# FIRST NATION COMMUNITY PROFILE

# **FLYING DUST FIRST NATION**





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# **About FLYING DUST FIRST NATION**

Flying Dust First Nation (FDFN) is located on the northeast side of the City of Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan. The area is home to some of the most fertile farmland in northern Saskatchewan. Flying Dust First Nation is one of nine First Nations that comprise the Meadow Lake Tribal Council (MLTC). Flying Dust First Nation people are descendants of the Algonquian linguistic group with Cree as their native language. Being located close to Meadow Lake provides a number of employment opportunities for members and also provides opportunities for investment and economic investment. (<a href="https://www.flyingdust.net/about">www.flyingdust.net/about</a>)

#### **HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

- Flying Dust First Nation (Kopahawakenum) is a member of Treaty
   6 and became a signatory on August 26, 1876.
- Flying Dust First Nation is located approximately 300 km northwest of Saskatoon. It is accessible via Highway 55, a vital access route for northern Saskatchewan communities.
- In June 2013, citizens overwhelmingly supported a deal that would see the Nation establish its own law-making powers over its reserve lands, resources, and the environment through the First Nation Land Management Act (FNLMA).
- Flying Dust is comprised of seven land parcels that cover more than 20 thousand acres in the heart of some of the most fertile prairie farmland.
- Under the current Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) structure, the band is entitled to purchase an additional 7469.197 hectares (18, 441.56 acres) of land.
- FDFN has purchased 110 acres of land south of Saskatoon near Highway #11.
- Flying Dust partnered with Meadow Lake Tribal Council and miEnergy in 2022 to prioritize renewable energy.

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

Total Population: 1,889 persons (November, 2023)
On Reserve: 673 persons/Off Reserve: 1,216 persons
Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 23,236 acres
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### TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Meadow Lake Tribal Council (MLTC) Member

### **ECONOMICS**

IN SASKATOON REGION

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Land Holdings (Total)	110 acres
RM of Corman Park, Highway 11 South	110 acres
Status: Development options are currently being considered	
Employment (On Reserve)	
Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employee	66FT, 12PT
Business Developments – Proposed	
Flying Dust Business Centre	Planned
FDFN Solid Waste and Water Treatment	Planned
Facilities	
Learning Centre	Planned
Industrial	Planned
Corman Park Commercial Development	Planned
Housing Development	Planned
OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION	
FDB Holding Corp	66FT, 12PT
F.D.B. Gravel Inc.	11FT
F.D.B. Holdings	18FT
F.D.B. Fuels Inc.	16FT
Flying Energy Inc	1 FT
FD Market Garden	6FT, 12PT
Flying Dust Powercorp	1 FT
FD Housing Corporation	45 FT
Snipe & Celly Proshop	5FT
MLTC RDI	3 FT

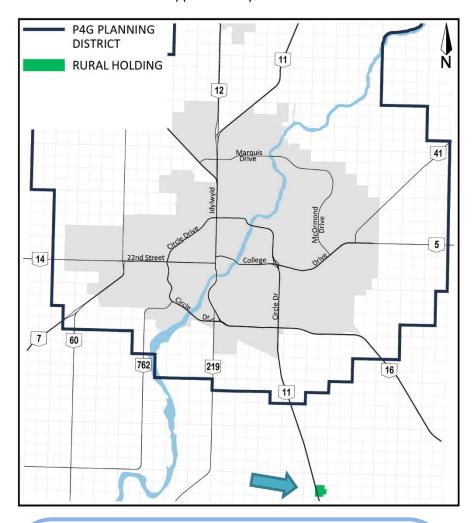
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Land Holdings - City of Saskatoon and Region
Approximately 110 acres



# For more information





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#### **HOME RESERVE INFORMATION**

#### Location

The home reserve is located adjacent to Meadow Lake, approximately 300km north of Saskatoon.

#### **Services**

Facilities on-reserve include the Kopahawakenum School (K-4), health clinic, Elders building, administration building, bank, community hall, community church, health office, radio station, a youth centre, youth employment and skills program, market garden, infrastructure and maintenance compound, daycare, hockey arena, gas station and convenience store. Many other services are located in the adjacent city of Meadow Lake.

### Education

Kopahawakenum Elementary School was officially opened on November 25, 2005. Currently the school has pre-K to Grade 4 classes but will be expanding soon to host students up to Grade 9. Kopahawakenum has a strong emphasis in developing language arts skills through enriching programs that take students out of the classroom, providing meaningful experiences. Kopahawakenum Elementary School is in a partnership with MLTC that is strengthening student understanding of Land, Language, Relationship and Culture.

### **GOVERNANCE**

Chief: Tyson Bear
Councillors: Connie Derocher

Marie Gladue Rubyn Norman Jon Mirasty

Election Term: December 5, 2020 to

December 5, 2024

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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