

## OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY

### COMMUNITY NAME

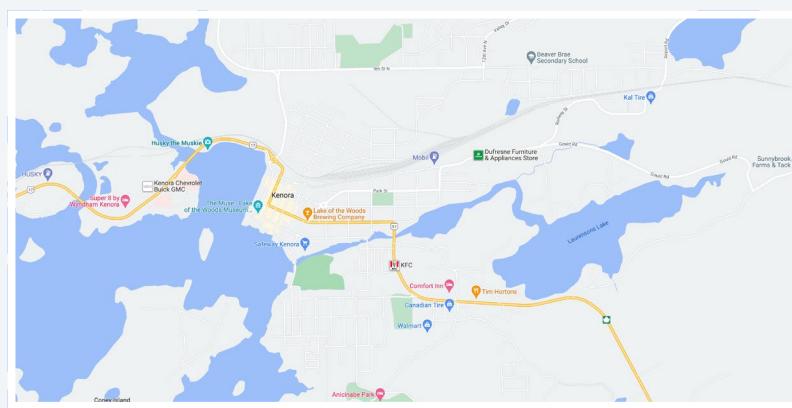
City of Kenora

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### MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

[www.kenora.ca](http://www.kenora.ca)

### MAP WITH LOCATION



### FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES SERVED BY CLINICIANS

- Health Transformation in Treaty #3: <https://youtu.be/l5rHJzenBds>
- Treaty #3 Interactive map [Territorial Planning Unit - Grand Council Treaty #3 \(gct3.ca\)](http://Territorial Planning Unit - Grand Council Treaty #3 (gct3.ca))

Kenora is on the furthest edge of Ontario and the Northern Region. It is in the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe people of Treaty 3. Kenora is surrounded by 28 First Nations Communities and has a high percentage of Indigenous people (21% in 2016). The Kenora region is supported by the All Nations Health Partners (ANHP) which includes Indigenous, municipal and health care leaders who signed a Resolution in ceremony in 2017, to work towards the development of a seamless, patient-centered health care system. The ANHP aim to provide the right service, at the right time, in the right setting, for everyone in the Kenora region with cultural safety allowing the blending of traditional and mainstream medicines for wholistic healing. In 2019, the ANHP became one of the first Ontario Health Teams, as well as the first from the North, the smallest, and the only team with full Indigenous and community partners.

Through organizational and community collaboration and partnerships and with the support of the ANHP, Physicians provide health care in and with the following First Nation's communities:

- Niisaachewan (Dalles) – 20km from hospital
- Wauzhushk Onigum (Rat Portage) – 6km from hospital
- Washagamis Bay (Obashkaandagaang First Nation) – 11km from hospital
- Shoal Lake 40 – 86km from hospital



- [Animakee Wa Zhing #37 \(NWA 37\)](#) (Windigo Island and Regina Bay) – 72km (boat to in summer or fly) from hospital
- [Northwest Angle #33 First Nation](#) (Dogpaw) (Angle Inlet) – 90km / 171km (boat to in summer or fly) from hospital
- Asubpeeschoseewagog (Grassy Narrows) – 89km from hospital
- [Wabaseemoong](#) (Whitedog) – 95km from hospital
- [Naotkamegwanning](#) (Whitefish Bay) – 92km from hospital
- [Iskatewizaagegan](#) (Shoal Lake 39) – 65km from hospital

## COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

### POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Grand Council Treaty #3 is 55,000sq. miles spanning from west of Thunder Bay to north of Sioux Lookout, along the international border to the province of Manitoba. The [City of Kenora](#) is located within the territory of the Anishinaabe Nation, 208km east of the Manitoba border on the northern shores of Lake of the Woods. The [Kenora District](#) spans 407,269km<sup>2</sup> and has a population of more than 70,000.

Summer weather is June through September when temps can reach 25-30°C with the hottest month being July. The beaches and lakes are plentiful with amazing swimming and water recreation.

Winter is December to March and the coldest month is usually January when temps can reach -30°C. There is very little humidity in the winter months and the air is dry with clear skies and plenty of sunshine. It is important to dress warmly with proper coat, hat, mitts, and boots.

'Shoulder Seasons' (spring and fall) tend to be cooler but enjoyable! Wearing layers during these months is important for outdoor activities and being prepared for warm-dry to cooler-wet weather with raincoat, rain boots, and bug repellent.

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

### AMENITIES

Kenora is a tourist destination full of amenities and activities for all ages and interests!

Visit the [City of Kenora – Visit & Play](#) site to learn more about recreation options, arts/culture and things to see and do!

