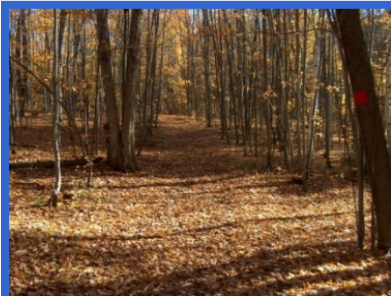

The Municipality of
Powassan
The Heart of Good Living

Community Profile



Veterans Memorial Park



The Pines Interpretive Trails



Giesler Cedar Boats

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Welcome to Powassan

“The Heart of Good Living”

Powassan is the heart of good living, surrounded by natural tranquility, yet just minutes from city amenities. A community ideally suited to families of all ages, Powassan offers a unique quality of life with excellent medical professionals, schools, churches, recreation facilities, a state of the art library, large grocery store and rural downtown business areas.

Families will find a myriad of year round activities that includes beach side picnics, swimming, boating, fishing, hunting, hiking, ATVing, horseback riding, skiing, snowmobiling, ice fishing, and skating. Organized sports activities provide opportunities to take part in baseball, soccer, line dancing, aerobics, figure skating, hockey and curling. You can also take part in less active recreational pursuits such as weekly darts and card games, quilting bees, book and hobby clubs, and youth and seniors organizations. Our community celebrates the changing seasons with festivals, special events and fairs, all featuring family entertainment and activities for all ages.

Powassan is an ideal location for small businesses, offering expanded building potential, relatively low taxes, no development fees, affordable housing and ready access to transportation corridors. We also have land available for the market gardener, equine enthusiast, hobby farmer or woodsman.

This quiet, rural lifestyle is just a twenty minute drive from the city of North Bay which offers a vibrant selection of cultural activities, including theatres, museums and art galleries as well as dining and shopping options. Surrounding smaller communities are home to many talented artisans whose shops and studios add to the rich and varied makeup that truly makes Powassan "the heart of good living".

Spend a day visiting Powassan, and you'll want to stay a lifetime making it your home.

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All statistical data presented in this document reflects the 2006 Statistics Canada Census Report unless otherwise noted.

Community Facts and Figures

Location

The Municipality of Powassan is located in Northern Ontario in the District of Parry Sound, approximately 300 kms north of Toronto and 35 kms south of North Bay.

The Towns of Trout Creek and Powassan and the Township of Himsworth South formed the municipality under an amalgamation which took effect on January 1, 2001.

The community is immediately accessible from the four-lane Highway 11, and a 35 minute drive from the North Bay airport and train/bus station. The Ontario Northland bus makes daily stops in the Towns of Powassan and Trout Creek.



Powassan is a mix of small town urban living and true country living, with a strong agricultural tradition that can still be found in a mix of small farming operations that include cattle, sheep and llamas. In the past few years, there has been an influx of equestrian facilities in the area, the largest being the Knowlton Ridge Equestrian Centre.

Climate and Geography

The municipality encompasses 225 square kms of farmland, lakes, rivers, and forests, with pockets of primary sand, gravel and bedrock resources. There are two Earth Science Areas of Natural & Scientific Interest (ANSI) just inside the municipal boundaries, Graham Hill Area to the east, and Nipissing Ridge Beach Scarps and Shoreline Area to the west. There is also an identified Wildlife Area near the northern boundary for deer concentrations and the south boundary touches on the Sausage Lake Forest Conservation Reserve. The “mountain”, an elevated section of the Canadian Shield located near the centre of the urban area, provides amazing views of the surrounding landscape and is part of the Pines Interpretative Trails where you can experience the natural diversity of the Northern Ontario landscape.

