



FIRST NATION COMMUNITY PROFILE



About FISHING LAKE FIRST NATION

"Fishing Lake First Nation is an independent First Nation of the Saulteaux branch of the Ojibwe nation. Originally from central Canada, the First Nation was pushed westward to avoid encroachment by European settlers. They first settled in Manitoba and were part of the Yellow Quill Saulteaux First Nation. In the late 1880's, the First Nation separated into three reserves located near Nut Lake, Fishing Lake, and Kinistino, Saskatchewan. By 1907, Fishing Lake First Nation was officially recognized as a separate First Nation and had settled near Fishing Lake, Saskatchewan" (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fishing_Lake).

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Chief Yellow Quill signed Treaty 1 in 1871 at Fort Garry, Manitoba. He also signed an amendment to Treaty 4 in 1876. Chief Yellow Quill is the only leader to sign two numbered treaties. Chief Yellow Quill led Fishing Lake First Nation (FLFN) until the early 1880's.
- The first Chief of Fishing Lake First Nation was Chief Sabitawasis.
- Trustees of Fishing Lake First Nation manage the '1907 Surrender Trust' for the benefit of the community. Trust funds are used to improve the quality of life for members and their families.
- Current formal partnerships of FLFN Ventures include: Lynco Energy Services, Haztech, IHL Medical, TLF Dirtworx, Awasis 4-6 Alliance, 2 Nations Bird, Mammoet, and Strad Canada Inc.
- A new K-12 school was constructed just south of Highway 5, which has employed members of the community during construction and operation.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Populations: 2,002 persons (November, 2025)

On Reserve: 605 persons | Off Reserve: 1,397 persons

Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 12,388 acres

(Source: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, https://fnp.ppn.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=390&lang=eng)

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Independent First Nation

ECONOMICS

IN SASKATOON REGION

Land Holdings (Total)	140.01 acres
Rural Holding: Highway 219 (RM of Corman Park)	140.01 acres
Employment (On Reserve)	
Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employees	375 (as of 2023)

OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION

Fishing Lake (89)	11,210 acres
Sabitawasis Beach (89 C-1)	148 acres
RM of Kelvington	642 acres
RM of Isinger	794 acres
RM of Elfros	320 acres
RM of Barrier Valley	824 acres
RM of Sasman, Kylemore Parcels (89D1)	156 acres
RM of Foam Lake (89A)	628 acres
Treaty 4 Reserve Grounds 77	245 acres

Business Developments

FLFN Ventures Ltd.

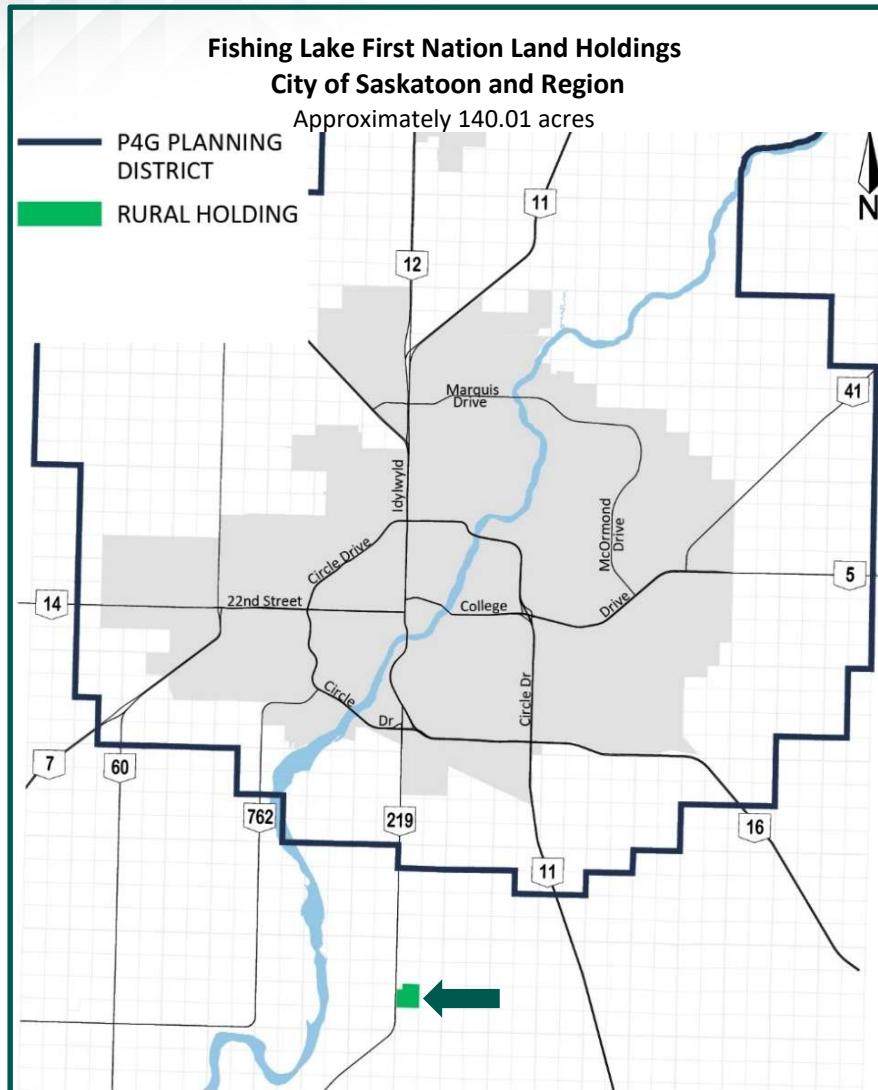
FLFN Ventures and Willow Cree Development Corporation partnership with 2Nations Bird Construction

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HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

The home reserve is located southeast of Wadena, Saskatchewan in Treaty 4 territory.

Services

Facilities available on reserve include an Administration Complex, Chief Sabitawasis School (K-12), memorial hall, wellness lodge, the Chamkun Health Centre, and water treatment plant.

Hunting and fishing programs were put in place so Elders can have access to traditional food sources even if they cannot hunt themselves. A youth group has been developed to provide positive activities for young people to develop leadership skills and create positive role models for others.

Education

Chief Sabitawasis School offers integrated classrooms for trade training and practical applied arts and a full gymnasium. The school is part of the Treaty 4 Educational Alliance whose goal is to improve learning opportunities for students. The school is named to honour one of the community's first leaders.

GOVERNANCE

Chief: Darcy Wayne Desjarlais
Councillors: Brendan Desjarlais, Travis Desjarlais, Larry Kayseas, Colin Labanowich, Fenton Paquachan, Corbett Sabit, Vanessa Severight, Darryl Slippery

Election Term: February 27, 2025 to February 26, 2029

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