



# FIRST NATION COMMUNITY PROFILE



## About ONION LAKE CREE NATION

Onion Lake Cree Nation (OLCN) is located 50 km North of Lloydminster, Canada, and is approximately 58,737 hectares. It is the only reserve to straddle the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, making it Canada's only border Cree Nation. Onion Lake is of the Treaty Six Territory which was signed by Chief Sakaskohc at Fort Pitt in 1876. It was only in 1914 when Makao and Sakaskohc amalgamated to be one band. There are both band-owned and privately owned businesses on reserve, providing the community with essential services and employing both residents and non-residents ([www.onionlake.ca/about](http://www.onionlake.ca/about)).

### HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Onion Lake Cree Nation is a member of Treaty 6 and became a signatory on September 9, 1876.
- Onion Lake Cree Nation is located approximately 50 km north of Lloydminster.
- Chief Seekaskootch's Band signed Treaty 6 at Fort Pitt on September 9, 1876, while other River Cree signed an adhesion to Treaty 6 in 1878 as the Makao Band. The Bands received adjacent reserves in 1879.
- Pēkapēsik Lodge is a medical boarding home operated by Onion Lake Cree Nation, located in Saskatoon at 1605 Victoria Ave. They offer their services to all First Nations people. The lodge is wheelchair accessible. Their goal is to provide care and support to First Nations' peoples. The lodge has a 15 room capacity.
- Onion Lake Cree Nation opened its first urban office in Saskatoon in 2010. The goal of the urban office is to support off reserve members with services such as food bank and transitional assistance, referral services, housing applications, etc.
- Onion Lake Cree Nation recently added 15 new addiction treatment spaces for withdrawal management to their existing services offered at Ekweskeet Healing Lodge.

### DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 7,215 persons (November, 2025)  
On Reserve: 4,600 persons | Off Reserve: 2,615 persons  
Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 144,732 acres

(Source: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, [https://fnppn.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND\\_NUMBER=344&lang=eng](https://fnppn.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=344&lang=eng))

### TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Independent

### ECONOMICS

#### IN SASKATOON REGION

<b>Land Holdings (Total)</b>	<b>0.20 acres</b>
Urban Holding: 1605 Victoria Ave	0.20 acres
<b>Business Developments</b>	
Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employees	172 (as of 2024)

#### OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION

Onion Lake Group of Companies Corporation
All Nations Building Supplies
Askiy Apoy Hauling
Beretta Pipeline Construction
OL Net
Makao Mall Developments
Onion Lake Gas
Onion Lakes Enterprises
Onion Lake Oil Well Servicing
Onion Lake Vacuum & Pressure
OLCN SGI MVD
T&L Custom Cabinets and Millworks

Source: [www.onionlake.ca](http://www.onionlake.ca)





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## HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

### Location

The home reserve land is located 50 km north of Lloydminster.

### Services

Services on-reserve include membership emergency assistance, Elders program, band housing and Elders lodge, women and youth program, community development centre, employment training and careers program, social assistance/SAET, fire rescue and peacekeepers, public works such as road maintenance, water and sanitation, and off-reserve urban offices in Saskatoon and Edmonton. Departments include Communication, Treaty Governance, Native Justice, Lands & Resources/Duty to Consult, and Health.

The Onion Lake Health Department offers an ambulance service, pharmacy, school dental program, clinic/laboratory and x-ray services, community nurses, assisted living, group homes (baby & youth homes), adult disability home, healing & wellness, Ekweskeet rehabilitation, and medical transportation.

Onion Lake Cree Nation is home to Big Chief Park, Heritage Park and Racing Track, Buffalo Compound, MMIMW Site, splash parks, Full Gospel Church, Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Parish, and Mamawehokamihk Soup Kitchen.

