

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

Community Profile

2015



Location

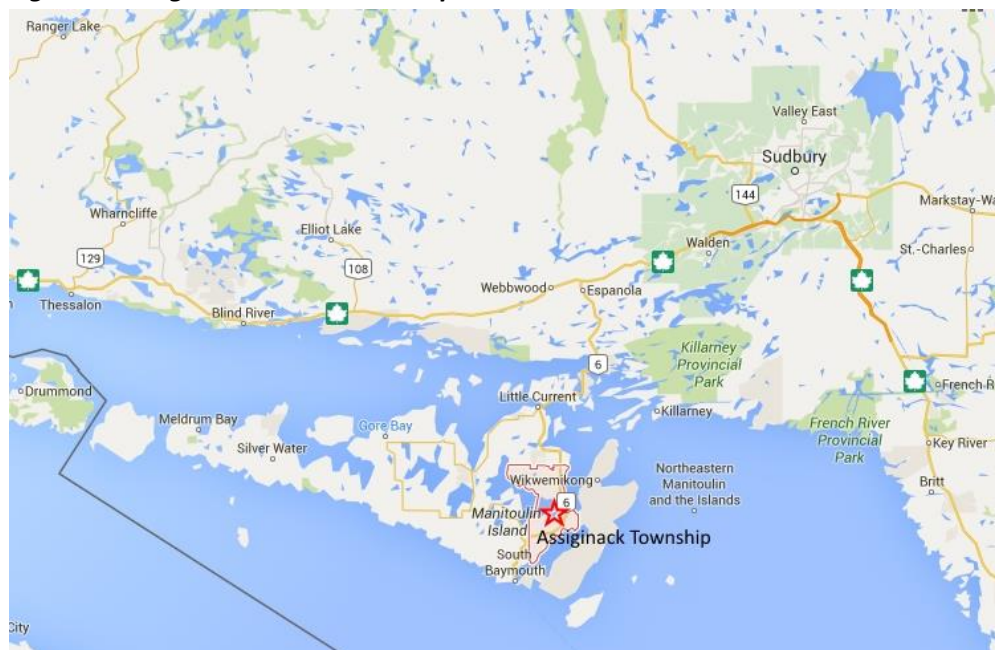
Assignack Township is located on Manitoulin Island, in the province of Ontario.

Figure 1: Assignack Township Boundary



Source: Google Maps

Figure 2: Assignack-Manitoulin Map



Source: Google Maps

Demographics

Population Size and Growth

Between 2006 and 2011, Assignack experienced a population increase of 5%.

Table 1: Census Population Change, 1996 – 2011

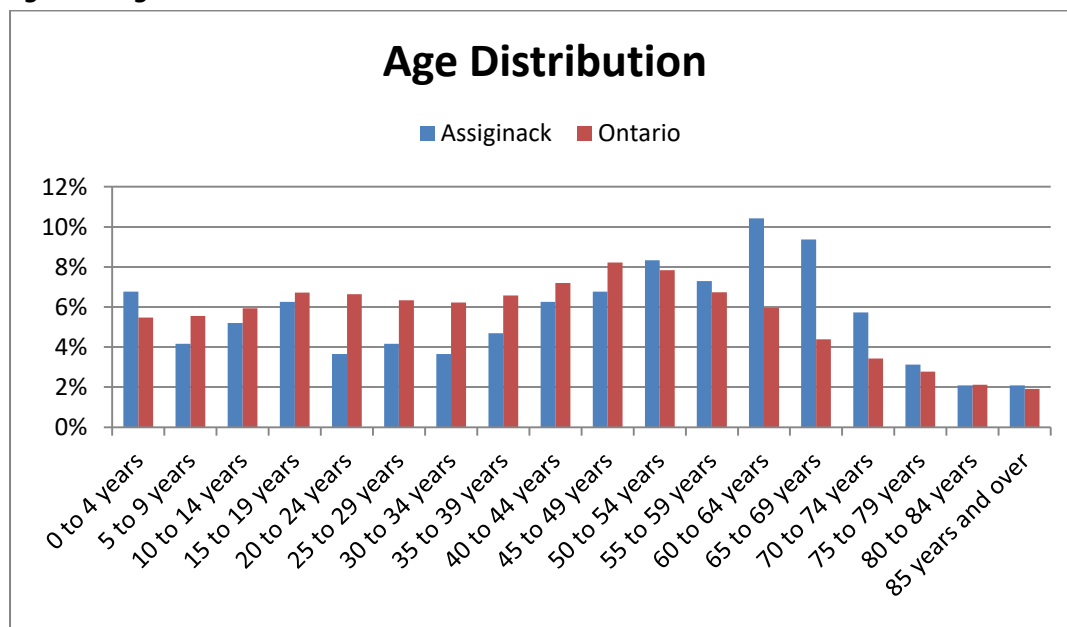
	1996	2001	2006	2011
Assignack Population Count	926	931	914	960
% Change from Previous Census	-	0.50%	-1.80%	5.00%
Ontario Population Count	10,753,573	11,410,046	12,160,282	12,851,821
% Change from Previous Census	-	6.10%	6.58%	5.69%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 & 2011 Census of Population

