



FIRST NATION COMMUNITY PROFILE



About PETER BALLANTYNE CREE NATION

Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation (PBCN) has occupied lands in Northeast Saskatchewan since time immemorial. Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation is called Assin'skowitiniwak, which means "people of the rocky area". Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation consists of eight communities, including Denare Beach, Deschaumbault Lake, Kinoosao, Pelican Narrows, Prince Albert, Sandy Bay, Southend, and Sturgeon Landing, and is spread over 51,000 square kilometers. Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation follows the traditional lifestyle of the Woodland Cree, which led to the establishment of several communities along major economic routes including various waterways (<http://www.pbcnhealthservices.org/>). The majority of PBCN members live in the traditional territory of the 8 communities, but there are also many members living in urban centres such as Prince Albert and Saskatoon.

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- On February 11, 1889, Commissioner Irvine met with the Montreal Lake and Lac La Ronge First Nations at Molanosa at the north end of Montreal Lake at the outflow of the Montreal River, concluding an adhesion to Treaty Six. It had the same terms as Treaty Six, thirteen years prior.
- Peter Ballantyne was appointed as the first Chief, serving in that capacity until 1917.
- Peter Ballantyne Group of Companies (PBGOC) emphasizes the development and maintenance of good relations with strong partners. They are a majority owner of Allspace Office Solutions located at 1623 Quebec Avenue in Saskatoon, and participate in over 20 businesses province-wide (<http://pbhoc.com/>).
- PBCN has 14 elected Councillors – two each from Southend, Sandy Bay, and Deschambault Lake, five from Pelican Narrows, and one each from Denare Beach, Sturgeon Landing, and Prince Albert.
- A signing ceremony was held with the City of Saskatoon on May 1, 2025, to celebrate the future designation of 1623-1625 Quebec Avenue as Urban Reserve.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 13,239 persons (November, 2025)

On Reserve: 8,082 persons | Off Reserve: 5,157 persons

Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 92,853 acres

(Source: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, https://fnp-ppn.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=355&lang=eng)

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC) Member

ECONOMICS

IN SASKATOON REGION

Land Holdings - (Total)	160.99 acres
Rural Holding: RM of Corman Park, west of Highway 16 North	159.70 acres
Urban Holding: 1623-1625 Quebec Ave	1.29 acres
Employment on Reserve	
Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employees	2,805 (as of 2020)

OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION

Wholly Owned Businesses

A2Ski Construction LP
Hilltop Tunnel Wash, PB Rental Co, Fairview Fairways
Mee-Toos Forest Products Ltd
PBCN Office Complex
PBCN PA Fuel & Convenience
PBGOC Field Services Division PBGOC Office Complex
Prince Albert Casino Ventures
Tim Hortons/PBCN Petro Canada

Partnerships

First Nations Insurance
JNE Welding
La Ronge Wild Rice Corp
Northern Resource Trucking
Points North Freight Forwarding
Prince Albert Development Corporation
Sage Properties
Western First Nations Hospitality
5Buds Cannabis





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RESERVE INFORMATION

Location

Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation is comprised of eight communities including Denare Beach, Deschaumbault Lake, Kinoosao, Pelican Narrows, Prince Albert, Sandy Bay, Southend, and Sturgeon Landing.

Services

Peter Ballantyne Health Services: Treaty 6 includes a 'medicine chest' clause, provided at the request of the people for medical care. This treaty relationship between the Crown and First Nations of Canada remains as the foundation upon which the PBCN Health Transfer Agreement was signed in April 1995 and in all agreements since (pbcnhealthservices.org). A wide range of home, community and primary care services are provided at the central location in Prince Albert and other community facilities. Services vary by community.

Education

"All children are gifts of the Creator and as such they are sacred beings to be treated with the necessary dignity and respect. The whole community is involved in the education of children, an education that is holistic and that rests on the culture and values of the Woodland Cree" (pbcnea.ca/mission-and-vision). PBCN Education Authority is the largest First Nation education system in Saskatchewan. It owns and administers 7 schools and has a total student population of approximately 1800 students.

GOVERNANCE

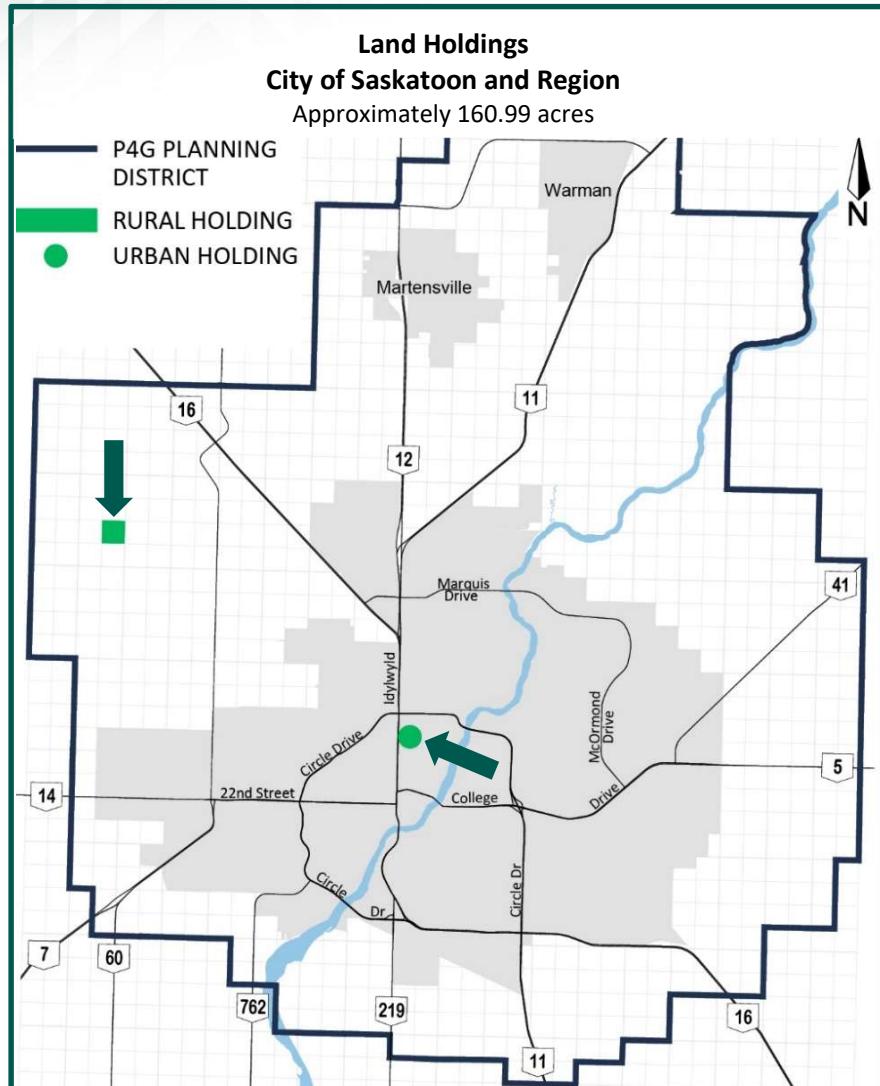
Chief: Peter Beatty
Councillors: Walter Ballantyne
Nora Bear
Justin Beatty
Olivia Custer
Leon Dorion
Justin Halcrow
Francis Highway
Clarisse Lecoq
Thomas Linklater
Allan Michel
Jeremy Morin
Kevin Morin
Clayton Sewap
Timothy Underwood

Election Term: April 15, 2024 to
April 13, 2027

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