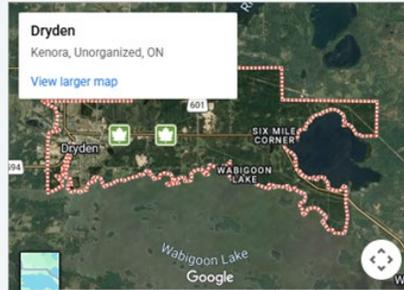


## OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY

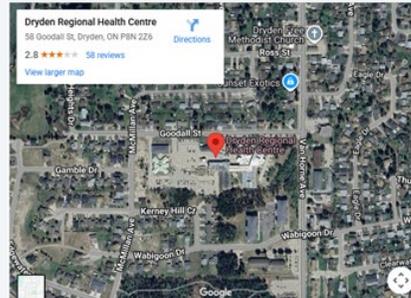
**COMMUNITY NAME** Dryden *Updated February 2026*

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

**MAP WITH LOCATION** Dryden, Ontario: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/BL3n9Zi6HVKeRV599>



Dryden Regional Health Centre: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/dMC7L3PNCUp2Y72V8>



## COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

### POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

According to the 2021 census:

- Population: 7,388
- Median Age: 48
- Indigenous Population: 19.5%
- Language: 1.6% French

### AMENITIES

DRHC’s Physician Recruiter is happy to help direct questions related to local amenities, recreation, and entertainment. Some highlights include:

- 4 elementary schools, 1 high school
- [Confederation College campus](#)
- [Dryden Entertainment Series/The Centre](#)
- Two golf courses – [Sandy Beach Golf Club](#) and [Anderson’s Homestead Golf Course](#)
- [Local ski hill](#), including cross-country ski and snowshoe trails
- A variety of local extra-curricular activities and clubs, including hockey, volleyball,





DRHC has a team of over 300 staff and 16 physicians providing high-quality patient care, including Family Physicians, a General Surgeon, and Anesthetists.

DRHC is conveniently located on the same property as our primary care facilities [Dingwall Medical Clinic](#) and [Dryden Area Family Health Team](#).

### 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

- [Long-term Care Home – Princess Court](#) (supported by DRHC physicians)
- Homecare services provided by DRHC and Paramed in collaboration with [Ontario Health atHome](#).
- Several local pharmacies
- [Northwestern Health Unit](#) provides local public health programming including immunizations, sexual health clinics, Healthy Baby Healthy Children programming, and dental clinics.
- [Dryden Native Friendship Centre](#) provides a variety of health and wellness programs and services + primary care delivery in partnership with [Waasegiizhig Nanaandawe'yewigamig Health Access Centre \(WNHAC\)](#)

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

### TEACHING

Dryden is a busy teaching site with NOSM U:

- Early Clinical Placement (ECP) site for 2nd year UMEs
- Continuous Community Clerkship (CCC) site for 3rd year UMEs
- 4th year rotations are available in Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Anesthesia, and Women's Health
- Longitudinal Family Medicine residency site under NOSM U's Rural West Stream
- Residency rotations are available in Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Anesthesia, and Women's Health

### LIVING: HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS

- NOSM U maintains an apartment for learners in downtown Dryden. DRHC's Physician Recruiter

offers accommodation coordination with local landlords as well.

- Learners and locums at DRHC enjoy free parking and free, unlimited access to both the DRHC cafeteria and the Dryden Recreation Complex (fitness centre + pool).

## TRANSPORTATION

A vehicle (personal or rented) is highly recommended for learners visiting Dryden. Otherwise, support can be arranged for those without a vehicle (e.g., carpooling, taxi service, bike use in spring/summer/fall, grocery pick-up support).

## FOOD OPTIONS

- Grocery stores: Safeway, No Frills, Walmart, M&M Food Market, AgriTech North, Shoppers Drug Mart, Ester's Asian Foods, Bulk Zone, Cloverbelt Country Meats.
- Fast food/chain restaurants: Pizza Hut, Domino's Pizza, McDonalds, A&W, KFC, Dairy Queen, Tim Horton's, Subway, Firehouse Subs.
- Local restaurants: The Riverview Lodge, B&B Roadhouse Bar & Grill, Patricia Inn Family Restaurant, Crooked Arrow, Masala Restaurant, Ho Ho Chinese Restaurant, Hong Kong House, Stellar Seafoods, Just G's Chipstand (seasonal), Chip Box (seasonal), Twin Tower's Restaurant, Konstantino Pizza and Wings, MarBella Coffeehouse.
- Collegial group of physicians that provide formal on-call coverage and informal team support.
- Majority of the team is active NOSM U faculty and preceptors.
- New grads are supported through an ED mentorship program. At the clinic, they receive direct mentorship and an overhead-free grace period to settle into practice.
- Year-round opportunities for layered learning as a busy teaching facility for NOSM U, UofT, and learners from across Canada on visiting electives.

## 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

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## PICTURES





- Dryden Regional Health Centre and Dingwall Medical Clinic