Age Profile

Assignack has an older population compared to the provincial average, with a median age 9 years higher than Ontario. Statistics show that percentages of the total population that are between the ages of 50 to 79, 85 and over, and 0 to 4, are above the provincial average, while the percentages for those aged 5 to 49 years and 80 to 84 years are under the provincial average.

Figure 3: Age Distribution Chart



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census of Population

Table 2: Age Distribution

Age Groups	Assignack 2011	Assignack %	Ontario %
0 to 4 years	65	6.77%	5.48%
5 to 9 years	40	4.17%	5.55%
10 to 14 years	50	5.21%	5.94%
15 to 19 years	60	6.25%	6.72%
20 to 24 years	35	3.65%	6.64%
25 to 29 years	40	4.17%	6.34%
30 to 34 years	35	3.65%	6.23%
35 to 39 years	45	4.69%	6.57%
40 to 44 years	60	6.25%	7.19%
45 to 49 years	65	6.77%	8.22%
50 to 54 years	80	8.33%	7.83%
55 to 59 years	70	7.29%	6.73%
60 to 64 years	100	10.42%	5.96%
65 to 69 years	90	9.38%	4.38%
70 to 74 years	55	5.73%	3.43%
75 to 79 years	30	3.13%	2.77%
80 to 84 years	20	2.08%	2.11%
85 years and over	20	2.08%	1.92%
Median age of the population	49.1		40.4

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 & 2011 Census of Population

Language Characteristics

Table 3 indicates 93.45% of people in Assignack speak English.

Table 3: Language Characteristics, 2011

Language	Assignack %	Assignack
Total Responses: 955		955
English	93.45%	870
French	4.83%	45
Ojibway	1.61%	15
Dutch	0.54%	5
German	0.54%	5
Polish	0.54%	5
Serbian	0.54%	5
English & non-official	0.54%	5

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 & 2011 Census of Population

Mobility Status

Residents of Assignack were significantly less likely to move than the provincial average. Movers were more likely to move from outside Assignack than within Assignack. In addition, Assignack's migration comes from within the province, statistics show that zero percent have migrated from outside the province or from outside of Canada.

Table 4: Mobility Status, 2011

Characteristics	Assignack 2011	Assignack 2011 %	Ontario 2011 %
Mobility Status - place of residence status one year ago			
Total Population	905		
Non-movers	880	97.2%	88.4%
Movers	20	2.2%	11.6%
Non-migrants	20	2.2%	6.8%
Migrants	0	0.0%	4.8%
Internal migrants	0	0.0%	3.8%
Intraprovincial migrants	0	0.0%	3.4%
Interprovincial migrants	0	0.0%	0.4%
External migrants	0	0.0%	1.0%
Mobility Status - place of residence status five years ago			
Total Population	885		
Non-movers	675	76.3%	62.5%
Movers	210	23.7%	37.5%
Non-migrants	130	14.7%	20.8%
Migrants	80	9.0%	16.7%
Internal migrants	80	9.0%	12.7%
Intraprovincial migrants	80	9.0%	11.2%
Interprovincial migrants	0	0.0%	1.5%
External migrants	0	0.0%	4.0%