While Powassan experiences Northern Ontario's four distinctive seasons, it has a micro climate that moderates extreme winter storms, usually having less snow accumulation than the "snowbelt" regions of the south.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Daily temperature Average (C)	-12.6	-10.5	-4.3	4.1	11.6	16.1	18.7	17.3	12.6	6.4	-0.4	-8.5
Precipitation Rain (mm)	13.5	9.8	31	46.3	75.2	89.1	101	97.3	112	87	54.5	19.7
Precipitation Snow (cm)	45.4	34.3	28	15.2	2.4	0	0	0	0.1	4.6	28.7	39.8

Demographics

Population

The Municipality's current population is 3,310, an increase of 1.8% from 2001 census information.

	Total	Male	Female
Total – All persons	3310	1575	1735
Ages 0-4	135	60	75
Ages 5-9	160	90	70
Ages 10-19	410	225	185
Ages 20-29	245	115	130
Ages 30-45	610	290	320
Ages 45 to 64	980	485	495
Ages 65-74	370	185	195
Ages 75-85+	415	135	275
Median age	47	45.4	48.6
# & % aged 15 to 65	2060 =62%	1010 =31%	1050 =32%

Households

Number of Households	1245
Owned	1045
Rented	200

Average value of owned single family dwelling: \$149,418

Family Profile

	Total	Male	Female
Population 15 & older	2830	1315	1510
Never Married	700	390	305
Married/widow	196	850	1115
# families	960		
# families – married	835		
# families single parent	125		
Average family size	2.8		
Languages spoken/# pop	English 2765	English and French 310	
Residences	2095 of 2950 people have lived at same address for more than five (5) years		

[School Boards in the Area](#)

English Public: Near North District School Board

- Mapleridge Public School, Town of Powassan - Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8
- While there is not a high school within the municipality, there are several high school choices in the area; Almaguin Highlands Secondary School in South River (20 minute drive south) and several more in North Bay. School bus service is provided throughout the municipality.

English Catholic: Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board

- St. Gregory's Catholic School, Town of Powassan - Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8
- St. Theresa's Catholic School (French Immersion), Callander - Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8
- St. Joseph - Scollard Hall, North Bay-Grade 9 to 12 (bus service provided)

French Public: Conseil Scolaire Publique du Nord-Est de l'Ontario (located outside the Municipality)

- École Elementaire Publique Héritage, East Ferris – Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6
- Odyssée Secondary School, North Bay – Grade 7 to 12

French Catholic: Conseil Scolaire Catholique – Franco-Nord (located outside the Municipality)

- École Separée Saint Thomas-D'Aquin, North Bay – Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8
- École Secondaire Algonquin, North Bay– Grade 9 to Grade 12

[Post Secondary Schools - Diploma and Certificate courses on site](#)

The City of North Bay is home to both a college and university which share a joint main campus with direct access off of Highway 11, a 40 minute drive from Powassan.

Canadore College (www.canadorec.on.ca) offers more than 80 full-time post secondary programs, focused on key academic sectors, at three campus locations, the Education Centre (the main campus), the Aviation Campus and Commerce Court.

Nipissing University (www.nipissingu.ca) is a primarily undergraduate university with a reputation for excellence in teacher education, arts, science and professional programs, innovative approaches to learning, and a growing research culture.

[Distance Education](#)

Canadore College: courses available via internet delivery, Contact North video and audio conferencing as well as print based correspondence.

Nipissing University: offers a Bachelor of Commerce degree program which can be completed in its entirety online, as well as a number of individual online classes.

[Continuing Education](#)

Canadore College: Continuing Education courses range from arts classes to customized corporate training and from carpentry to computer workshops. You can enroll in courses, seminars and workshops, or complete part-time certificate programs covering many subjects.

The Powassan and District Library can sit exams from Canadore and Nipissing University courses.

Health Care

The Municipality prides itself on the diversity of health care available both within the community and regionally. We are only thirty minutes from the North Bay hospital and have access to specialized care in hospitals and clinics in Sudbury, less than two hours north on Highway 11.

The Municipality is a contributor and partner in a new state of the art regional hospital and mental health centre nearing completion in North Bay. The Municipality is also proud to be a contributor to the Sudbury Regional Cancer Centre.

Children's Treatment Centre: The Municipality is a financial partner and supporter of One Kids Place, North Bay, offering a range of services to help children, youth and their families with physical, development and communication delays and disabilities.