### Education

"Onion Lake Cree Nation values education and as such must empower and strengthen the youth by enriching their spirit through educating in a Nehiyaw-based environment" (<https://oleducation.ca/>). Onion Lake has five schools: Kihew Waciston School (Cree Immersion), Pewasnakwan Primary School, Chief Taylor School, Eagleview School, and Sakaskohc High School. Education services include the Gift of Language Program, daycare, OL Bus Lines, post-secondary education, and SITAG/LMA.

## GOVERNANCE

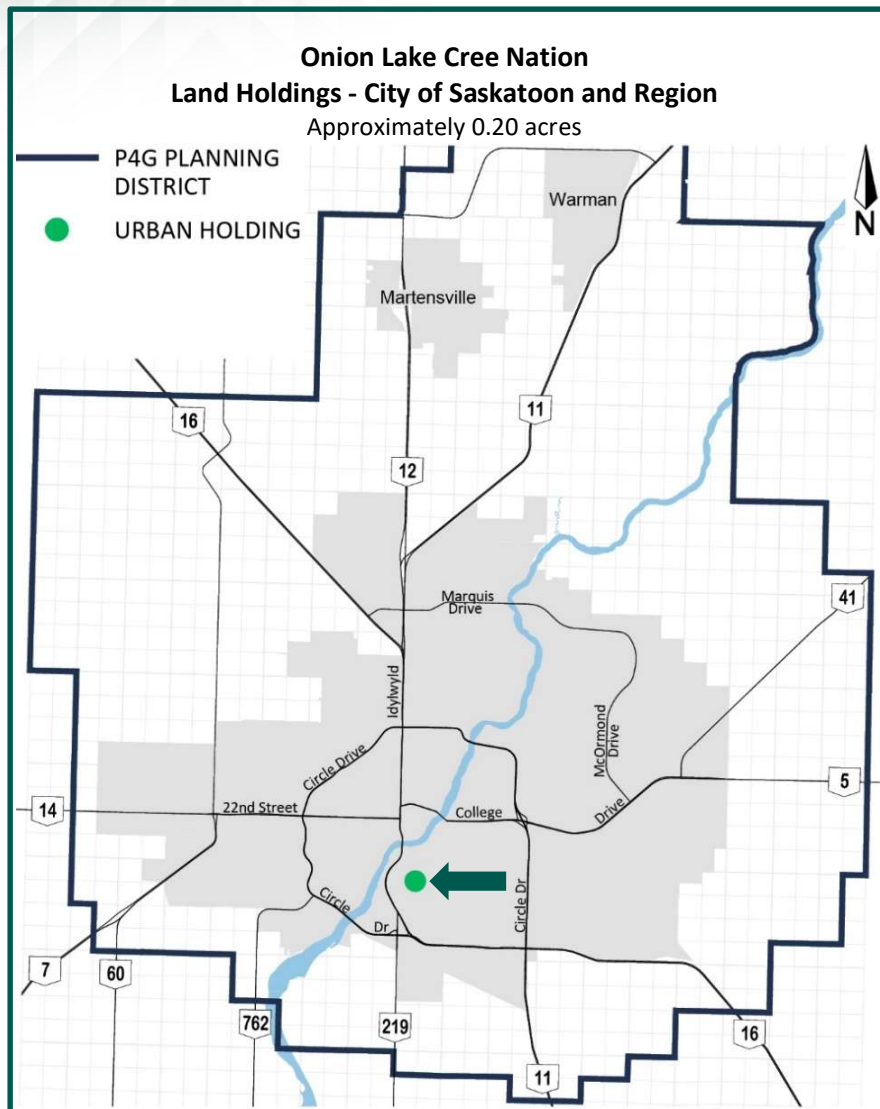
Chief: Darwin Chief  
Councillors: Karla Bird  
Bernadene Harper  
Ivan Harper  
Laurie Ann Jimmy  
Roy Littlewolfe  
Doreen Masson  
Hubert Pahtayken  
Christopher Wells

Election Term: November 5, 2025 to  
November 5, 2029

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