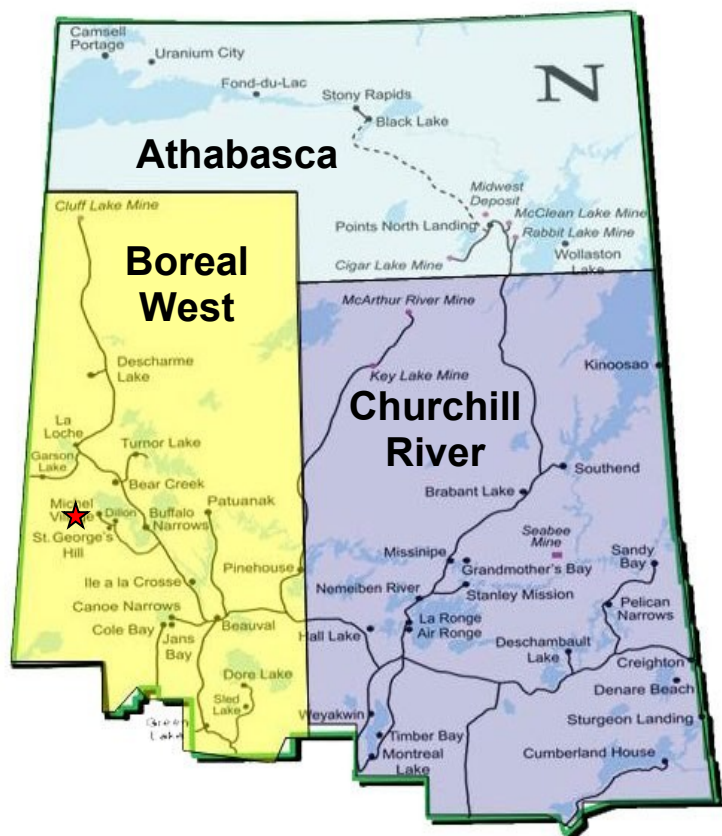


Northern Hamlet of Michel Village



Community Highlights

Hamlet of Michel Village on the western shores of Peter Pond Lake is home to about eighty people. Michel is an "end of the road" community where the vocations of trapping, fishing, and hunting are not just cultural pastime but also a way of life. Most residents of Michel are Dene, and speak English as a second language.¹

Local Government

Mayor and Council²

- **Mayor:** Cliff Coombs
- **Aldermen:**
 - Brent Janvier
 - Timothy Laplante
 - Grayson Janvier
 - Cynthia Billette

Métis Council:³

- Northern Region II – Local #65

First Nations Presence⁴

- Buffalo River Dene Nation (24 km)

Tribal Council:

- Meadow Lake Tribal Council (MLTC)

Demographics⁵

	Michel Village	North	Saskatchewan
Population	79	33,919	968,157
Aboriginal population (%)	93.8%	85.8%	14.9%
Youth population, 15 to 29 (%)	18.8%	25.6%	20.7%
Major Languages	Dene, English	Cree, Dene, English, Michif	
Labour Force Participation Rate, 15+ (%)	33.3%	50.4%	68.4%
Employment Rate, 15+ (%)	33.3%	40.3%	64.6%
Unemployment Rate (%)	0%	20.2%	5.6%
Median family income:	\$0 <i>(Data suppressed)</i>	\$31,007	\$58,563
Median earnings (persons 15+ years):	\$0 <i>(Data suppressed)</i>	\$18,449	\$23,025
Population 25+ with a high school diploma (%)	28.6%	15.6%	26.7%

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	Michel Village	North	Saskatchewan
Population 25+ with a trades, college, or university certificate, diploma, or degree (%)	0%	35.8%	53.9%

Economic Environment⁶

Key Industries – community and surrounding area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mining industry is a large employer, with employees doing shifts “in and out” at the various northern mining locations.
Major Employers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cameco and AREVA
Occupations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mine labourer Firefighter (seasonal)
Local Business Make-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – Taxis
Local Financial Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Transportation Services Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highway 925 (gravel) connects to Highway 155
Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No
Bus Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No
Strengths and Potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunting & Fishing – Outfitting Lake
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No services End of the Road community – Highway 925
Future Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible lake front development

Training and Education

Post-secondary institutions	No
Career and Employment Services	No
High School	No
Elementary Schools	No
Library	No

Infrastructure⁷

Highway	Highway 155 and 925
Airports / Airstrips	No
Municipal Roads	Gravel
Water and Sewer	Water Source: Lake Water Treatment: Yes Water Distribution: piped water and sewer system to most businesses and residents Wastewater Treatment: Facultative Lagoon
Power and Energy	Electric Power: Provincial grid Heating Fuels: propane, wood, diesel Natural Gas: No
Information Technology	No
Cellular Service	No

Housing⁸

	Michel Village	North	Saskatchewan
Total private dwellings occupied by usual residents	30	9,245	387,140
Owned dwellings (%)	66.7%	36.6%	71.8%
Rented dwellings (%)	33.3%	30%	25.6%
Dwellings that require major repair (%)	0%	37.9%	10.5%
Average household size	2.7	3.7	2.4
Average value of owned dwelling	\$104,526	\$98,022	\$132,111

Emergency Services

RCMP	Patrolled from Dillon
Hospital	No; community health educator
Ambulance	Regional ambulance
Fire	No

Recreation⁹

- Michel Village Outdoor Rink, Natural Ice
- School Playground (includes Ball Diamonds)
- Community Hall

Distance from Larger Centres¹⁰

Michel Village to:	Fort McMurray	La Ronge	Meadow Lake	Prince Albert	Saskatoon
km	892	705	311	469	568

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