There are many options for [groceries](#), [banking](#), [shopping](#), [dining](#), [education](#), [places of worship](#) and [accommodations](#). We are here to help you get acquainted with our community, so please do not hesitate to connect with our community recruiter: [kenorarecruitment@anhp.net](mailto:kenorarecruitment@anhp.net)



Learners are invited to join the [Kenora Clinical Students group](#) and the [Kenora Area Healthcare Community](#) page to connect to community events and Interprofessional learners in the community.

All of our learners receive a complimentary pass to the [Kenora Recreation Centre](#) during their time with us in Kenora.

## TRAVEL OPTIONS

Kenora is located on the Trans-Canada Highway 17, 210km east of Winnipeg, MB, 488km west of Thunder Bay and is accessible by road, air, and boat!

### Bus Service

[Ontario Northland](#) provides bus service to and from Kenora from many communities including Winnipeg and Thunder Bay. If you don't want to drive, an easy way to get here is a flight to Winnipeg and bus to Kenora (drop off is at the hospital, a few steps from the NOSM apartments). Locally, there is [Kenora Transit](#) with a bus stop in front of the hospital.

### Air Travel

The [Kenora Airport](#) is 9km from downtown with [Bearskin Airlines](#) flights and [Enterprise rental](#) car available. Local Taxi service will pick up at the airport.

### Water Travel

Kenora is accessible from [Lake of the Woods](#), the sixth largest freshwater lake, reaching 15 communities in Ontario, 3 communities in Manitoba and 5 communities in Minnesota. In the summer months, [Green Adventures](#) offers a [water-shuttle service](#) to Coney Island, one of the lake's most pristine and eventful beaches!

## HOUSING/ACCOMMODATION

There are many options for [realtors in Kenora](#) to help you find the home you are looking for, whether it's a purchase or rental.

Waterfront apartments are available for medical learners ([housing@nosm.ca](mailto:housing@nosm.ca)), steps from the hospital with kayaks and bikes!

For Locum physicians, Longitudinal Residents and CCC students housing options are available from the SAC ([kenorarecruitment@anhp.net](mailto:kenorarecruitment@anhp.net)).

## SPOUSAL EMPLOYMENT

Family is important to us, and we provide support for your relocation needs (spousal employment, schools, childcare, activities/interests, etc.) including a generous relocation package.



Due to the size of our community, there is a wide variety of employment opportunities available and our Healthcare Professional Recruiter (kenorarecruitment@anhp.net) is happy to discuss your needs and connect you to opportunities!

## CLINICAL SERVICES

### CATCHMENT AREA AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Catchment area includes the City of Kenora, surrounding First Nation communities, and unorganized territory with a service area population of approximately 30,000 which more than doubles in the summer months. The largest Aboriginal population are that of the First Nations followed by Metis and Inuit.

Additional demographics details can be found [here](#).

### HOSPITAL DESCRIPTION / SERVICES

Lake of the Woods District Hospital is a 81-bed acute care hospital located in Kenora, Ontario on the shores of beautiful Lake of the Woods. LWDH is staffed by an incredibly dedicated team providing quality patient-centered care to residents of the City of Kenora, surrounding communities and the large seasonal population. LWDH is a fully accredited hospital under the national standards of Accreditation Canada.

The LWDH Emergency Department (ED) provides 24-hour care for persons requiring emergency or urgent care. Since May 2023 LWDH has grown a Nurse Practitioner (NP) Service to address seasonal surges in patient volumes, and decrease ED wait times. Patients attending the ED who are triaged as less acute, with a Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale score of 4 or 5 may be seen by skilled and caring NPs. The ED has, on average, 20,000 visits annually.

The 3-suite OR is staffed with 3 General Surgeons and 4-GP Anaesthetists, plus several other visiting specialists

Outpatient services include rehabilitation, dialysis, chemotherapy, surgical services and a gold standard slate of diagnostic imaging services, including Kenora's first ever MRI Suite which opened in September 2025. LWDH also supports a busy visiting specialist program and full scope of community Mental Health & Addictions programming.

The Laboratory is staffed 24/7 and clinical services include Biochemistry, Hematology, Transfusion Medicine, Microbiology and Surgical Pathology

LWDH has 24-hour air ambulance and medical transport service provided by Ornge. There are helipads on five First Nation communities and five district communities in our district.



LWDH has partnerships with several post-secondary institutions to provide clinical placements with many professionals including psychiatrists, respiratory therapists, dieticians, nurses, physicians, social workers, sonographers, radiologists, lab professionals, and other professionals.

