

City of Kenora


SMALL BUSINESS

The City of Kenora is located in the heart of the continent, on the Canadian Shield, in the northwest corner of Ontario, just 50 kilometres from the Manitoba border and 2 hours from Winnipeg.

Kenora is perched on the north shore of Lake of the Woods and its 14,522 islands and 65,000 miles of shoreline. Kenora is that iconic Canada painted by the Group of Seven – the granite, the pines, and the water.


INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS


15,000 population with seasonal influx of **2-3 times full-time population**

 Kenora is a **service hub** for neighbouring communities

717 business with **employees registered in Kenora**

500 businesses with **under 10 employees**

 Top sectors for employment by industry: **construction and retail trade**

 Supportive **small business community** with available economic incentives

WORKFORCE TRAINING

- Kenora is home to **three education institutions**, both of which offer post-secondary, college and customized employer training minutes from the downtown core:
- Lake of the Woods Campus of Confederation College
- Seven Generations Education Institute
- Niiwin Wendaanimok (Four Winds) Partnership.

COLLABORATION, ECONOMIC INCENTIVES AND RESOURCES

Small Businesses in Kenora are celebrated and supported by a number of organizations in the ecosystem. Businesses located in Kenora are potentially eligible to access support from organizations including:

- Northwest Business Centre
- Lake of the Woods Business Incentive Corporation
- Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre
- Kenora and District Chamber of Commerce
- Ministry of Northern Development – Northern Ontario Heritage Fund
- FedNor

With a dedicated department in Economic Development, our team would be happy to connect you with the local contact or set up a funder meeting to best support your business.



LIFE AT THE LAKE

*Why vacation here when
you could just live here?*

Kenora's position on Lake of the Woods offers unparalleled opportunity to live life outside. Experience all four seasons in a community with natural beauty and amenities that residents and visitors celebrate.

15,000	population	2	seniors centres	1	sportsplex <ul style="list-style-type: none">· indoor soccer field· indoor playground
45	area restaurants	2	curling venues		
1	new art gallery	1	splashpark	2	school boards
				3	pools
1	indoor walking track	3	post-secondary institutions	1	dance studio
5	commercial fitness centres	2	golf courses		amazing small shops
6	public beaches	6	boat launches with associated parking		
1	incredible Lake of the Woods Discovery Centre			1	ski hill <ul style="list-style-type: none">· 11 downhill runs· terrain park· over 20km of cross-country ski trail· tubing
2	public libraries	1	theatre company		
2	indoor ice surfaces	8	pickleball courts		
1	disc golf course	1	yoga studio		vibrant events in four seasons
1	amazing museum	7	public playgrounds	6	tennis courts



My wife and I were both born and raised in Kenora, and we are proud to say that this is where we've chosen to raise our son, and also operate our business. We feel a sense of connection to this community, and it's one of the reasons we're passionate about living and working here.

Living and working here as a real estate professional has been an incredible journey. The market is unique, with a perfect blend of waterfront properties, charming homes, and growing commercial spaces. Kenora's natural beauty, surrounded by many of our beautiful lakes, makes it an attractive place for buyers looking for a dream home, a cottage getaway, or an investment property.

*- Ian Filips, Broker of Record,
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