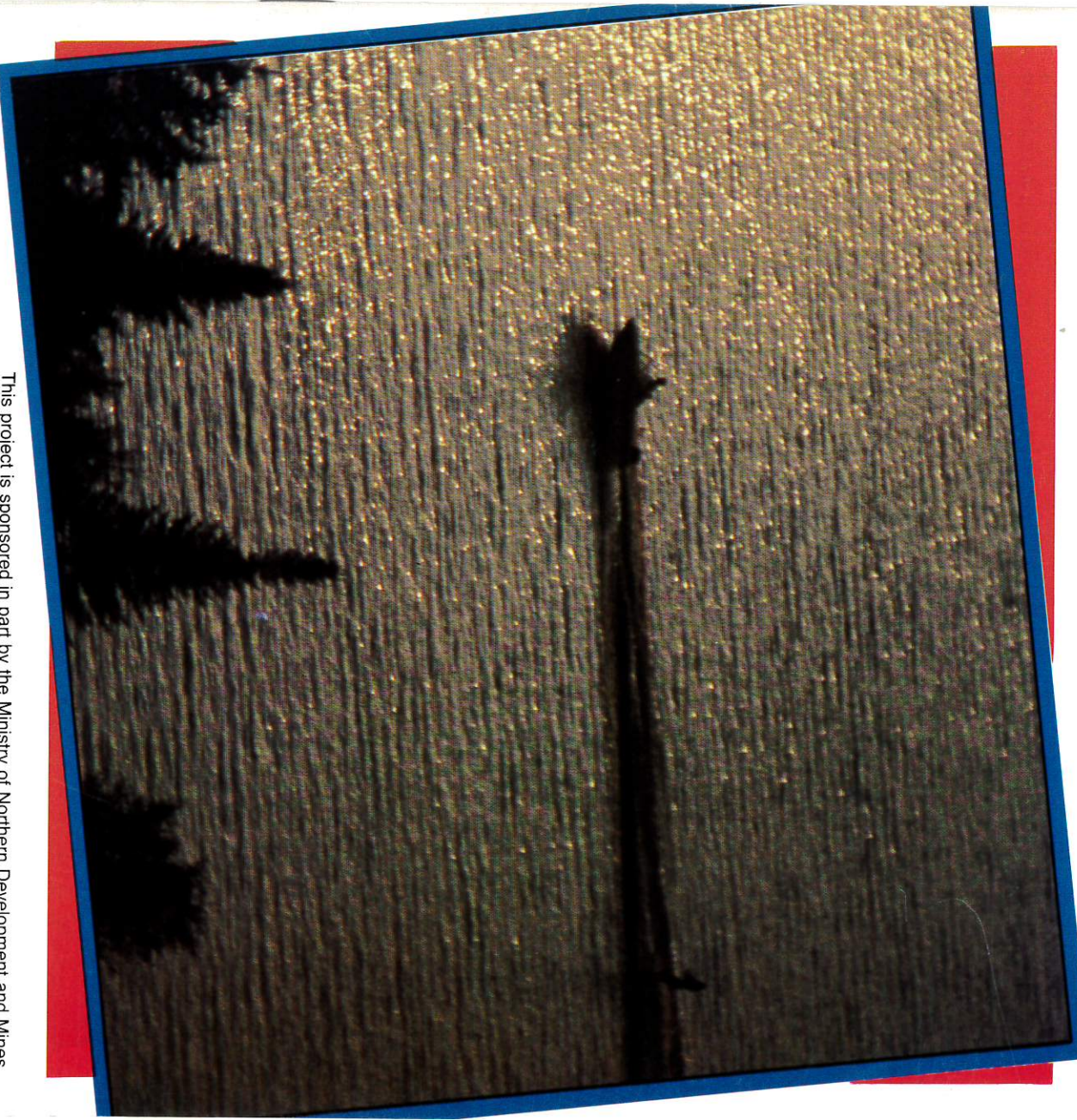


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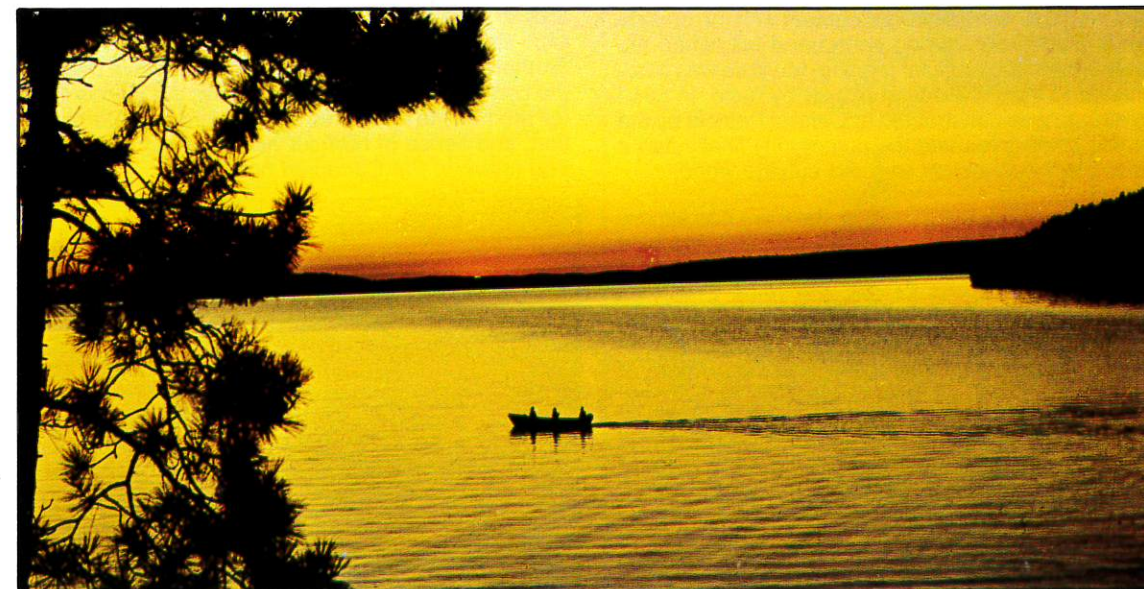
We are a friendly little community located at the Northern terminus of Highway 599 in Northwestern Ontario. The pavement may end here, but we consider our town a wonderful place for new beginnings.

At the same time, Pickle Lake is still a great little town. You won't waste any time in traffic jams or line-ups. The air is clean and the lakes are clear. Imagine being able to walk to the beach from your back door! And don't be surprised if people you don't know wave and say "Hi" to you. It's just our way of letting people know that they are welcome.

Please don't think that our location means that we do without. We have most of the amenities of a bigger town, and there's always plenty to do. A complete listing of all our services is included in this brochure.

We'd enjoy having you visit with us for a few days, but we'd love to have you stay with us.
Come up north to Ontario's Last Frontier!

James Dalzell,
Reeve.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF PICKLE LAKE

Rooted deep in the origins of early Canada, the history of the Pickle Lake area dates back to the early days of the fur trade — in 1786 the Hudson Bay Company established a trading post at Osnaburgh on the shores of Lake St. Joseph. Freighters canoes still made trips on the Albany River into the early 1970's.