[Powassan Medical Centre, Doctors and Services](#)

8 King Street, downtown Powassan

General Practitioners: Dr. Scott Houghton and Dr. Ken Runciman

Dentist: Dr. Terence Wong

Chiropractor: Dr. Harald Kreps

Physical Therapists: Mike Mitchell and Claude Martel

Natural Therapist: Marianne Willars

HANDS The Family Help Network

[Naturopathic Clinic](#)

DMG Naturopathic Clinic, Dr. Diana Giles, 472 Main Street, Powassan (705) 497-8788

[Midwifery](#)

Birth Care, Ava Vosu, 472 Main Street, Powassan (705) 724-2229

[Pharmacies](#)

Glenn's Pharmacy, 496 Main Street, Powassan (705) 724-2741

IDA, 497 Main Street, Powassan (705) 724-3523

Long-Term Health Care Centres

Eastholme, Home for the Ages, 62 Big Bend Avenue, Powassan (705) 724-2005
Lady Isabelle Nursing Home, 102 Corkery Street, Trout Creek (705) 723-5232

Hospitals

North Bay General Hospital Scollard Site and McLaren Site, North Bay (705) 474-8600
Northeast Mental Health Centre, 4700 Hwy 11 North, North Bay (705) 474-1200

Heath Unit

North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, 681 Commercial Street, North Bay (705)474-1400

Social Services

District of Parry Sound Social Services, 10 Toronto Street, South River (705) 386-2358

Licensed Daycare Facilities

Fairview Early Learning and Childcare Centre, 152 Fairview Lane, Powassan (705) 724-5462
There are also individual licensed homes within the community through the North Bay YMCA licensing program.

Emergency Services

Service	Detail	Contact
911	911 Services are available throughout the entire municipality	Call 911
Fire	Volunteer Fire Department Stations 1&2	Fire Chief Bill Cox (705) 724-3510
Ambulance	12 hrs/day staffed service available in Municipality	Parry Sound EMS (705) 474-7400
Ontario Provincial Police	24 hours service in the Municipality call 1-888-310-1122	911 emergency service Staff Sergeant J. Strba
Emergency Rooms	North Bay General Hospital – Scollard Site	(705) 474-8600

Communications

Cable Television

E-Link based out of Sudbury (available ONLY in residential areas of Powassan and Trout Creek)

Community Channel

Available to cable subscribers only, with details of local upcoming events and public notices

Satellite Television

Bell and Shaw

Local Television Stations

MCTV, a CTV affiliate, covers the local area, broadcasting from North Bay and Sudbury

Internet Providers

Internet providers include: Vianet, Net Spectrum, Ontera and Bell Canada

Cell Phone Providers

Cell phone providers include: Bell, Rogers and Telus

Newspaper and Print Media

Almaguin News, covering Almaguin Highlands

Weekly Thursdays by subscription delivery or outlet purchase

North Bay Nugget, covering northern area

Daily Newspaper by subscription delivery or outlet purchase

Community Voices

A weekly community newspaper with free total market coverage

Thursdays by mail delivery

Radio Broadcasting

Rogers Broadcasting, North Bay (705)474-2000

CKAT (600 AM)

EZ Rock (100.5 FM)

FOX (102 FM)

MOOSE Radio (106.3 FM) (705) 475-9991

CBC Radio (96.1 FM) 1 (800) 461-1138

Transportation

Local Access

Taxi – Powassan Taxi Services and Delivery, 447 Main Street (705) 724-5292

Bus – Ontario Northland, 100 Station Road, North Bay (705) 495-4200

Local services (daily, north or south) Powassan; Stevann`s Video.

Trout Creek; Irma`s Restaurant.

Rail – Ontario Northland - rail passenger services – 100 Station Road, North Bay (705) 495-4200. No local service – you must board at the North Bay station

Highway Access

Highway 11 (four lane highway) runs through Municipality

Highway 17, 30 minutes north on Highway 11, connects North Bay, east to Mattawa and through to Ottawa and west to Sudbury and all points west.

