via Highway 502.

The city is known for its abundant outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, and hiking but also has a first-class recreational complex fully equipped with swimming pool and waterslide, therapeutic warm pool, fitness and aerobics rooms, squash, a weight room, cardio-fitness centre and two indoor ice surfaces. There is literally something for every sports enthusiast in Dryden;



waterfront golf course, curling league, beaches, canoeing, cross-country skiing, and numerous recreation parks.

Dryden is well connected to other cities, towns and communities by the TransCanada Highway, which helps to support their solid economic base and tourism to the community. It also has a new state-of-the-art broadband wireless network to provide fast, reliable connections to virtually anywhere in the world allowing businesses to serve a wider market. Conveniently located nearby, is a full service, regional airport offering a 6000 ft. runway utilizing ILS (Instrument Landing System) technology, and a fully modern, regional hospital, which has 24hr ambulatory and emergency services, CT scan, acute care services, visiting specialty surgeons, specialty clinics and telemedicine.

Dryden offers many opportunities and incentives to launch a new business or to relocate an existing one. Tax rates, registration fees and land costs are low and the resource base is rich. The City is partnering with the private sector in a major community revitalization initiative to entice new development and activity in the municipality. Housing is affordable and the community offers businesses and families a quality lifestyle that blends a progressive outlook with practical and accessible work and play opportunities.

The solid economic base of the tourism, forestry, mining and health care sectors provide a strong foundation for diverse business opportunities including innovative partnerships with neighbouring First Nation communities.

With a large pool of available, multi-skilled motivated labour force, a transportation hub conveniently located on the TransCanada Highway with easy access to global markets, close proximity to a multitude of goods and services, and favourable taxes and low land costs, Dryden is an ideal location to set up business.

### **Grocers**

- Safeway
- Walmart
- Extra Foods
- The Bulk Food Store
- M and M's Frozen Foods

### **Restaurants**

- Riverview Lodge
- Hong Kong House
- Masala's
- Ho-Ho's
- Best Western Dining Room and Pub
- The Patricia Inn (Cheesecake OMG!)
- Pizza Hut



- Domino's
- McDonald's
- Dairy Queen
- Subway
- A and W
- Western Winds
- Temple Bay Lodge
- Indian Point Lodge

### Coffee Shops

- Kano Reid Specialty Tea and Coffee
- Starbucks
- Timberlanes Bowling Alley and Restaurant

### TRAVEL OPTIONS

Located on the Trans Canada Highway, Dryden is serviced by a regional bus service and Bearskin Airlines runs daily connecting flights to Thunder Bay and Winnipeg. Our airport is conveniently located a five minute drive from the downtown core.

National Car Rental: 807-223-4477

### HOUSING/ACCOMMODATION

Housing in Dryden is experiencing a bit of a boom phase with demand for new homes on the rise. A number of condominium developments have added inventory to the local market. Apartment options are abundant with an average price range of \$950.00 – \$1500.00 / month.

Locum housing options are varied; the DRHC maintains a residential option for short term workers coming to Dryden. We also maintain a two bedroom apartment that is fully furnished for short term housing options. The NOSM University Site Administrative Coordinator also maintains a list of privately owned properties for students/residents/locums to consider.

NOSM University maintains a number of apartments for use that are centrally located in our downtown core.

Visit [www.screalty.on.ca](http://www.screalty.on.ca), [www.remax.com](http://www.remax.com); [www.ckdr.net](http://www.ckdr.net) (classifieds), [www.latitude50.on.ca](http://www.latitude50.on.ca) or <http://austinrealty.on.ca/realty/> to view residential listings.