Harvesting of furs remained the major activity in the area until 1928, when gold was discovered along the banks of the Kawinogans River. Technological advances, namely air transport, made the area accessible. Pickle Lake, being the closest lake to the two new gold mines at Pickle Crow and Central Patricia, became the transportation centre of the area. What was then known as Pickle Landing is now the townsite of Pickle Lake.

It wasn't long until the area became a typical mine boomtown. The new mines opened up a vast range of opportunities. In the 1930's the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests established a fire base in Pickle Lake. In order to provide power for the mines, Ontario Hydro constructed a generating station at Rat Rapids.

In 1936, the Pickle Lake Hotel was constructed and became a focal point in the community. The hotel remained as such until 1987, when it was destroyed by fire. A modern hotel was built on the same spot and opened in April 1989.

By 1939, five air companies were operating out of "The Landing" at Pickle Lake. The area was dependent on these companies for contact with the outside world. Each year, during spring and fall, when the lakes were unsuitable for landing, the area was totally isolated from civilization except by radio. In 1944 an airstrip was constructed at Central Patricia by the mining companies and the community finally had a permanent connection with the outside world.

Typical of mining communities, the town has experienced a series of booms and busts. The first bust occurred in 1951, when the Central Patricia gold mine closed. During its life, the mine produced 670,000 ounces of gold and supported a population of 400. After the closure of the mine, the population of Central Patricia dwindled to 51. Even today, many of the existing buildings remain.

