
THOMPSON LEADS NORTHERN MANITOBA IN POPULATION GROWTH

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THOMPSON, February 9, 2017 - In the face of challenging economic times across the region, the initial results of the 2016 Census show that the heart of northern Manitoba continues to grow with the province: where the majority of northern Manitoban municipalities have seen declines in population since 2011, Thompson has grown by 4.2%, increasing from 13,123 in 2011 to 13,678 in 2016.

Thompson's growth in population complements that of Manitoba as a whole, whose growth of 5.8% surpassed the national average among provinces and territories, and has been the largest census increase for the province since 1961.

The additional 555 residents are expected to approximately yield an annual \$100,000 in transfer payments for the municipality over the next five years.

"The 2016 census demonstrates that Manitoba is rapidly becoming the province of choice for a variety of Canadians, and I'm proud to see that Thompson has retained its presence in kind," said Mayor Dennis Fenske. "With ongoing initiatives such as Thompson 2020, we hope to continue to grow both our community and our region, and affirm our role as the Hub of the North."

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