


The Community of **Natuashish** is part of the **Mushuau Innu First Nation**. Labrador-Grenfell Health partners with the Mushuau Innu Health Commission (MIHC) in the provision of health care. The Health Director for MIHC is based in the community clinic.

**1. Natuashish**

<p><b>Clinic Contact Information</b></p>	 <p><b>Mushuau Innu Health Commission</b>                  Phone: (709) 478-8871                  Fax: (709) 478-8821  <b>Labrador-Grenfell Health (Primary Care) Natuashish Health Centre</b>                  Phone: 709-478-8842</p>
<p><b>Community Clinic Services</b></p>	<p>The <b>Natuashish Community Clinic</b> provides primary health care to the community and is operated by Labrador-Grenfell Health in partnership with the Mushuau Innu Health Commission (MIHC). The MIHC offices are in the same building as the Labrador-Grenfell Health services.</p> <p>The services in the Natuashish Community Clinic include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic trauma and resuscitation equipment.</li> <li>• Outpatient Clinic.</li> <li>• Physician Clinic (visiting).</li> <li>• Emergency patients are medevac'd to an appropriate facility.</li> <li>• Tele-health.</li> <li>• Mental Health and Addictions.</li> <li>• Community Care.</li> </ul> <p>The clinic is staffed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Nurses.</li> <li>• Personal Care Attendant.</li> <li>• Mental Health Counsellor.</li> <li>• Regular visits by a Physician; consultation occurs with physicians in Happy Valley-Goose Bay as required.</li> <li>• Regular visits by a Behavior Management Specialist.</li> </ul> <p>The services of the Mushuau Innu First Nation Health Commission include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Health.</li> <li>• Home Care.</li> <li>• Mental Health and Addictions services.</li> <li>• Diabetes services.</li> <li>• Daycare services.</li> <li>• Healing Lodge.</li> </ul> <p>The MIHC office is staffed by:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MIHC Health Director.</li> <li>• Community Health Nurses.</li> <li>• Community Health Planner.</li> <li>• Community Health Representative.</li> <li>• Home Care Coordinator.</li> <li>• FASD Coordinator and a FASD Assistant.</li> <li>• Mental Health Therapist.</li> <li>• Diabetic Worker.</li> <li>• Home Care Coordinator.</li> <li>• Youth Workers.</li> </ul>
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday (closed Friday afternoons for administration; emergency services available).
<b>Interpreter services</b>	NIHB Interpreter/Referral service
<b>Medical Supplies</b>	<p><b><u>Supplies must accompany client upon discharge due to possibility of an unexpected delay in arrival of equipment or supplies.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No medical supply store in the community.</li> <li>• Clients requiring supplies for <b>specialized</b> dressings, ostomy care, tube feeding or any other more complex issue <b>must have supplies ordered</b> and arranged prior to discharge from hospital due to potential unavailability in the community.</li> <li>• The <b>Home Care Nurse</b> in the community can assist with the process of arranging supplies if necessary.</li> </ul>
<b>Pharmacy</b>	There is no retail pharmacy. Medications are ordered and dispensed through the Labrador-Grenfell Health regional community clinic. The pharmacy at the Labrador Health Centre in Happy Valley – Goose Bay dispenses medications to the regional community clinics for clients.
<b>Transportation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located approximately 185 air miles from Happy Valley-Goose Bay.</li> <li>• Labrador-Grenfell Health offers a medevac service for emergency transfer of patients.</li> <li>• Labrador-Grenfell Health offers a chartered air service (schedevac) for scheduled medical appointments and discharge home. This service generally operates Monday, Wednesday and Friday.</li> <li>• Air Labrador and Provincial Airlines operate a twin otter service 7 days a week with both airlines flying twice per day (check with the airline).</li> <li>• No road connectivity.</li> <li>• Ferry service available in the summer months only.</li> <li>• Links to other communities and regions by sea between June-November (depending on ice conditions) and on frozen harbours, sea and natural terrain December to May, depending on ice conditions. Roads in the community are not plowed in the winter; transportation is by snowmobile.</li> </ul>
<b>Community History</b>	Natuashish was founded in 2002. It is located 15 km from the ancient site of Utshimassit (Davis Inlet), abandoned at the beginning of the 2000s. The new community of Natuashish is reserve land for the Mushuau Innu First Nations. Reserve creation at Natuashish, along with the relocation of the Mushuau Innu, is part of a long-term strategy, to address the social challenges of the community.
<b>Population</b>	931