



ELEMENT 4:

UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

4.1 INTRODUCTION

Adequate infrastructure, utilities, community facilities and services are important in meeting existing and future community needs for Drummond. They are the skeleton of a community's life, and without them, present day standard of living could not exist. Decisions made for the Town of Drummond regarding the utilities and community facilities will impact all present and future residents. This element will describe the existing utilities and community facilities serving Drummond, and outline future desired needs for the Town and its residents. All community facilities are shown on Map 4.1.



4.2 UTILITIES INVENTORY

PUBLIC UTILITIES

A. Sanitary Sewer and Water Services

The Drummond Sanitary District #1 was installed in 1978 and consists of a municipal sewer and water system that serves the unincorporated village of Drummond. Municipal water is provided via one well drilled to a depth of 97 feet. The water system has an average demand of 20,000 gallons per day. Pumping capacity for the well is 285 gallons per minute. The District has one elevated tank (water tower) with a capacity of 200,000 gallons. Treatment consists of pH adjustment with caustic soda for control of corrosion in lead and copper service lines. The biological sewer system consists of three treatment lagoons with a capacity to treat up to 40,000 gallons per day. In 2003, the Town of Drummond prepared the *Wellhead Protection Plan Well #1* in an effort to protect its supply of water for Well #1 by minimizing the risk of contamination of the public water supply.

B. Storm Water Management

Storm water management in the Town of Drummond is split between Drummond and Bayfield County. Management responsibility for the Town mainly consists of ditches along the local road network, while Bayfield County maintains the ditches along the portions of County Roads within Drummond. There is also a small network of storm sewer located in the unincorporated community of Drummond which helps facilitate the flow and drainage of runoff during and after storm events, as well as melt water from spring thaw.



C. Solid Waste and Recycling Facilities

The Town of Drummond solid waste and recycling facility is located at 50650 US Hwy 63. Open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to Noon. Garbage cost \$3.00 per bag. Recycling is free to all Drummond residents (paper, aluminum cans, magazines, glass).

CORPORATE UTILITIES

D. Telecommunication Facilities & Services

Telecommunication is becoming increasingly important to Drummond residents and businesses. Access to fast and reliable telecom services is becoming a particularly important factor in economic development.

- **Local and Long Distance Telephone Service.** Chequamegon Communications Cooperative provides the Town of Drummond with local telephone service. Several companies are available to provide long distance telephone and Internet services.
- **Internet.** The Town of Drummond has its own Internet World Wide Web page, <http://www.drummondwi.com>. It is currently maintained by the town and is used to educate residents and visitors about Drummond and its community events, services and programs. Contact information for elected and appointed officials, as well as maps and other area links.
- **Postal Service.** The Town of Drummond has its own postal zip code, 54832. The U.S. post office is located at 52445 Wisconsin Ave. The town is also readily assessable by all ground transportation services.
- **Cellular/PCS Towers (Personal Communication Service).** Two communication towers are located in the town and are located off of STH 63 south of Drummond.

E. Gas and Electric Power

Natural gas is currently not offered in Drummond. Both Xcel Energy and Bayfield Electric provide electricity to town residents and businesses. See Map 4.2.



F. Power Generating Plants and Transmission Lines

There are no power plants in the Town of Drummond. One transmission line is located in Drummond and follows USH 63 into and out of the town. See Map 4.2.

4.3 COMMUNITY FACILITIES INVENTORY



A. Municipal Buildings

There are multiple municipal buildings located in the Town of Drummond. They consist of the following:

- Drummond Historical Museum & Public Library
- Drummond Fire Hall and Garage



- Civic Center
- Salt Shed
- Storage Shed (solid waste transfer site)
- Warming Shed (ice rink)
- Small Garage (local snowmobile clubhouse)

B. Police

The Bayfield County Sheriff's Department serves as the law enforcement agency for the Town of Drummond. The Bayfield County Sheriff's Department provides protective services through random patrols and on an "on-call" basis. The Bayfield County Sheriff's Department headquarters are located approximately 35 miles north in the City of Washburn. The Department provides 24-hour service to an area that includes nearly 1,500 square miles.

C. Fire

The Drummond Volunteer Fire Department, located at 52560 Front Street, provides fire protection to the Town of Drummond. The Department is staffed by 20 volunteer firefighters at any given time. Mutual aid is provided to and from the Drummond Fire Department as requested by the fire departments of Cable, Namekagon, Barnes, Grand View and Mason. Mutual aid may also be requested in the case of a large structure fire, grass fire or forest fire. In some cases the DNR office in Barnes and the US Forestry may request aid from one or several of the fire departments when a fire is in, or threatens, the forest. Also, mutual aid is provided when an emergency occurs like the storm that went thru the area in 1999 and the fire department personnel were out clearing trees from buildings and roads. Future plans include building a new and bigger fire hall.

D. Ambulance and Rescue

The Great Divide Ambulance Service (GDAS), located in Cable, provides ambulance service in the Town of Drummond. On average, they respond to 70 calls per year. The Town of Drummond is charged per year with the total amount based the number of improved parcels in the Town. GDAS houses two ambulances and the license level of the GDAS is EMT-Paramedic. Helicopter service is provided by St. Mary's and St. Lukes in Duluth, MN.