Highway 60 (Algonquin Park) is 78 kms south of Powassan, off Highway 11

Highway 522, off Highway 11, connects Trout Creek to Highway 69

Highway 534 connects Powassan to Nipissing and Restoule, off Highway 11

Highway Distances from Major Centres

North Bay	27.2 km
Huntsville	94.2 km
Sudbury	159 km
Toronto	314 km
Ottawa	382 km
US Border (Rainbow Bridge)	426 km

Airports

Jack Garland Airport

50 Terminal St. North Bay Ontario

(705) 474-3020

www.northbayairport.com

Distance from Powassan: 35 minutes

The North Bay Jack Garland Airport, with a 10,000 foot runway can accommodate heavy cargo and the largest of passenger planes, and is served by several air carriers and charter operators with daily flights to Toronto and Ottawa. This provides national and international connector service for North Bay and other Northern Ontario communities. North Bay Airport's ICAO identification code is YYB.

South River – Sundridge Municipal Airport

521 Airport Road P.O. Box 310

South River, Ontario

info@flyalmaguin.com

Distance from Powassan: 30 minutes

Located in the heart of the Almaguin Highlands near South River and Sundridge, the airport is located just off Highway 11 near the west entrance to Algonquin Park, and falls within the Parry Sound District.

Mode of Transportation to Work

	Total	Male	Female
Population 15 & older in Labour Force	1035	670	630
Car, truck, driver	1015	555	460
Car, truck, passenger	115	50	60
Public transit	0	0	10
Walk, bike	145	40	100
Other modes	20	15	0

Utilities

Hydro

Hydro in the municipality is offered through Hydro One. The rates can be found at www.hydroone.com. The Municipality is part of the Smart Meter Program and many homes have already had their meters installed.

Natural Gas

The TransCanada Pipelines run through the municipality and natural gas service is available in the residential areas of Powassan and Trout Creek. Union Gas is the distribution company within the Municipality. Visit www.uniongas.com for more information.

Water and Wastewater

The urban area of Powassan is serviced with water and sewer. There are approximately 450 households and businesses connected. The Municipality is currently installing water meters to all residences and businesses connected to the system and a new user-payment structure to be introduced late 2010 or January 2011. A new \$2 million water reservoir was completed in the spring of 2009 which improved the distribution and pressure of the water service. Options are being considered for new infrastructure requirements for the municipal sewage system and lagoons.

Services

The Municipality offers garbage and recycling collection to all residences and businesses within the Municipality.

Garbage Collection

Collected weekly, two (2) bag limit per household, additional bag tags are available at the Municipal Office for \$1 each. Businesses have a six (6) bag limit but can make arrangements with the Municipality for additional pickups.

Recycling Collection

Collected bi-weekly, with no limitations for residential collection. Businesses can arrange additional pickups with the recycling contractor.

Landfill Site

70 Proudfoot Road, open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Tipping fees for the landfill site can be found in the Municipal User Fee By-law 2008-43.

Hazardous Materials and Electronic Waste

This includes computers, monitors, cell phones etc which can be deposited at the North Bay Household Hazardous Waste Depot, 112 Patton Street, off Seymour Street, under an agreement between the Municipality of Powassan and the City of North Bay.

Economic Profile

The Municipality of Powassan is ideally suited to a range of economic initiatives. While there are opportunities throughout the area, the Strategic Plan highlights the five main areas where the community can expand.

1. Economic Growth and Development
2. Image, Identity and Community Attitude
3. Tourism
4. Agriculture
5. Recreation and Leisure

MoPED (Municipality of Powassan Economic Development Committee) provides strategic economic advice to the Council to help ensure the municipality is in a position of Investment Readiness and is better prepared to take advantage of future opportunities as they occur.

Further information on business and economic development options is available by contacting the Municipal office.