The Pickle Crow gold mine stopped production in 1966 bringing to an end the boom which had started in 1935. Producing 1½ million ounces of gold over its thirty-one year life span, it was one of the richest producing mines in history. The fate of the community after the mine shut down was even more tragic

than that of Central Patricia. In the early 1970's, the Ministry of Natural Resources burned the Pickle Crow townsite to the ground, destroying the last remnants of an integral part of Ontario's history.

In 1956, Highway 599 finally made the area accessible by road. Prior to this, freight was transported over the difficult terrain for a distance of 160 kilometres from the CNR line at Savant Lake and Sioux Lookout. This was achieved by a combination of horse teams on land and scows across the waterways.

Pickle Lake boomed once again in 1974, with the construction of the Umex Thierry Mine. This time copper was mined, but the operation was shut down in 1982 when changes in the base metals market made it unprofitable. The population, which reached a peak of 1200 in 1981, dropped once again to about 400.

Pickle Lake has continued to struggle against the odds for economic survival. Previously known as an improvement district, in December 1980 the area was incorporated into the Township of Pickle Lake.

In 1987, after two years of vigorous exploration activities, the community once again became a boomtown. Placer Dome Inc. formally announced a decision to construct the Dona Lake Mine 35 kilometres south of the community. St. Joe Canada (Bond Gold) made a similar announcement regarding property on Lake St. Joseph. Other announcements are anticipated in the near future.

Like all mine towns, Pickle Lake's history is peppered with stories of bar-room brawls, bootleggers, and brothels. Many of the current residents have been in the community for 50 years or more; the stories they tell are real life examples of the courage, determination, and sense of humour necessary to build a life and future in the Canadian north.



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Vast virgin forests, never touched by a logger's axe, stretch for hundreds of miles beyond the horizon. Dotted this region are thousands of lakes and rivers, harbouring the majestic Canadian Monarch of the Forest, the moose. This huge wilderness is only three hundred miles from the coast of the Hudson Bay, Ontario's sub-Arctic. Aside from moose, the region offers viewing opportunities for woodland Caribou, the elusive timber wolf, black bear, fur bearing animals, game birds, bald eagles, gulls, ravens, the ever present songbirds, and migratory birds such as ducks and geese.

The Pickle Lake area is the starting point for adventuresome canoeists desiring to paddle to Hudson or James Bay. This area is adjacent to huge Polar Bear Provincial Park, the Winisk Wilderness Waterway and the Albany River System.

Along with the abundance of fish and game our boreal forests provide the mushroom connoisseur with a variety of tasty morsels. Wild mushrooms and wild rice — a gourmet's delight! Our Canadian wild rice is the best in Canada, due to the slow growing season. The wild rice harvest is a local native industry as well as an annual tradition.

Pickle Lake is accessible from Highway 17 with an all-season paved highway running 300 km north of Ignace. Travelling from the west it is also accessible via Highway 72 and Highway 516. There is also scheduled air service daily into Pickle Lake from Thunder Bay and Sioux Lookout. Pickle Lake is the most northerly community in Ontario that is accessible year-round by road. A gravel road stretches a further 250 km. north and west of Pickle Lake to Windigo Lake. Winter freeze-up allows for the construction of winter roads, providing access to, and egress from, isolated communities north of Pickle Lake.

The all-season gravel road provides many outdoor recreational opportunities. There are direct access points to various lakes and rivers. Boat launching sites and picnic areas with garbage containers are located at strategic points along Highway 599 and Highway 808.

Both local residents and the itinerant traveller can enjoy sand beaches, berry picking, rock hounding, searching for Hudson Bay agate, panning for gold, searching for ancient native pictographs, hiking and canoeing.

Our summer temperatures are changeable and varied. There are jacket days even in July, as well as, days of thirty-five degrees centigrade. June, July and August are the prime times to visit this northern frontier town. The weather is more stable, the days are warm and the evenings cool, insects are at a minimum, fishing is great, and our northern lights dance all over the night sky.

Pickle Lake has a number of tourist outfitters that can cater to every need and budget. Services range from drive-in or boat-in housekeeping establishments to fly-in lodges and outpost cabins. Non-residents not using the services of an outfitter must have a Crown land camping permit before striking off into the woods on their own. This permit is available from local Ministry of Natural Resources.

We are very protective of our Northern heritage. We want it to remain as a frontier for as long as possible. We encourage all anglers to participate in a catch and release program, to use barbless hooks and to take only one trophy size fish. We also urge all anglers to observe the spirit of our fish and game laws. Above all, caution with open fires is advised.