Source: National Housing Survey, 2011

Level of Education

Table 5 indicates the level of education attainment in Assignack in 2011:

- Assignack has a larger percentage of residents with an apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma education attainment level compared to the provincial average.
- Assignack is slightly lower than the provincial average for percentage of residents with College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma education attainment level.
- Assignack has a smaller percentage of residents with university education level compared to the provincial average.

Table 5: Educational Attainment, 2011

Characteristics	Assignack 2011	Assignack 2011 %	Ontario 2011 %
Total population aged 25 to 64 years by highest certificate; diploma or degree	510		
No certificate; diploma or degree	55	10.8%	11.0%
High school diploma or equivalent	225	44.1%	24.3%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	85	16.7%	7.8%
College; CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	100	19.6%	23.6%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	0	0.0%	4.5%
University certificate; diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	45	8.8%	28.9%

Source: National Housing Survey, 2011

Income

Table 6 indicates substantially lower incomes levels in Assignack than in Ontario in 2010, with a much greater percentage of income derived from government transfers.

Table 6: Income Level of Individuals, 2010

Income Characteristics of Individuals	Assignack 2010	Assignack 2010 %	Ontario 2010 %
Total income in 2010 of population aged 15 years and over	800		10,473,670
Without income	50	6.3%	5.3%
With income	750	93.8%	94.7%
Under \$5,000	85	10.6%	10.2%
\$5,000 to \$9,999	50	6.3%	6.8%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	115	14.4%	8.3%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	55	6.9%	8.4%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	160	20.0%	13.0%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	85	10.6%	10.9%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	60	7.5%	9.4%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	30	3.8%	7.1%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	50	6.3%	9.2%
\$80,000 and over	40	5.0%	11.4%
Characteristic	Assignack		Ontario
Median income (\$)	24,016		30,526
Average income (\$)	32,024		42,264
Composition of total income (%)	100		100

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Earnings (%)	60.7		74.8
Government transfers (%)	25.3		12.3
Other money (%)	14.0		12.9

Source: National Housing Survey, 2011

Table 7 indicates substantially lower family incomes in Assignack than in Ontario in 2010.

Table 7: Family Income Levels, 2010

Characteristics	Assignack	Ontario
Family income in 2010 of economic families	320	3,528,375
Median family income (\$)	52,397	80,987
Average family income (\$)	65,906	100,152
Median after-tax family income (\$)	46,560	71,128
Average after-tax family income (\$)	57,946	83,322
Average family size	2.5	3.1
Couple-only economic families	215	1,197,250
Median family income (\$)	52,299	71,670
Average family income (\$)	49,261	89,678
Median after-tax family income (\$)	46,450	63,402
Average after-tax family income (\$)	44,225	74,551
Average family size	2	2
Couple-with-children economic families	85	1,689,175
Median family income (\$)	97,051	101,715
Average family income (\$)	119,751	121,285
Median after-tax family income (\$)	84,763	87,820
Average after-tax family income (\$)	102,306	99,843
Average family size	4	4
Lone-parent economic families	20	520,715
Median family income (\$)	37,200	47,237
Average family income (\$)	32,147	58,622
Median after-tax family income (\$)	34,128	44,398
Average after-tax family income (\$)	30,351	51,624
Average family size	3.3	2.7

Source: National Housing Survey, 2011

Table 8 indicates substantially lower household incomes in Assignack than in Ontario in 2010.