## SPOUSAL EMPLOYMENT

Job opportunities in Dryden are in abundance; the city is in an acute hiring phase across many sectors. To visit online job postings, consider the following sites:

- <https://northwestworks.ca/job-bank/>
- <https://www.ckdr.net/classifieds-listing-category/employment/>
- <https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/jobsearch/>
- <https://www.drhc.on.ca/careers/employment-opportunities/>

## CLINICAL SERVICES

### CATCHMENT AREA AND DEMOGRAPHICS

The Dryden Regional Health Centre services a catchment area of 18,000 individuals from Vermilion Bay to Ignace. Our ER sees between 55-60 people a day with the majority of traffic coming between 7am-11pm.

### HOSPITAL DESCRIPTION / SERVICES

We are a 42 bed full service Regional Health Centre located in the family friendly city of Dryden, Ontario. We are powered by 275 highly engaged staff and everyone here understands their contribution to health care and the patient experience. Our leadership team, board of directors and physicians work well together to achieve full accreditation status; manage our finances and forecast the changing the needs of our catchment region.

Our hospital features a 24/7/365 ER department supported by on site Diagnostic Imaging and Laboratory Services; 16 physicians support all aspects of local health care delivery including General Surgery, Oncology, Fracture Clinic, Primary Care, Emergency Medicine and much more. We have maintained a balanced budget for over 15 years through prudent fiscal management and partnering with the local and broader community for capital fundraising efforts.

Patient care is our foremost concern each and every day and we strive to provide the very best for the people that rely upon our services. None of the above is possible without the great staff that we have; the DRHC received the Gold Quality Health Care Workplace Award from the Ontario Hospital Association in 2016.

We continue to invest heavily in the employee experience to ensure the DRHC is well prepared to meet the demands of an ever changing health care environment.

For more information visit: [www.drhc.on.ca](http://www.drhc.on.ca)

## PRIMARY CARE MODEL / CLINIC SETUP / ALLIED HEALTH SUPPORT

The Dingwall Medical Clinic is a FHO supported primary health care clinic where overhead runs typically below 20% annually. We are co-located on the property of the Dryden Regional Health Centre and adjacent to the Dryden Area Family Health Team. NP's, OT's, PT's, Mental Health Therapists, RN's, RPN's and Dietitians work collaboratively with the physician group to provide a true team approach to patient care.

## OTHER CLINICAL VENUES AND SERVICES

The City of Dryden has a Long Term Care facility located centrally in the downtown core with a palliative bed wing; our physicians support the LTC home through daily rounds on site. Home Care services are provided by COMCARE.

## SUPPORTS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR LOCUMS OR LEARNERS COMING TO THE COMMUNITY

### TEACHING

We are an accredited teaching site with NOSM University; all our physicians have faculty appointments and throughout the year we host students and residents. Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Oncology and Obstetrics are the main areas we support the learner experience in.

Students/Residents are often exposed to our visiting speciality clinics for short term experiences as per their availability. (OB, Plastics, Urology, Paeds, Orthopaedics, Rheumatology, ENT, General Surgery)

### LIVING: HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS

NOSM University maintains housing for students in the downtown core; the DRHC offers options as well for short term arrangements.

### TRANSPORTATION

Car definitely helps! Car pooling is often provided by staff that supervise learners. The DRHC provides bikes during the spring/summer/fall.

### FOOD OPTIONS

Dryden has diverse restaurant scene and three large grocery chain options; for niche food interests there is a health food store downtown as well. Small town yes, but we have a surprising range of dining options for students coming to the community.

### COLLEGIAL SUPPORTS



For physicians new to the community we provide a well articulate mentorship program; monthly meetings with staff ensure you have every opportunity to succeed and quickly acclimate to your new surroundings. Overhead concessions for new physicians offers the opportunity to establish your roster and get to know patients without worrying about rostering and developing an income stream.

For physicians considering rural ER work we utilize the ED Mentorship Program to provide one to one support in the department while you get comfortable seeing patients. A second on call physician, anesthetist, General Surgeon and Social Worker ensure you are well supported in this department.

### COMMUNITY VIDEO

<https://youtu.be/CvxBEfZytOs>

### COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

To be updated

### PICTURES



- Dryden Regional Health Centre and Dingwall Medical Clinic