The residents of Pickle Lake invite you to come share with us this last frontier; it may not be here forever.

The Township of Pickle Lake ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (A Committee of Council)

P.O. Box 12
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Tourist & Business Information
Topographical Maps

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UTILITIES

Hydro	— Ontario Hydro 69 kV line from Ear Falls
Fuel Oil/Gasoline	— Three local bulk dealers
Propane	— Four local suppliers
Telephone	— Bell Canada
Water	— M.O.E. — Capacity 1,132 M3/day — Consumption 506 M3/day
Sewage	— M.O.E. — Capacity 900 M3/day — Consumption 300 M3/day
Garbage Collection	— Household pickup 1/wk — Commercial pickup 2/wk

SOCIAL SERVICES

General Welfare
Crisis Counselling — "800" Number to Thunder Bay
Most other services are available in Sioux Lookout (260 km)

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Police Protection	— O.P.P.
Fire Protection	— Pickle Lake Volunteer Fire Department
	— Ministry of Natural Resources
Ambulance	— Land — Pickle Lake Volunteer Ambulance
	— Air — Bandage 5 from Sioux Lookout
Hazardous Goods Spills	— M.O.E.
Medical Facilities	— Pickle Lake Medical Centre — Full-time doctor & nurse; X-ray, emergency room, lab & dispensary
Dental Facilities	— Dentist in approx. 1 wk/month
Public Health	— Part-time nurse
	— Inspections through Dryden Office

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COMMERCIAL

1 Food Store	L.C.B.O. (Liquor/Beer Store)
1 Hardware Store	3 Licensed Lounges
1 Department Store	4 Restaurants (2 Licensed)
2 Corner Stores & Gas Outlets	1 Bakery
2 Auto Service Stations	3 Hotels
1 Wholesaler	2 Car Rental Agencies
1 Expediting Company	1 Hairstylist

OTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Post Office	Township Office
Economic Development Office	M.T.O. Airport
M.T.O. Highways	M.T.O. Licensing Agent

RECREATION FACILITIES

Curling Rink (natural ice)
Bowling Alley
Community Hall
Arena (natural ice)
School Gymnasium & Ball Field
Beaches
1 Municipal Park
Excellent outdoor recreation opportunities

CHURCHES

Friendship Baptist Church
Northland Mission (Pentecostal)
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church (Roman Catholic)
Pickle Lake Gospel Chapel (Mennonite)

TRANSPORTATION

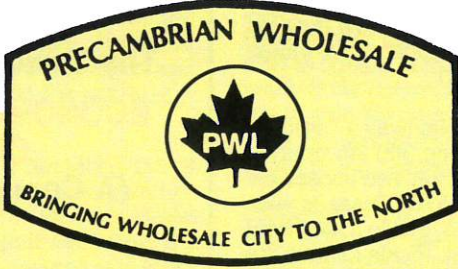
10 Airline Companies — Cargo & Passenger Service
Daily return air service between Pickle Lake & Thunder Bay
1 Local Taxi Service
1 Local Trucking Firm
Courier Service 5 days/wk
1 Local Cartage Company

RADIO-TV

Radio — CBQ-FM — Thunder Bay
— Satellite Country & Western Station
— Satellite Religious Station
TV — CBC — Winnipeg
— TVO
— 3 Satellite Channels — WGN, TNN, Showtime

SERVICE CLUBS, YOUTH & SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Lions Club	Youth Curling
Scouts/Cubs	Youth Club
AWANA Youth Group	Youth Hockey
Brownies/Guides	Adult Mixed Curling
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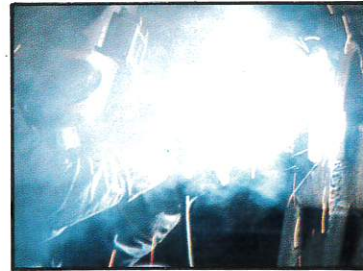
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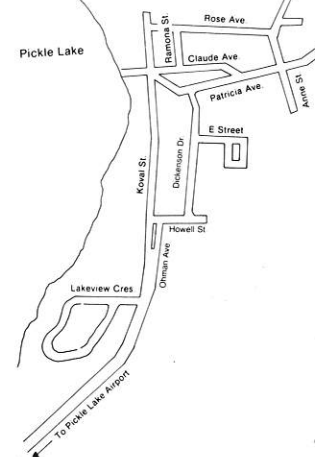