With our physical hospital facility being nearly 100 years in some parts and with six expansions added over time to accommodate the growing needs of our population, we have arrived at a point in time where a new facility is necessary. With reconciliation also motivating this comprehensive development, LWDH has worked in partnership with Ogimaawabiitong Kenora Chiefs Advisory, the Ontario Ministry of Health and our communities to plan a much-needed new hospital to best meet the needs of our area. In May 2025 the Province of Ontario announced a \$50 million investment to move the new hospital project into the Detailed Design and Procurement phases.

Additionally, here is the link to the new hospital project website - [Kenora's New Hospital – Working Together: A New Regional Hospital in Kenora, Ontario](#)

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

Sunset Country Family Health Team, a proud partner of the All Nations Health Partners Ontario Health Team, staffs an interdisciplinary team of physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, registered practical nurses, occupational therapists, pharmacists, dietitians, and other healthcare professionals. Together we strive for a healthier community, offering quality comprehensive primary care to collaborate with the members of our community on their healthcare journey. Our collaborative interprofessional team supports four clinic sites: SCFHT Lakeside Site, SCFHT Keewatin Site, SCFHT Kenora Site, and the Sioux Narrows Medical Clinic.

[Waasegiizhig Nanaandawe'iyewigamig Health Access Centre](#) offers primary health care and preventative services combining traditional and contemporary approaches to health and healing. Complementary programs include a residential healing program and hostel accommodation for people accessing hospital services in Kenora. Our purpose is to foster healthy Indigenous people, families and communities through traditional and contemporary health care encompassing mind, body, heart, and spirit.

We provide services in the following areas:

- Assessment, diagnosis and treatment
- Preventative health care
- Health education and promotion
- Traditional health care
- Mental health and wellness
- Diabetes education and specialized care
- Nutritional counselling and support
- Midwifery and reproductive health
- Early child development and nutrition
- And so much more



**Kenora Chiefs Advisory Ogimaawabiitong** is committed and dedicated to providing culturally appropriate health and social services which address the needs and enhance the wellbeing and capacity of community members in our affiliated First Nations. Ogimaawabiitong (Kenora Chiefs Advisory) shall maintain a culture which recognizes and values ethical conduct through the following 7 Sacred Teachings. Culture remains at the centre of the work Ogimaawabiitong does and is identified as an important determinant of health and wellness. Ogimaawabiitong works to enhance service coordination among various systems and deliver culturally safe services to create a pathway towards healing and wellness for our communities and members.

## **OTHER CLINICAL VENUES AND SERVICES**

The **All Nations Health Partners OHT** unites First Nations, Métis, Indigenous, municipal, healthcare and community services leaders to transform care in Kenora and surrounding communities. As Ontario's first OHT with full First Nations, Metis, Indigenous and community partnership, we provide culturally safe, integrated care that is person centred.

ANHP OHT strives to ensure proper care at the right time in the right setting by coordinating hospitals, healthcare providers, mental health and addiction services, public health, long-term care, and community support. Committed to a seamless, patient-centred system, ANHP OHT will continue to lead the way in integrated, community-driven healthcare as Ontario Health Teams evolve.

The ANHP OHT Recruitment Team is active in looking for learners, locums, and healthcare professionals for local primary health care providers. We would love to have you join our team. Find out more at our [Please visit our ANHP Recruitment page!](#)

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

### **TEACHING**

Lake of the Woods Health Sciences Campus is a proud teaching site and each year we welcome 5-7 third-year medical students for their Comprehensive Community Clerkship! We can accommodate 1-3 Longitudinal Family Medicine Residents. We offer core and elective rotations in: Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine (Rural, Obstetrics, Addictions, Indigenous), Internal Medicine, Psychiatry,



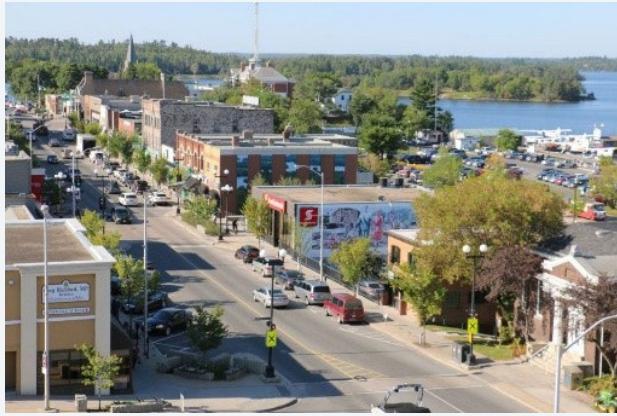
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