Labour Force Activity

	Total	Male	Female
Population 15 and over	2600	1245	1355
Active In Labour Force	1565	830	735
Employed	1450	755	690
Unemployed	120	70	45
Participation Rate	60.2	66.7	54.2
Employment Rate	55.8	60.6	50.9
Unemployment Rate	7.7	8.4	6.1

Industry

	Total	Male	Female
Experienced pop. Over 15	1530	810	725
Agriculture/resource based	135	100	35
Construction	105	105	0
Manufacturing	125	110	15
Wholesale trade	60	45	15
Retail trade	190	100	90
Finance / Real Estate	50	20	30
Health Care	250	15	235
Education services	175	60	115
Business services	240	150	90
Other services	195	100	100

Occupation

	Total	Male	Female
Population 15 & over	1530	810	725
Management	110	70	50
Business, finance, administrative	155	25	125
Natural and applied sciences	40	35	0
Health	120	10	105
Social sciences, education, gov't, religion	190	30	160
Art, culture, recreation, sport	10	0	0
Sales, services	355	130	225
Trades, transport equip't operators	325	310	10
Unique to primary industry	115	85	25
Unique to processing, manufacturing, utilities	110	100	15

Major Industry

For a listing of all businesses please visit www.powassan.net under the business directory listing. The listing can be sorted by category or reviewed alphabetically. Information on the directory has been provided by business owners.

Private Sector

	Year Est'd	Product or Service	Sector	No. of Employees (approx.)
Bank of Nova Scotia	1905	banking	financial	19
Oshell's Valu Mart	1982	food	retail	35
Quality Hardwood	1978	wood products	manufacturing	40
Lady Isabelle Nursing Home	1978	seniors' nursing	health care	82
Trout Creek Planing Mill	1991	wood mill	forestry	7
Knowlton Ridge Equestrian Centre	2007	equestrian facility	sports and recreation	13
Giesler Boat Builders	1940	boat manufacturing	manufacturing	6

Public Sector

Name	Sector	No. of Employees (approximate)
Eastholme Home for the Aged	health care	125
Municipality of Powassan	government	18
Mapleridge Public School	education	24
St. Gregory's School	education	25

Educational Attainment

Attainment

	Total	Male	Female
Total Population 15+	2605	1245	1355
No certificate	780	355	420
High School certificate	680	380	300
Trade Certificate	295	225	70
College or non-university	595	215	380
University certificate Bch	35	10	25
University degree	220	60	160

Census Family Income

(20% Sample Data - Statistics Canada 2006)	
Average family income \$:	\$63,445
Median family income \$:	\$55,676
Standard error of average family income \$:	\$2,927

Planning and Development

Commercial and Industrial

The municipality has a Commercial and Industrial Land Inventory available through the Municipal GIS System. This inventory highlights particulars regarding property that is currently zoned commercial. The highlights include details on vacancy, property area, services available and building information. You can view the Inventory at the municipal website www.powassan.net under the GIS Portal links.

The Municipality is also listed with the province of Ontario's Investment Readiness Project .The profile of Powassan can be viewed at www.investinontario.com/communities. This site also hosts a property for sale feature which specializes in commercial or industrial real estate.

[Geographical Information System](#)

The Geographical Information System (GIS) is available as a portal from the Municipal website at www.powassan.net. The GIS shows interactive mapping and detailed information relating to properties within the Municipality. Information includes roads, hydrant distances, zoning, assessment, where services are provided, and property descriptions.

[Building Permit](#)

Building permit fees are listed in By-law 2008-33, which is available from the Municipality. The base fee is \$50.00 for a building permit, plus \$0.87 per square foot for buildings up to 1,000 square feet, plus \$0.45 per square foot for anything over 1,000 square feet.

Building permits are required for work performed by a contractor relating to plumbing, electrical and other safety work. They are also required for any construction over 100 square feet.

[Water and Sewer](#)

The Municipality's urban serviced area, located in the town of Powassan, is supplied with municipal water and sewer services. Water metres will be installed in early spring of 2010 with an anticipation active date in July 2010. Fees for the metered water services have not been calculated as of yet. The fee will be based on realistic usage versus costs from July 2010 and will start being applied January 2011.