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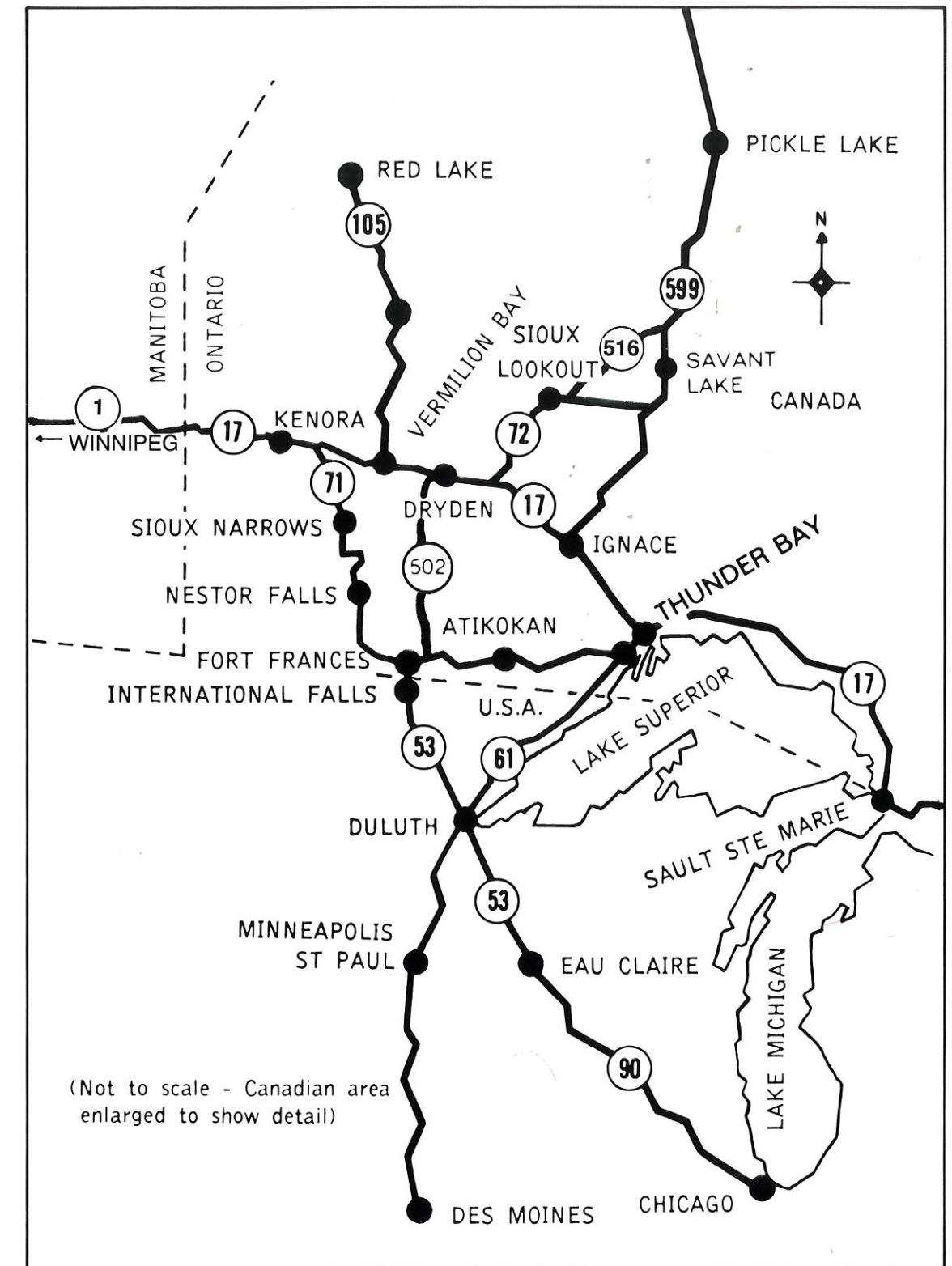
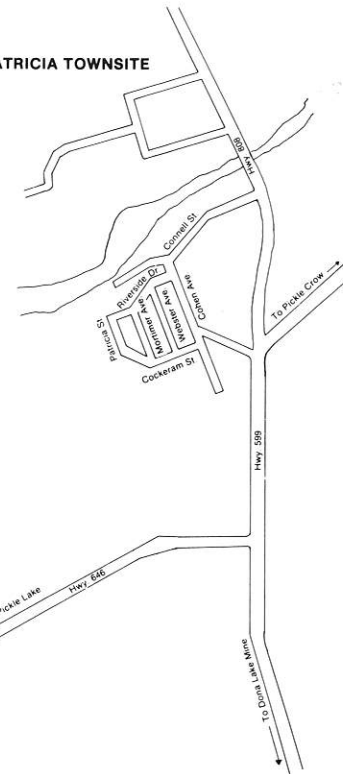
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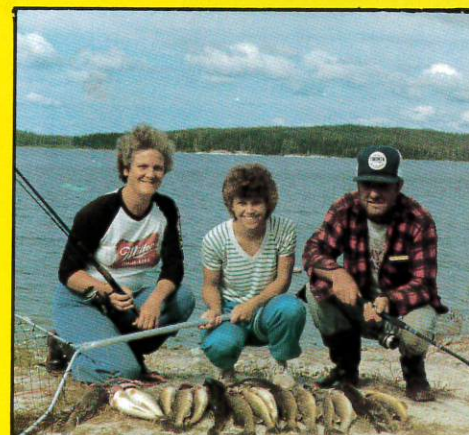
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RECREATION FOR EVERYONE

