



FIRST NATION COMMUNITY PROFILE



About FOND DU LAC DENESULINE FIRST NATION

Fond du Lac signed an adhesion to Treaty Eight July 25-27, 1899, under Chief Maurice Pische and Headmen Alexander Toussaint and Laurent Dziddie. Maurice Pische's Band split in the 1950s to form the Fond du Lac (Gánj Kóé) and Black Lake Denesuline First Nations. The Denesuline have always traveled, hunted, fished, trapped and gathered as a way of life on the land. These practices continue today (https://www.fondulac.ca/pages/our_history.html).

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Fond du Lac's home reserve encompasses roughly 38,400 acres in the northern boreal shield.
- Economic development in Fond du Lac is largely tied to mining and other natural resource industries. The nation is currently pursuing partnership opportunities in critical rare earth mineral extraction and hydro-electric power.
- Fond du Lac Denesuline signed the Yá thi Néné Collaboration Agreement with Cameco and Orano to enhance workforce and business development, environment stewardship, and community investment in the Athabasca Basin (<https://www.cameconorth.com/community/community-profiles/fond-du-lac>).
- Research is ongoing for Fond du Lac's Treaty Land Entitlement claim, which could provide Fond du Lac with opportunity to acquire additional reserve lands for economic development projects.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 2,301 persons (November, 2025)

On Reserve: 1,213 persons | Off Reserve: 1,088 persons

Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 90,965 acres

(Source: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, https://fnp-ppn.aadnc-ainc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNReqPopulation.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=406&lang=eng)

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Prince Albert First Nations Business Development Limited

ECONOMICS

IN SASKATOON REGION

Land Holdings (Total)	78.65 acres
Rural Holding: Corman Park, Highway 11 North	78.65 acres

OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION

Fond du Lac Development Corp.
Athabasca Basin Development
Prince Albert Development Corp.
Athabasca Catering
Northern Aviation
Fond du Lac Nuna
Fond du Lac Operations
Waterfound LP and Northern Resource Trucking

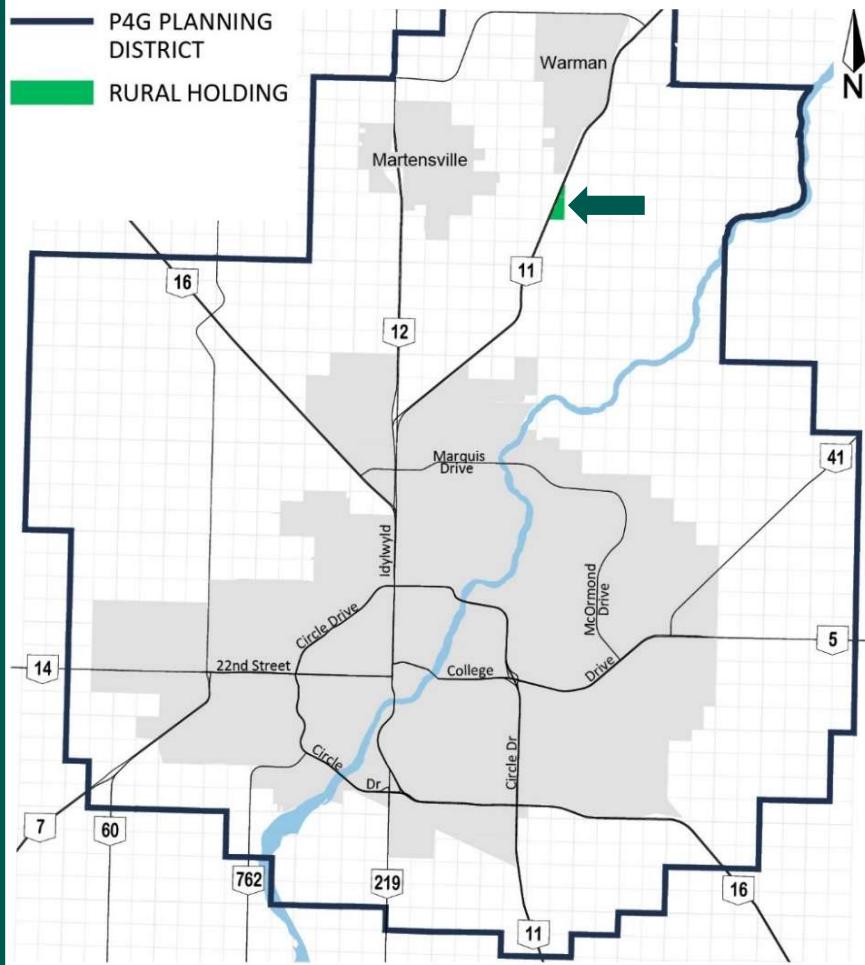




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Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation Land Holdings - City of Saskatoon and Region

Approximately 78.65 Acres



HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

Location

The home reserve is located at the northeast end of Lake Athabasca, approximately 1,275 kilometres northwest of Prince Albert.

Services

Services available on Fond du Lac's home reserve include a daycare, social housing, community hall, two retail general stores, fire protection services, a church, hotel lodge, Northlands College office, a new hockey arena, and an airport. The Athabasca Health Authority is responsible for the delivery of comprehensive health care among its five member communities, which is administered by a professional health care team.

Education

Approximately 350 students register in kindergarten to grade 12 at Father Gamache Memorial School, which opened in 1990. It offers the provincial core curriculum, enhanced by the integration of Dene teachings. Knowledge Keepers teach culture in the school every day, while many other Elders from the community come at different times to teach Dene protocols, language, and respect for all living things. Regular communal meals at the school are open to all who wish to attend. This emphasis on educating children in the Dene ways with learning that is relevant to their lives in the north instills a sense of pride and belonging. The school provides teacher associates to support students with special learning or medical needs to reach their full potential.

GOVERNANCE

Chief: Ronnie Augier
Councillors: Dustin Augier, Edward (Andrew) Isadore, Willie Laurent, Diane McDonald, Tanya Mercredi-Pacquette, Justin Yooya

Election Term: March 30, 2024 to March 30, 2027

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