



FIRST NATION COMMUNITY PROFILE



About PELICAN LAKE FIRST NATION

Pelican Lake First Nation (PLFN) is located on Chitek Lake, Saskatchewan, approximately 274 km northwest of Saskatoon. PLFN is a member of Treaty 6 and became a signatory in 1889. Pelican Lake First Nation has long term vision of healthy individuals, families, and community. Achieving self-sufficiency and self-reliance through increased employment is an important component of this long-term vision. (<http://www.creenationsheritagecentre.ca/pelican-lake-first-nation.html>)

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Pelican Lake First Nation is comprised of five land parcels that cover more than 30 thousand acres.
- Under the current Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) structure, the band is entitled to a total of 45,345 acres of land.
- Pelican Lake has purchased .42 acres of land in the City of Saskatoon awaiting federal approval of Urban Reserve designation. This site includes Adam's Lumber which, combined with Pelican Lake's other forestry interests, enables a sustainable forest-to-lumber supply chain.
- Pelican Lake Farms Ltd. had their inaugural season in 2023, seeding approximately 5,000 acres of canola, wheat, barley, and oats. In 2024, PLFL has increased its capacity to 7,500 acres and is on target for 10,000 acres in 2025. Cattle and Buffalo programs will complement the crop production side, creating a field to table food security program. ([Indigenous farming creates opportunity for youth and community \(youtube.com\)](#))
- In 2023, PLFN was gifted 22 buffalo from Loka Koa and Tearfund. The goal is to grow the herd to sustain the community and to then gift buffalo to other First Nations. ([Bringing Back The Buffalo – Pelican Lake First Nation \(youtube.com\)](#))

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 1,742 persons (April, 2024)
On Reserve: 1,307 persons/Off Reserve: 435 persons
Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 33,107 acres
(Source: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, (https://fnppn.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/FNP/Main/Search/FNReqPopulation.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=405&lang=eng))

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

ECONOMICS

IN SASKATOON REGION

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| Land Holdings (Total) | .4 acres |
| 1944 Saint George Avenue, Saskatoon – Adam's Lumber | .4 acres |

Status: Developed

Employment

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| Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employee | n/a |
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Business Developments - Current

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| Western Homes – RM of Corman Park, Highway 11 South | |
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OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION

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| Chitek Lake Indian Development Company Ltd. | |
| Chamakese Resort | |
| Pelican Lake Farms Ltd. | |
| Pelican Lake Mini-Mall | |
| AC Forestry | |
| Pelican Lake Outfitters | |
| Northern Whitetail Outfitters | |
| Western Homes | |
| Pelican Lake Mechanical | |
| Gatzke Mechanical | |
| Adams Lumber | |

Source: Pelican Lake First Nation





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HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

Location

The home reserve is located adjacent to Chitek Lake, approximately 274km northwest of Saskatoon.

Services

Facilities on reserve include community infrastructure, such as:

- Elementary school & Highschool
- Firehall
- Health Clinic
- Social development office
- Band administration office
- Operations & maintenance shop
- Treaty Land Entitlement office
- Housing maintenance complex
- Community Safety Officers
- Commercial Farm site
- Hunting outfitters lodge

Education

Pelican Lake First Nation has two schools, including the Pelican Lake First Nation School and the Chamakese Education Centre. The Chamakese Education Centre provides education to students from Kindergarten to Grade 6. The Pelican Lake First Nation School provides education to students in Grades 7 through 12.

Together, both schools have approximately 700 students enrolled currently. Pelican Lake's schools are part of the Treaty Six Education Council where the goal is to create cultural pride through academic achievement and success which instills lifelong learning.

GOVERNANCE

Chief: Peter Bill
Councillors: Greg Bill
Lee Bill
Evan Chamakese
Donny Rabbitskin
Willie Thomas
Election Term: March 25, 2022 to March 24, 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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