

FIRST NATION COMMUNITY PROFILE



About WHITECAP DAKOTA FIRST NATION

“Whitecap Dakota First Nation (WDFN) is a modern and progressive First Nation with a proud culture and a strong sense of community. Whitecap’s members have mandated their leadership to implement a nation-building vision geared toward Strengthening Community and Building Opportunity. With a long history of establishing partnerships, WDFN continues a Spirit of Alliance, working with its neighbours and governments in support of its nation-building agenda” (www.whitecapdakota.com). In May 2023, Whitecap Dakota First Nation Council signed a self-government Treaty with Canada after a decade of negotiations and centuries of being unrecognized as Indigenous people of this country. The parties have committed to build on this new Treaty relationship founded in reconciliation of Whitecap Dakota’s rights in Canada.

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- WDFN, under the Framework Agreement on First Nations Land Management, has ratified the Whitecap Land Code to assert WDFN government control over its lands and resources. The land code, now in its third generation, provides investor certainty.
- Whitecap Development Corporation (WDC) was incorporated in 1990 as the for-profit arm of the Nation.
- WDC has a portfolio of diversified investments in the tourism, agriculture and industrial services sectors and works with STC Employment and Training Services team to assist members in reaching their career goals.
- WDFN offers market housing to members and non-members.
- WDFN has Commercial/Light Industrial land available for lease at Chief Whitecap Trail Business Park.
- In 2024, WDFN broke ground on the Dakota Dunes Thermal Spa which will complement the existing hotel, casino and golf course on WDFN's reserve lands.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 720 persons (November, 2025)

On Reserve: 346 persons | Off Reserve: 374 persons

Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 4,681 acres

(Source: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, https://fnpp.oadnc-aandc.gc.ca/fnpp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=372&lang=eng)

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Saskatoon Tribal Council (STC) Member

ECONOMICS

IN SASKATOON REGION

Land Holdings (Total)	4,531.11 acres
Rural Reserve: South of Saskatoon, HWY 219	4,531.11 acres

Employment (On Reserve)

Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employees	700 (as of 2016)
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Business Developments

Dakota Dunes Golf Links
Dakota Dunes Resort & Casino
Dakota Dunes Thermal Spa
STC Casino Holdings Inc.
STC Investments Inc.

Tatanka Ranch

Whitecap Commercial Real Estate Inc.

Whitecap Trail Gas Bar & Convenience Store

Whitecap Industrial Services Division partnerships:

Brodsky Indigenous Civil Contractors

Tatanka Conveyor Solutions

Whitecap Allnorth

Whitecap Black Diamond

Whitecap Haztech Industrial Services

Whitecap/NCSG Crane & Heavy Haul Services

Whitecap PTW Energy

Business Developments - Proposed

Resort Residential Development

Retail Development & Business Park

Source: Whitecap Dakota First Nation





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HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

Location

The Whitecap Dakota First Nation reserve is located 20 minutes south of Saskatoon along the newly upgraded Highway 219. This highway has been designated the Chief Whitecap Trail tourism corridor.

Services

A wide variety of programs and services are available on the Whitecap Dakota First Nation including: housing, public works, community health centre, education centre, employment opportunities, an RCMP detachment, and a fire department. WDFN is also home to major recreational attractions including the Dakota Dunes Golf Links, the Dakota Dunes Resort and Casino, and the Whitecap Sports Grounds and Ball Diamonds.

Education

Charles Red Hawk Elementary School currently serves Pre-School to Grade 4 students. Through a historic agreement WDFN and Saskatoon Public School Division (SPSD) jointly govern education programming for this SPSD operated school. Students in Grades 5 to 12 attend SPSD schools in the City of Saskatoon. The Whitecap Children's Centre provides a supportive and nurturing environment to infants and pre-school children.

GOVERNANCE

Chief: Darcy Bear

Councillors: Allison Daniels
Bradon Eagle
Dwayne Eagle
Frank Royal

Election Term: November 29, 2024 to
November 29, 2028

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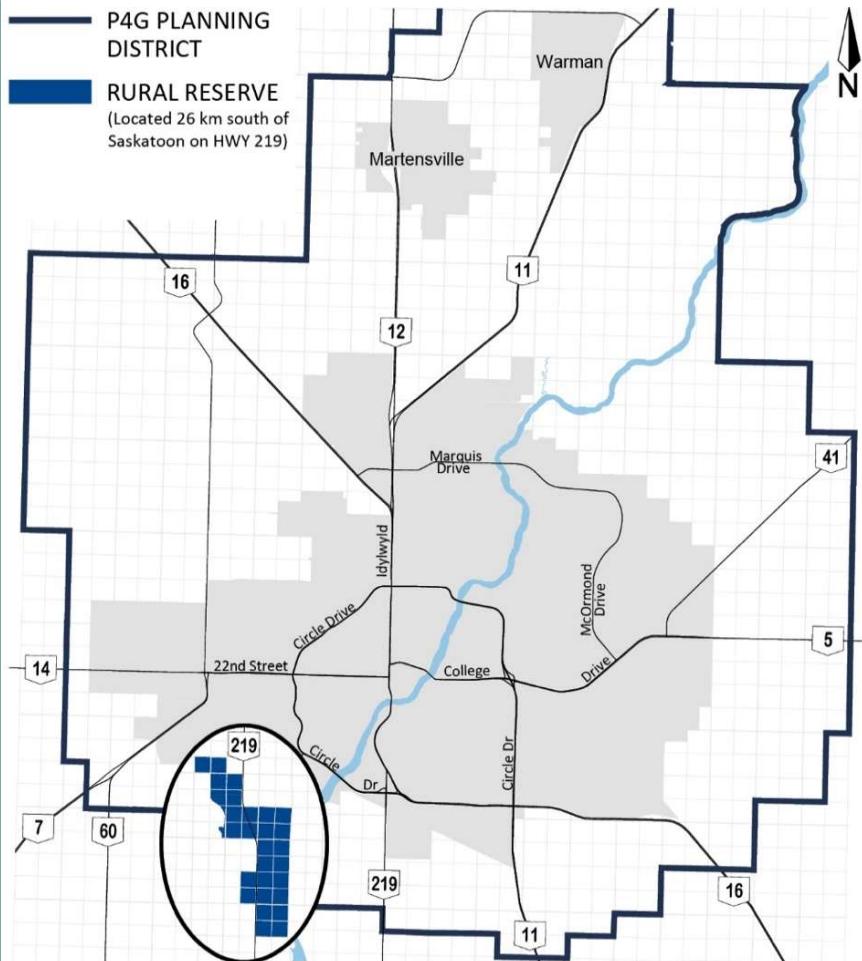
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Whitecap Dakota First Nation Land Holdings

City of Saskatoon and Region

Approximately 4,531.11 acres



FOR MORE INFORMATION



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