Table 8: Household Income Levels, 2010

Characteristic	Assignack	Assignack 2010 %	Ontario 2010 %
Household total income in 2010 of private households	410		488,665

Under \$5,000	0	0.0%	2.5%
\$5,000 to \$9,999	0	0.0%	1.6%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	0	0.0%	2.9%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	25	6.1%	4.3%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	55	13.4%	8.3%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	35	8.5%	8.7%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	35	8.5%	8.7%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	55	13.4%	8.2%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	40	9.8%	13.9%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	65	15.9%	11.3%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	15	3.7%	10.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	10	2.4%	6.8%
\$150,000 and over	0	0.0%	12.5%
Characteristic	Assignack		Ontario
Median household total income (\$)	47,578		66,358
Average household total income (\$)	58,782		85,772

Source: National Housing Survey, 2011

Labour Force

Assignack's labour force consists of 795 persons. Table 9 demonstrates that Assignack's labour participation rate is on par with Ontario's; the employment rate is lower than Ontario's, while the unemployment rate is higher than Ontario's.

Table 9: Labour Force Characteristics, 2011

Characteristics	Assignack	Ontario
Total population aged 15 years and over by labour force status	795	10,473,670
In the labour force	495	6,864,990
Employed	385	6,297,005
Unemployed	105	567,985
Not in the labour force	305	3,608,685
Participation rate	62.3	65.5
Employment rate	48.4	60.1
Unemployment rate	21.2	8.3

Source: National Housing Survey, 2011

Labour Force by Occupation

In Assignack, sales and service occupations represent the largest occupation group in the area which is 15% higher than the percentage in Ontario. Trades, transport, and equipment operators and related occupations represent the second largest occupation group in the area. Table 10 indicates Assignack's

labour force experience by occupation. This table shows job growth in many classes of occupations from 2011 and 2015.

Table 10: Labour Force by Occupation with 10 or more employed

NOC-S: 1-digit	Description	2011 Jobs	2015 Jobs	Change	2015 Median Hourly Earnings
A	Management occupations	20	14	(6)	unknown
B	Business, finance and administrative occupations	40	41	1	\$21.78
C	Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	13	15	2	\$27.97
F	Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	14	20	6	\$18.86
G	Sales and service occupations	74	89	15	\$14.45
H	Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	51	51	0	\$21.66
I	Occupations unique to primary industry	20	27	7	unknown
	Total	254	281	27	
NOC-S: 2-digit	Description	2011 Jobs	2015 Jobs	Change	2015 Median Hourly Earnings
A3	Other managers, n.e.c.	11	<10	--	unknown
B5	Clerical occupations	20	21	1	\$19.47
C1	Technical occupations related to natural and applied sciences	<10	12	--	\$27.20
F1	Technical occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	<10	10	--	\$16.10
G3	Cashiers	11	12	1	\$10.12
G9	Sales and service occupations, n.e.c.	29	36	7	\$11.88
H1	Construction trades	10	<10	--	unknown
H4	Mechanics	<10	11	--	unknown
I0	Occupations unique to agriculture, excluding labourers	13	21	8	unknown
	Total	136	158	22	
NOC-S: 3-digit	Description	2011 Jobs	2015 Jobs	Change	2015 Median Hourly Earnings
G31	Cashiers	11	12	1	unknown
G93	Cleaners	18	20	2	\$10.12
I01	Contractors, operators and supervisors in agriculture, horticulture and aquaculture	12	21	9	unknown
NOC-S: 4-digit	Description	2011 Jobs	2015 Jobs	Change	2015 Median Hourly Earnings
G311	Cashiers	11	12	1	\$10.12
G931	Light duty cleaners	11	12	1	unknown
I015	Landscaping and grounds maintenance contractors and managers	<10	10	--	unknown

Source: Employees & Self-Employed - EMSI 2015.3

Labour Force by Industry

A significant portion of the labour force in Assignack is employed in the retail trade industry which accounts for 25.3% of the labour force compared to 11.2% of Ontario's labour force. The percentage of labour force in health care and social assistance is also very large, which is 8% higher than the percentage in Ontario. The following table indicates Assignack's labour force experience by industry.