There are available services for additional water hook-ups, and the Municipality is working on a number of projects to obtain additional capacity in the waste water system. Currently the fees to connect to the services are; Water / Sewer – connecting at same time \$2,300 total, or if separately the fee is \$2,000 each.

The remaining area of the Municipality is on private well and septic systems. The North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority receives and approves application for new septic systems.

[Tax Rates](#)

The Municipality has strived to maintain a competitive and comparatively low tax rate. This, in combination with no development fees makes Powassan an excellent place to live, invest and do business.

Quality of Life

Living in Powassan

Powassan combines the amenities of a larger urban centre with the atmosphere of small town living. There are banking facilities with the Scotiabank, MTO licensing offices, a large selection of education opportunities, and a multi-service health care sector. There are playgrounds within walking distance of most urban areas, recreation facilities to provide family members with youth and seniors programs and retail stores to provide basic essentials and more. Powassan is truly the heart of good living.

Farmers Market

A Farmers Market is held in Powassan each Saturday from May to September, on Main Street, at the Beer Store. Local producers and crafters sell their products, which include Amish baking and farm fresh fruits and produce in season. There are also demonstrations and special events planned annually.

Cultural

Library

The Powassan and District Union Library (<http://powlib.www2.onlink.net>) is located on Clark Street and boasts many programs as well as audio, video and book borrowing. The Library is equipped for computer use, training and wireless high speed internet. Meeting rooms, complete with kitchen, are available for rental. Special programs include children's events, book clubs and educational guest speakers. An Art Studio on the lower level showcases works by local and regional artists and artisans.

Museum

The Powassan Historical Society operates the Clark House Museum open from May to September. Located off Fairview Lane in the century home of one the Powassan's founding families, the interactive museum contains many local historic documents and family records as well as displaying household and agricultural items of past eras. The house and grounds are home to the annual History Alive Day which highlights a specific historical theme each year in addition to hosted museum tours, outdoor displays, antique equipment and cars, barbeques and live music. Every October, the museum is transformed into a spine chilling haunted house for tours by local school children. The Clark House Museum is part of the Near North Heritage Group of area museums and can be visited at www.nnhg.ca.

Places of Worship

St. Joseph Catholic Church – 120 Memorial Park Drive, Powassan (705) 724-2118

St. Mary's Anglican Church – 16 Memorial Park Drive, Powassan (705) 724-2789

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses – 37 English Line, Powassan (705) 724-3193

Powassan United Church – 462 Main Street, Powassan (705) 724-2815

Powassan Wesleyan Church – 22 Big Bend Avenue, Powassan (705) 724-3818

Powassan Pentecostal Church – 14 Main Street, Powassan (705) 724-2590

Sacred Heart Catholic Church – 165 Main Street, Trout Creek (705) 723-5352

Trout Creek United Church – 201 Main Street, Trout Creek (705) 723-1089

Trout Creek Baptist Church – 138 Main Street West, Trout Creek (705) 723-1898

Recreation and Leisure

Municipal Facilities

Sportsplex community Recreation Centre – 433 Main Street, Powassan

- ice surface for hockey, figure skating and private events
- hall with kitchen and bar facilities available for rentals

Curling Club – 433 Main Street, Powassan

- operated by volunteer group
- attached to Sportsplex offering two surfaces for games
- small kitchen and bar facilities
- available for rentals

Trout Creek Community Centre – 181 Main Street, Trout Creek

- ice surface for hockey, figure skating and private events
- hall with kitchen and bar facilities available for rentals.

Powassan Lions Pool (outdoor) – 355 Edward Street, Powassan

- open from first Monday in June to last week of August
- swimming lessons – three sessions per year
- public swimming afternoons Monday to Saturday
- available for rentals

South River Reservoir Beach and Boat Launch – end of Purdon Line – locally known as the Hydro Pond

- beach area - no lifeguards provided
- pavilion for picnic
- raft for more advanced swimmers and divers
- boat launch
- dog area at boat launch
- washroom facilities

Parks and Playgrounds

Parks and playgrounds are open from May long weekend to September long weekend from sunrise to sunset.