Hot, lazy summer days and cold, brisk winter days create the need for a wide range of recreation activities both indoor and outdoor. One of the characteristics of a true northerner is the ability to adapt to their surroundings.

In the summer when temperatures can rise above normal, residents and visitors take advantage of the many area lakes, sandy beaches, and the municipal park to swim, picnic, sunbathe, water-ski, fish and canoe. For those who like to commune with nature, a quiet hike through the bush along any of the numerous trails provides an opportunity for examining the flora and viewing some of the fauna in their natural habitat.

Just in case you're looking for a little more excitement than soaking up the sun, there is the annual Black Fly Festival held on the July 1st weekend. You can either watch or participate in a bed race, a bathtub race, or a canoe race; maybe enter a horseshoe or volleyball tournament; take a stroll and view the car and art shows; relax and enjoy the night-time fireworks display; test your skills at a euchre or crib tournament; join in the laughter of a pie throwing contest; and give mom a break by taking the family to a pancake breakfast.

The restocking of Pickle Lake with pickerel (walleye) from Kapkichi Lake has become an annual family weekend outing each June. Grab your fishing rod, fill up a picnic basket, launch your boat and enjoy the thrill of catching fish knowing you don't have to clean them at the end of the day.

Summertime and baseball naturally go together. Join a team or just get a group of friends together for a game of scrub.

Need a strenuous workout? The construction of an arena in 1988/89 has made summer and winter recreational sports less dependent on the weather. In the summer how about a game of tennis, badminton or maybe volleyball? With the onslaught of winter, those of you who don't hibernate can demonstrate your natural athletic abilities during a hockey game. For the less competitive maybe just a twirl around the ice on those new figure skates is more your style. The choice is yours.

For the outdoor winter enthusiast the area abounds with unlimited space for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. Ice-fishing on one of the numerous lakes or rivers is enjoyed by many.

The Township also includes a natural ice curling rink; a bowling alley; a library; and a community hall. Bingo, a favorite pastime of many, takes place on a regular basis.

Should the regular facilities be in use, the Crolancia School gymnasium is available for bookings for badminton, volleyball, basketball or any other activity suitable for indoors.

We may be small but with a little creativity, recreational activities both indoor and outdoor abound. Come join the fun!



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INDUSTRY SECTION

Industry is the hub of the modern world's society. Gone are the days when this was a land where time stood still. Now, even in ghost towns, industry thrives. Take Barkerville in British Columbia as an example. A town that died shortly after the turn of the century, it now sees more activity every summer as a tourist attraction depicting life in the late 1800's and the early 1900's, than some places do all year.

Identified as the most northerly of Ontario's municipalities, Pickle Lake is definitely not a ghost town, nor is it a town with tourism as its only industry. Weathering boom and bust mining cycles since the 1930s the community has a stable core population due to a healthy and active air transportation industry. Now once again the town is experiencing a boom cycle with the opening of the Placer-Dome Inc., Dona Lake Mine.