Table 11: Labour Force by Industry, 2011

NAICS Code: 2-digit	Description	2011 Jobs	2015 Jobs	Change	2015 Avg. Earnings Per Job
11	Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	<10	12	--	unknown
23	Construction	23	16	(7)	unknown
44-45	Retail trade	32	37	5	\$21,293
56	Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	30	39	9	unknown
71	Arts, entertainment and recreation	46	57	11	\$19,056
81	Other services (except public administration)	34	40	6	\$30,424
91	Public administration	44	42	(2)	\$54,880
	Total	224	251	27	unknown
NAICS Code: 3-digit	Description	2011 Jobs	2015 Jobs	Change	2015 Avg. Earnings Per Job
111-112	Farms	<10	12	--	unknown
238	Specialty trade contractors	17	10	(7)	unknown
445	Food and beverage stores	15	16	1	\$29,165
447	Gasoline stations	<10	10	--	\$19,244
561	Administrative and support services	30	39	9	unknown
711	Performing arts, spectator sports and related industries	19	26	7	\$11,992
713	Amusement, gambling and recreation industries	22	25	3	\$20,055
811	Repair and maintenance	30	35	5	\$32,035
912	Provincial and territorial public administration	26	25	(1)	\$73,223
	Total	176	198	22	unknown
NAICS Code: 4-digit	Description	2011 Jobs	2015 Jobs	Change	2015 Avg. Earnings Per Job
1110	Farms	<10	12	--	unknown
2383	Building finishing contractors	17	10	(7)	unknown
4471	Gasoline stations	<10	10	--	\$19,244
5617	Services to buildings and dwellings	30	39	9	unknown
7111	Performing arts companies	19	26	7	\$11,992
7139	Other amusement and recreation industries	22	25	3	\$20,055

8113	Commercial and industrial machinery and equipment (except automotive and electronic) repair and maintenance	13	16	3	unknown
9120	Provincial and territorial public administration	26	25	(1)	\$73,223
	Total	145	164	19	

Source: Employees & Self-Employed - EMSI 2015.3

Commuting to Work

The following two tables provide information on persons reporting a “usual place of work other than in their home or outside of Canada,” and reveal the following regarding labour force commuting with respect to Assignack:

Table 12: Where the Assignack Resident Labour Force Works, 2011

Place of work	Total	Male	Female
Assignack	75	35	40
Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands	60	0	50
Wikwemikong Unceded	25	0	25
Greater Sudbury	45	0	0
Total Resident Labour Force	205	35	115
<i>Total resident labour force with a usual place of work outside of Assignack</i>	130	0	75
<i>Percent of residents declaring a place of work outside of Assignack</i>	63.4%	0.0%	65.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey, Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 99-012-X2011032.

Table 13: Place of Residence for Persons Working in Assignack, 2011

Place of residence	Total	Male	Female
Assignack	75	35	40
Wikwemikong Unceded	30	10	15
Total Resident Labour Force	105	45	55
<i>Total non-resident labour force commuting to work to Assignack</i>	30	10	15
<i>Percent of workers (non-residents) commuting to work to Assignack</i>	28.6%	22.2%	27.3%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey, Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 99-012-X2011032.

Transportation Facilities

Highways

Major arterial highways serving the region:

- The Ontario Highway #6 runs north-south and links Assignack north to Little Current and Espanola and south to South Baymouth.
- The Trans-Canada Highway #17 is approximately 86 km from the town site of Manitowaning, connecting Manitoulin Island west to Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay and east to Sudbury, North Bay, and Ottawa.
- The Ontario Highway #144 runs north to Timmins and can be accessed via Trans-Canada Highway #17.
- The Ontario Highway #69 runs south from Sudbury to the Ontario Highway #400 leading into Toronto and Southern Ontario

Table 16: Distances to Major Urban Centres

Urban Centres	Kilometres	Miles
Espanola	83	52
Kingston	737	458
London	690	429
Montreal	836	519
North Bay	283	176
Ottawa	643	400
Sault Ste Marie	325	202
St. Catharines	631	392
Sudbury	165	103
Thunder Bay	1,026	638
Timmins	430	267
Toronto	550	342
Windsor	868	539
Winnipeg	1,703	1,058

Source: <https://www.google.ca/maps/dir/> (all distances calculated from Manitowaning Business Section)

Airports

Manitoulin East Municipal Airport (CYEM)

Phone: (705) 859-3009

Manager: George Dobbs

Email: meairport@eastlink.ca

Located on Highway #6 14 km north of Manitowaning, the Manitoulin East Municipal Airport serves air traffic to Manitoulin Island. The airport has a 3500' by 100' paved runway with runway lighting, ample aircraft parking, two types of fuel, accessible facilities, and year round access.

Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport (CYZE)

Phone: (705) 282-2101

Manager: Robert J. Colwell

Email: bestairport@onlink.net

The second airport on Manitoulin is located on Airport Road via Ontario Secondary Highway #540A approximately 87 km from Assiginack, primarily serving the West end of Manitoulin. The airport has a 4900' by 100' paved runway, aircraft parking, free camping on grounds, two types of fuel, and year round access.

Port/Ferry Service

Bay Street Marina

The Township of Assiginack operates a marina in Manitowaning Bay on Lake Huron. The marina offers 30 seasonal or transient slips, washrooms, 60 ft docks, gas and diesel fuel, pump outs, and a launch ramp. Recreational boaters can access the North Channel and other Manitoulin based marinas within a day's cruise on the beautiful Lake Huron water.

MS Chi-Cheemaun Ferry

The MS Chi-Cheemaun Ferry vessel is owned and operated by the Owen Sound Transportation Company. The vessel ferries automobiles and passengers from South Baymouth, Manitoulin Island to Tobermory, located on the Bruce Peninsula across the Georgian Bay. The South Baymouth port is approximately 31 km from Assiginack and is a very popular method of transportation for Manitoulin Island residents and visitors alike. The 40 km (25 mi) trip across the Georgian Bay takes approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes and makes the voyage 4 times per day in peak season. The ship features a drive-on, drive-off bow and stern, loading and unloading through a visored bow system and a square door stern section. It has capacity for 648 passengers and 143 vehicles, including room for large highway vehicles such as buses and transport trucks.

Taxes and Utilities

Table 17: Local Property Tax Rates - 2015

CLASS	MUNICIPAL RATE	EDUCATION RATE	TOTAL RATE
Residential	0.01470295	0.00195000	0.01665295
Multi-Residential	0.01470295	0.00195000	0.01665295
Commercial Occupied	0.01396780	0.00965705	0.02362485
Commercial Vacant	0.00977746	0.00675994	0.01653740
Industrial Occupied	0.01132127	0.00660676	0.01792803
Industrial Vacant	0.00735883	0.00429439	0.01165322
Pipelines	0.01648936	0.00000000	0.01648936

Farm	0.00367574	0.00048750	0.00416324
Managed Forest	0.00367574	0.00048750	0.00416324

Source: Township of Assignack

Table 18: Water and Waste Water Rates - 2015 (Residential & Commercial)

User - Service Charge	Annual Water Rate	Annual Sewage Rate	Total
Single Family Home (Manitowaning)	\$729.80	\$706.50	\$1,436.30
Single Family Home (Sunsite Estates)	\$1,634.45	n/a	\$1,634.45
Multiple Family Home & Apartments (per apartment)	\$390.84	\$378.35	\$769.19
Store and One Apartment or Attached Residence	\$729.80	\$706.50	\$1,436.30
Office and One Apartment or Attached Residence	\$729.80	\$706.50	\$1,436.30
Restaurant and One Apartment or Attached Residence	\$1,303.04	\$1,261.30	\$2,564.34
Hairdressing Shop	\$312.75	\$302.72	\$615.47
Motel and One Attached Residence	\$1,824.37	\$1,765.86	\$3,590.23
Service Station (no car wash)	\$729.80	\$706.50	\$1,436.30
Take Out Restaurant	\$729.80	\$706.50	\$1,436.30
Commercial - Bottled Water	\$1,459.60	\$706.50	\$2,166.10

Source: Township of Assignack

Community Characteristics

Buildings

There are 850 single family residences, 65 businesses, one elementary school, and one large and some smaller apartment building. The largest apartment building is a 16 unit complex owned and operated by the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) and is meant for geared to income type renters. Ontario Aboriginal Housing also owns 2 duplexes in Manitowaning, providing four more low income housing options.

