

# Chimo welcomes you

**CHIMO?** Who's Chimo? Chimo is the giant polar bear who greets you at the highway entrance to the town.

His name is an Eskimo word which means 'I am Friendly', and he promises you a friendly stay in Cochrane, but not only in Cochrane but on the whole James Bay Frontier.

From here the Ontario Northland Railway's famed "Polar Bear Express" which offers visitors one-day EXCURSIONS to the land of the fur traders and the end of steel at tidewaters. It's a fast comfortable train ride. It (the train) has two diners.

The trip from Cochrane to Moosonee and return is 186 miles each way. A total of five hours awaits for the sightseeing tourists. After walking all day long, the trip back home is a nice comfortable ride.

The excursion train runs every day except on Fridays from late June to early September. Parking is available in the ONR parking area near the railway stations, at hotels, motels and elsewhere.

The regular 'Polar Bear' runs three times weekly year-round. This is a mixed train which moves both passengers and

freight. It is the lifeline which links the oldest but most remote part of Ontario with the bustling south. As a "work horse" on the frontier it serves both those who live in isolated trappers' cabins and those who staff the power generating stations harnessing the great rivers which flow down to the Bays and the Arctic.

During the tourist and hunting seasons, visitors should make arrangements for overnight accommodations in both Cochrane and Moosonee in advance. Early reservations are also recommended for guides, canoes, plane and boat trips.

Helpful hints for such arrangements are offered in the following pages.

COCHRANE was founded in 1908 at the point where the T. & N.O. and National Transcontinental Railways (now the ONR and the CNR) were to meet. The town lies astride the path of the old Indian or Hudson's Bay packet trail to Moose Factory, and the route of the amazing de Troyes war party in 1686.

First in the district to be incorporated, the town was named after the Hon. Frank Cochrane, then Minister of Lands, Forests, and Mines for

the Province of Ontario.

Although almost totally destroyed by disastrous forest fires in 1911 and 1916, the community was re-built to become the gateway and distributing centre for the James Bay Frontier, threshold of the Arctic. English-speaking Ontario's history began more than three centuries ago.

Later, when the King's Highway No. 11 from Toronto grew northwards it became the Northern Route of the TransCanada Highway. Cochrane became the pivot, upon which it turns to the west. Connecting roads reach Quebec to the East.

Facilities for land and water planes are provided three miles north of town.

The surrounding district abounds in camping and picnicking potentialities. The whole district welcomes tourists. The town offers varied attractions.

Incidentally, Cochrane is 900 feet above sea level, and there is no hay fever here. Summer nights are usually cool.

**Open Daily  
'till 11 p.m.**

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Hamburgers-Subs-Chicken -Ribs-  
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COCHRANE 99 - 6 AVE.

**Chimo!**

1985 Town Council  
extends a hearty welcome  
to all Visitors.

*Le Conseil de Ville  
vous souhaite la  
Bienvenue.*

Established 1909  
Etablie en 1909.

Mayor/Maire  
**Raymond Fortier**  
Councillors/Conseillers  
**Juli Karam**  
**Donald Genier**  
**Jerry Leonard**  
**R.A. LaBelle**  
**R.G. Brisson**  
**Norah Kirkbride**

Visit our Museum  
Visitez notre Musée  
7 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Next to the Train Station

We invite you to enjoy the facilities of Municipally approved  
**"Drury Park"**  
a 75-acre tract of natural woodland and lakes with overnight camping facilities.  
Nous vous invitons à prendre le Sentier de la Nature dans notre  
**"Parc Municipal Drury"**  
une région de 75 acres où vous pourrez y passer la nuit

We hope your stay is a pleasant one-and do come back soon!  
Nous espérons que votre visite sera des plus agréables et revenez nous voir!

Cochrane is celebrating its 75th Anniversary  
in 1985. Join us for our special celebration.  
Cochrane célèbre son 75e Anniversaire en  
1985. Joignez-vous à nous pour les célébra-  
tions spéciales.