E. Health Care Facilities

The nearest 24-hour medical centers are the Hayward Area Memorial Hospital (HAMH) (27 miles) and the Memorial Medical Center (MMC), located in Ashland (31 miles). The nearest clinics are also located in Ashland and Hayward.

The HAMH operates facilities that are staffed by full- and part-time employees 24 hours a day to respond to medical emergencies. The following types of services are provided within the hospital: community and education support program, child birth service, ophthalmology, diabetic services, 24-hour physician staff emergency care, medical laboratory service, medical/surgical nursing care, lifeline, occupational therapy, outpatient nursing services, pharmaceutical, phase three cardio rehabilitation, physical therapy, radiology, respiratory therapy, urology, social services, speech therapy, transitional care services, chemotherapy, and hospice.



The MMC facility has 155 beds and 47 full-time physicians on staff. Some of the services provide by MMC include: inpatient and outpatient services including medial-surgical, intensive care, obstetrics including labor, delivery, postpartum and recovery (LDPR) suites, behavioral health services, and 24-hour emergency care.

F. Child Care Services

Child care services information is made available through the Bayfield County Human Services Department. They maintain a listing of countywide certified and licensed providers. Currently, there is one certified provider and one licensed provider in the Town of Drummond. For more information, contact the Bayfield County Human Services Department.

G. Libraries

The Drummond Public Library is located at 14990 Superior Street. Services include:



- Specializing in current, popular materials
- Loaning most materials for three weeks, with two renewals
- Videos are loaned for one week
- Five public access computers are available for Internet access
- Music CDs available
- Online catalog and quick easy access to interlibrary loan materials
- Copy machine

H. Educational Facilities

The Town of Drummond is located within the Drummond School District (DSD). The District consists of the Drummond High School, Drummond Junior High School, Drummond Elementary School, and the Ascend Academy all located at 52440 Eastern Avenue in Drummond. Table 4-1 and the corresponding graph details enrollment for PreK-12 from the 1996/97 to 2005/06 school years. In the last decade, the district decreased by 77 students.



Year	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Students	596	606	586	605	582	577	561	561	552	519

Source: Source: WI Department of Instruction

The nearest post-secondary educational opportunities to Drummond is Northland College and WITC, located in Ashland. The nearest University of Wisconsin system is the UW-Superior Campus in the City of Superior.

I. Cemeteries

The Drummond Cemetery is located on FR235 on the east side of Drummond. It is owned and maintained by the town.





J. Parks and Recreation

The Town of Drummond owns and maintains one public park, but has numerous other recreational facilities for residents and visitors to enjoy. What follows is a list of these facilities and a brief description of them.

- Drummond Park – Facilities include: restrooms, swimming, boat landing, pavilion, playground equipment, parking, charcoal grills and kitchen facilities.
- Drummond Ski Trails – Drummond Ski Trails offers hours of fun cross country skiing in the beautiful Chequamegon National Forest in northwest Wisconsin, just 1 mile south of Drummond. The trails are groomed for Classic technique cross-country skiing by the Drummond Area Ski Trails Association.
- North Country National Scenic Trail – The North Country National Scenic Trail bisects the Town of Drummond from the southeast corner to the northwest corner of the town. It is a non-motorized trail used mainly for cross-country skiing and hiking. The trail is maintained by volunteers.
- Rainbow Lake Wilderness Area - Rainbow Lake was one of the first wildernesses designated in 1975. The total area encompasses 6,583 acres, located 4 miles north of Drummond. Among the unique features of this wilderness are the numerous narrow gauge railroad grades that were used for log hauling in the early 1900's. The North Country National Scenic Trail, which runs the length of the wilderness, follows parts of these old grades. The trail is marked at difficult intersections. The terrain in the area is flat to gentle rolling, and steep hills can be found north, east, and northwest corner of the wilderness.





4.4 COMMUNITY FACILITIES INVENTORY

Now that the Town of Drummond has inventoried all of the existing utilities and community facilities in the Town, the next step is to assess the future needs for such services related to utilities and community facilities. Table 4-1 below is one way in which to describe an approximate timetable that forecasts the need to expand, rehabilitate, or to create or provide new utilities and facilities and assess in Drummond.

Table 4-1: Town of Drummond Future Utilities and Community Facilities Timetable							
	2006-2016			2017-2026			Comment
	Expand	Rehab	New	Expand	Rehab	New	
Sanitary Sewer Service	X			X			No current plans in place.
Storm Water Management			X				No current plans in place.
Water Supply	X			X			No current plans in place.
Solid Waste Disposal							
Recycling Facilities							
Communication Facilities							
Power Plants and Trans. Lines							
Cemeteries							
Health Care Facilities							
Child Care Facilities							
Law Enforcement							
Fire			X			X	Possible new fire hall. No plans in place.
Rescue							
Libraries							
Schools							
Parks							
Trails							
Town Hall/Garage	X			X			Take over fire hall.
Other Govt. Facilities							