Health Care

The Township of Assignack boasts a community oriented Family Health Team. The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, through a Community Sponsored Contract funds a General Practitioner.

Home Care services are available as a part of the Long Term Care Program offered through the Government of Ontario OHIP services. This includes nurses' visits for assessment and care, occupational and physiotherapy as well as homemaking services.

The Victorian Order of Nurses, a not-for-profit service, provides a nursing service that cares for people not covered by OHIP.

Special clinics offered in Manitowaning include a diabetes clinic, a foot care clinic and various other programs occasionally offered by the Sudbury & District Health Unit (heart/health, smoking cessation, assistance with infectious disease control, newborn visitations, water quality testing, food store and restaurant inspections, vaccination clinics, etc.)

Municipal Properties

The Township of Assignack maintains a number of facilities for the residents, as follows: Municipal Office and Public Library, the Manitowaning Information Booth, a former Federal building that houses the Post Office, a chartered bank, the Assignack Medical Clinic, the Assignack Arena and Fair Grounds, the Assignack Municipal Garage and Fire Hall, McLean's Park – Hiking & Mountain Biking Trail, Bay Street Marina, Shower House and Swimming Area, the Assignack Museum Heritage Complex, the Assignack Waste Disposal Site, Manitoulin East Municipal Airport and Industrial Park (jointly owned and operated by the Township of Assignack and the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands), and vacant, commercial zoned land located at the airport. Various properties within the town plot and beyond, offer possibilities for future community growth and development.

Sports & Recreation

Annual events and activities that occur within the Township of Assignack include: the Manitowaning Fall Fair (a tradition for over 125 years), Lions Club Summerfest, community dinners, curling, tennis, baseball, hockey, golf, figure skating, fishing, various four season recreation programs, swimming lessons, hunting, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, boating and various events held by the Township.

Communications and Technology

The major cellular networks, Bell, Rogers, and Telus are available in the area. Eastlink, formerly known as Amtelecom, provides landline and internet services. Vianet, Bell, and Explornet also provide internet service.

Community Centres

Assignack is fortunate to have several locations for people to convene. The arena has a new atrium added onto it where functions, activities are often held. The Curling Club has a large hall that hosts many dances and weddings. The Knox United Church has a newly renovated hall that is used for functions as well.

Places of Worship

We have seven places of worship in Assignack. St. Paul's Anglican Church is the oldest Anglican Church in Northern Ontario. Knox United Church has many outreach programs including regular rummage sales and dinners. The Christadelphian Church is located on Ontario Highway #6.

Fire and Police Services

Assiginack has a volunteer Fire Department of 15 firefighters. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are responsible for police services in Assiginack and throughout Manitoulin Island.

Social Services

Provided by Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, funded by the individual municipalities in the district on an apportionment basis.

Parks, Lakes, Rivers

We are fortunate to have several inland lakes that boast great fishing, swimming and year round fun. We have High Falls Park, a great rest area on Ontario Highway #6 that showcases a beautiful waterfall. Our pride and joy is McLean's Park that recently underwent a renovation and showcases 4 trails suitable for the novice to the advanced enthusiast. The park is maintained year round for hiking, biking, snowshoeing and skiing. With parking, a picnic area and bike trails it is fun for everyone.

Volunteers and Groups

Most of the activities and events offered within the Township are generously supported by committed volunteers and volunteer groups:

- Manitowaning Agricultural Society
- Southeast Manitoulin Lions Club
- Assiginack Horticultural Society
- Assiginack Curling Club
- St. Paul's Anglican Church Women
- Knox United Church Women
- Manitowaning Minor Hockey Association
- Assiginack Public Library Board
- Clover Valley United Church Women's Group
- Assiginack Public School Parent Council