When the Umex Thierry mine shut down in 1982 it seemed like the end of an era. A population that had peaked at 1,200 was almost overnight down to 400. The population growth prompted by the opening of the Umex Thierry mine brought an increased demand for updated municipal services. To accommodate this demand, water and sewage treatment facilities were constructed, as well as, a new school. Closure of the mine has meant that these facilities have been under-utilized. Pickle Lake is a town ready and waiting for new expansion.

The geological environment of the area is virtually unexplored. Elimination of the flow-through share program deterred exploration somewhat; but, with the advent of new initiatives and incentives by the government, exploration in the area is ongoing. As the search for valuable metals and minerals continues, locating additional finds close to Pickle Lake is quite probable. Also, should metal prices make some of the more northern projects such as finds identified at Mussellwhite or Big Trout Lake viable, Pickle Lake sees itself as an alternate base for fly-in operations.

In 1987 when Placer Dome Inc. announced plans for the opening of the Dona Lake Mine 35 km south of Pickle Lake, optimism was once again in the air. Construction commenced and on January 17, 1989 actual production started. The first gold bar was poured on February 14, 1989 with official opening ceremonies taking place on June 17, 1989.

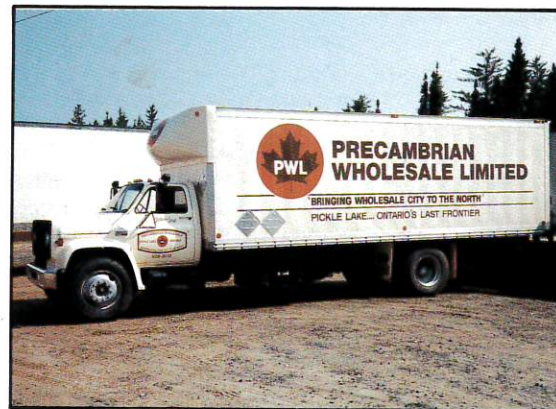
A 43 million dollar project to-date, the mine, with an undetermined ore bottom, has a life expectancy of at least ten years. This will help complement a stable work environment. When fully staffed the mine will employ between 110 and 115. Hiring locally when possible, the mine has also successfully tapped into the native labour market. An agreement with the

Windigo Tribal Council allows for a potential one-third of the workforce to be native. Imports, especially in the trades, have been necessary to a degree, and the town appears to have stabilized at a population of approximately 700.

Primarily an air transportation depot for northern remote areas, it is considered by many to be a mining community. Pickle Lake is an active distribution centre for goods and services destined for the remote northern communities. Air transportation is constantly moving north the supplies such as fuel and housing materials brought in by the local trucking company or the food/clothing/hardware wholesalers and retailers. At times Highway 599 thunders with the sound of transports going north and south. Wholesale and commercial businesses make scheduled trips two or three times a week to Winnipeg and/or Thunder Bay. Should the demand for additional service occur, expansion is viable. UPS and Purolator courier services provide delivery and shipment of smaller items.

As in any community with one or more major industry, there is always spin-off, usually in the service sector. The food, clothing and hardware needs of residents and visitors are catered to by the local merchants.

As the Township continues to grow, there will be room for expansion at the local retail and service level. A financial institute, a barber, better newspaper delivery, building supplies, an insurance agent, specialty clothing stores, additional mechanical service bays, and better radio reception are some of the expected benefits of continued growth and stability. The provision of higher education for high school aged students would also have a stabilizing effect on residents who now choose to move rather than board their children elsewhere.



Ground Transportation

INDUSTRY SECTION CONT'D

Diversification is the key to survival in a world of uncertain metal prices. Although appreciative of the economic benefits provided by the opening of mines in the area, Pickle Lake does not want to be dependent on them as our sole lifeline. The continuing expansion of air transportation and the development of the area as an attractive and friendly place for visitors are helping to create some economic stability independent of the mining industry.

Natural resources are virtually untapped in the area. In Manitoba and British Columbia companies have been successful in marketing bottled water for consumption in the United States. Pickle Lake with its excellent water resources could also provide the serious entrepreneur with an excellent business opportunity.

Perhaps one of the area's biggest untapped resources is our forests. With virtually unlimited raw material available there is not one operating sawmill in the area. As the north grows and develops there is going to be an increased demand for rough and dressed lumber making Pickle Lake an ideal location for a sizeable operation.