Powassan Lions Park - Main Street and Edward Street

- playground equipment for ages 5-12
- ball diamond
- Genesee Creek nearby for fishing
- fenced pad for road hockey, skateboarding

South Himsworth Park – 7 Glendale Heights

- baseball diamond and soccer fields
- swing set
- hall for rent with kitchen – contact Powassan Lions for information

Trout Creek Playground – 181 Main Street

- baseball diamond
- tennis courts
- playground equipment for ages 2-12
- also the fair grounds for the Agricultural Fair
- hosts the Relay for Life in June

Veterans Memorial Park – Corner of Main Street and Memorial Park Drive

- Horticultural Society flower beds
- community gazebo

Pines Interpretative Trails

The Pines hiking trails are located at the end of Catherine Street in Powassan behind Eastholme. The property is leased from Eastholme to the Municipality for community use. There are three main four season trails for users to discover at their leisure. The Lookout Trail will take you to the top of the mountain for a spectacular view of the area. The Genesee Trail will take you up and down hills and travel alongside the Genesee Creek. The Big Bend Trail is an easy trail for a beginner that includes portions of roadway. You may hike, cross country ski, snowshoe or mountain bike through the trails. No motorized vehicles are permitted.

Private Recreation Centres

There is a wide assortment of extracurricular programs available to the community. Powassan is fortunate to have a sports academy in the urban area that offers a range of programming. Additional recreation programming is available in North Bay.

DLB Academy of Sport and Recreation – 250 Clark Street

- state of the art fitness centre, open extended hours with key pass system
- soccer camp in summer months
- gym rentals
- fitness classes available
- call (705) 724-5125 for more information or visit www.dlbacademy.com

The North Bay YMCA – 186 Chippewa Street West, North Bay

- within driving distance
- all typical programs and has an excellent aquatic facility
- call (705) 497-9622 for more information visit www.ymca.ca

Tourism

Powassan's many resident volunteers and community organizations host a number of unique events and festivals throughout the year. The sense of pride exhibited at these events is remarkable and a warm welcome awaits all who attend.

Trout Creek Winter Carnival

Where: Trout Creek Community Centre

When: 2nd weekend in February

Activities: tiny tot pageant, bingo, skating, family hockey tournament, pancake breakfast

Maple Syrup Festival

Where: Main Street, Powassan

When: 4th Saturday of April

Activities: loggers, pancake breakfast, food booths, children's activities, craft booths, live music, horse drawn rides, free trips to sugar bush

Canada Day Celebration

Where: South Himsworth Park

When: July 1st

Activities: fireworks, children's games, hot dogs, live music

Trout Creek Agricultural Society's Fall Fair

Where: Trout Creek Community Centre

When: 2nd last weekend in August

Activities: corn roast, horse show, children's games, craft exhibits, baking

Powassan Agricultural Society's Fall Fair

Where: Powassan Fairgrounds, Fairview Lane

When: Labour Day Weekend

Activities: parade, heavy horse pulls, demolition derby, live music, midway, home crafts, poultry show

Horse Shows

Where: Knowlton Ridge Equestrian Centre, Main Street, Powassan

When: spring, summer and fall

Activities: Trillium Horse Shows, English and Western Schooling Shows, Pony Club, and Summer Camps

Government

The Municipality of Powassan is governed by a local Council consisting of the mayor and six councillors all elected at large. The term of Council is the standard four years, from December 2006 to November 30, 2010, with 2010 being an election year.

Municipal Officials

Council Members

Mayor Bob Young
Councillor Nancy Barner
Councillor Blair Beatty
Councillor Gerry Giesler
Councillor Roger Glabb
Councillor Peter Mclsaac
Councillor George Thompson

Administration Staff

There are staff including a CAO-Clerk, Treasurer, Public Works Superintendent and Fire Chief to assist in implementing Council priorities and policies.