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The paved portion of Highway 599 terminates here at Pickle Lake, but one must not assume that there is nowhere else to go. As a major transportation depot to points north, Pickle Lake is not the end of the highway; but, the starting point of the "skyway". The air pulsates with the constant sound of aircraft either landing or taking off. Thunder Bay Flight Services, for the year ending June 1989, recorded an average of 1,817 flights per month from the Pickle Lake airport. Sea plane activity increases the monthly statistics by another 648 flights. Based on a ten hour day as night flying is limited, this means there is a plane landing or taking off every seven minutes.

With limited road access, people wanting and/or needing to enter or leave areas north of Pickle Lake, must depend on flight service. Ten air transportation companies currently operate out of Pickle Lake. They include two passenger carriers that cater to passengers travelling south, two helicopter companies, and six air charter companies.

The charter companies provide a necessary link with the isolated communities north of Pickle Lake. They deal with the necessity of providing transportation, groceries, fuel and construction materials to the natives, trappers, exploration companies, and tourists who rely on their services.

Although most of the land north remains frozen for commercial use at this time, the potential exists, should the government relax restrictions, for more wilderness camps. This would increase the need for additional services.

Helicopters transport men and supplies to areas where access by plane is limited. Firefighters, telephone and hydro servicemen are able to reach trouble spots with a minimum of time loss. In any area, time is of the essence during emergency medical situations. In the north, due to the distance involved between the hospital and trauma site, time becomes even more of an issue. Medivac services via helicopter bring hospital care within reach.

Daily scheduled flights to Thunder Bay provide the itinerant or casual traveller with a variety of times for coming or going. Both Bearskin Air and norOntair have seen increases in the number of passengers and have expanded their services to meet the need.

An increase in the volume of goods and the number of passengers being transported have necessitated a runway extension. When complete, the runway will stretch 5,000 feet and have the capacity to handle larger aircraft. To the current users of the airport, an extended runway will enable them to increase their load capacity.

Whether it be business or pleasure, air transportation serves an important function to the north. Expected growth in the air transportation industry has prompted the development of additional commercial lease lots at the airport. These lots are available for the location of new carriers, and/or for extra warehouse or maintenance space.

It takes a special breed of person to live in the north. Not everyone is willing to give up urban life for relative isolation and a different pace of life, although not necessarily a slower pace. When one stops to consider that it can take hours, especially in rush hour traffic, to drive from the east side to the west side of Toronto, suddenly, the one hour it takes to get to Thunder Bay doesn't seem so long. Isolation is only a matter of perception.

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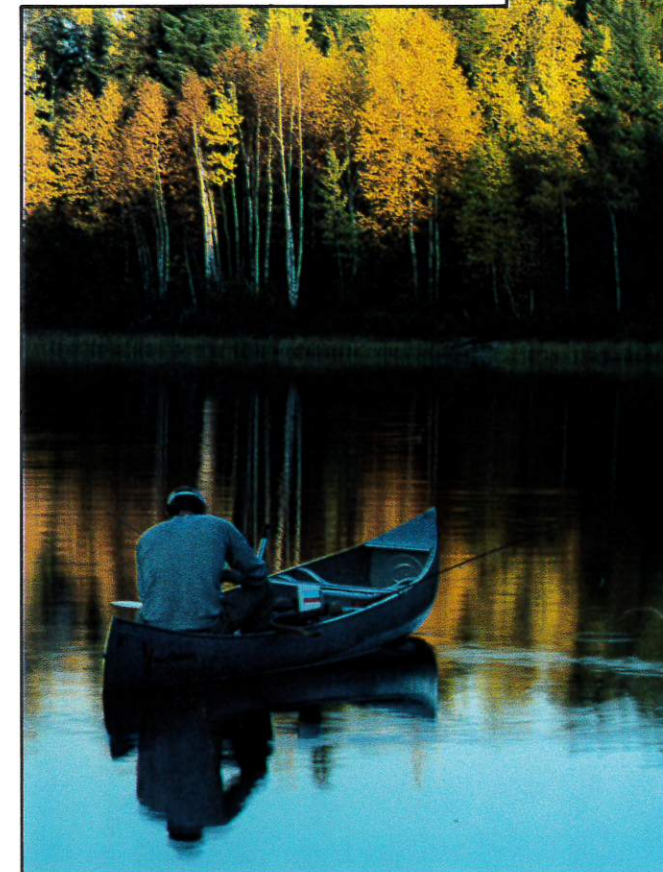


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