CAO-Clerk: Roger Labelle	General Government
Treasurer: Maureen Lang	Finance, Budget, Tax Collector
Deputy Clerk: Nicky Kunkel	Planning
Deputy Treasurer: Robert Giesler	Accounts, Payroll
Finance Clerk: Kimberly Bester-Melanson	Cemetery
Economic Development Officer: Anna Gibson-Olajos	Economic Development
Chief Building Official: Rocky Edmonds	Building
Deputy Chief Building Official: Brian Horseman	Building
Fire Chief: Bill Cox.	Fire Department
Recreation and Facility Manager: Charles Hebert	Sportsplex, parks and playgrounds
Arena Labourer: Jim Hilton	Sportsplex
Administrative Assistant: Lesley Purdon	Accessibility, Police Services
Receptionist Cashier: Sherrill Smith	Customer Service
Community Emergency Management Coordinator: Heather Ward:	Emergency Assistance

Public Works Staff

Public Works Superintendent: Garry Keown
Public Works Foreman: Phillip Hummel
Public Works Assistants: John Burns, John Hummel, Scott Toebes, Frank Young, & Kevin Walsh
Landfill: Ken Kunkel
Waste Collection: Ron Vollick, Larry Daw

Committies

The Municipality incorporates Agencies, Boards, and Committees to ensure the duties of Council and staffs is reflective of community needs. There are several Standing Committees of Council where a Councillor(s), staff and resident volunteers are members. All meetings are open to the public and a resident can appear before a committee with suggestions/requests by calling the Municipal Office with the request.

Council: Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Public Works: Meets the second Monday of each month

Recreation: Meets the first Wednesday of each month

MoPED (Economic Development Committee): Meets the third Monday of each month

Boards

Boards are typically set up with regional partners allowing the Municipality to participate through appointing members. Board meetings are open to the public as well.

Library Board: Meet monthly at the Powassan and District Union Library

North Almaguin Planning Board: Meet as required (upon application) at the Municipal Office

Trout Creek Community Centre Board: Meets the first Monday of each month at the TCCC

Eastholme, home of the Aged: Meets monthly at Eastholme

Golden Sunshine Housing: Known as The Pines, meets monthly at The Pines Apartments near Eastholme

Community Strategic Plan

The Municipality's Mission and Vision Statements have been development through the 2006 Strategic Planning Process.

Mission

"Through efficient and effective leadership, Powassan supports a high quality of life for all of its citizens. Its citizens have a strong sense of pride and ownership in the community".

Vision

"Powassan is a community that embraces change while respecting the rich heritage of the area. It is a municipality based on strong fiscal government with a durable economy that recognizes the rights of all citizens, respects the environment and the amenities that it affords and offers to citizens a healthy, active lifestyle".

Studies Available

The Municipality of Powassan has completed the following studies which are available to the public at the Municipal Office or electronically on the Municipal website, under Economic Development – Investment Readiness

- 2006 Powassan Community Strategic Plan
- 2008 Housing Study
- 2005 Recreation Action Plan
- Official Plan 2003, soon for 2010
- Zoning By-laws 2003, soon for 2010
- 2001 Labour Force and Market Analysis (electronic format unavailable at this time)

Recent Investments and Initiatives

In addition to the studies mentioned above, several infrastructure projects have been completed to advance the growth and expansion of our community.

- Resurfacing of a number of roads; Memorial Park Drive, Valley View Drive
- Bridge work; engineering for Butterfield Road, replacement of Maplehill Road Bridge and Sausage Creek Bridge
- New water reservoir and upgrades to the water and sewer distribution system
- Recreation facilities; upgrades to kitchens, expansion of Sportsplex to begin spring of 2010, upgrades for energy efficiency and new ice boards.
- Playgrounds; upgrades and new installation of playground equipment
- Fleet; new fire trucks and road equipment, trucks
- Non tangible; new GIS system, Asset Management Programming started, review of Official Plan and Zoning started, and rejuvenation of Love Lake Space Science Conservation Centre.

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