

About ENGLISH RIVER FIRST NATION

The English River First Nation (ERFN) is comprised of seven different Reserves including: Cree Lake, Porter Island, Elak Dase, Knee Lake, Dipper Rapids, Wapachewunak, and LaPlonge. The home reserve is located in Patuanak, near the Churchill River. The river provides transportation and allows for fishing, hunting and gathering. It also provides economic opportunities for outfitting and tourism. English River First Nation is a Dene speaking community.

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- On August 28, 1906, Chief William Apesis signed Treaty 10 on behalf of English River First Nation.
- ERFN has a vibrant economy with many people owning their own businesses or being employed through the First Nation.
- Des Nedhe Development, ERFN’s economic development entity, continues to create financial and economic opportunities for their members.
- Tron Construction & Mining, which is owned and operated by ERFN, provides general contracting services for construction projects and maintenance contracts, as well as heavy earth moving, electrical, mechanical, pipeline and environmental cleanup for the mining sector.
- ERFN also operates Grasswood Travel and Business Centre located just south of Saskatoon, which includes 80,000 square feet of office space, a gas bar and convenience store, two commercial strip malls, and other warehousing buildings.
- Forestry and mining are other key partners and employers of ERFN members, as well as Keewatin Yatthe Regional Health Authority.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 1625 persons
 On Reserve: 778 persons/ Off Reserve: 847 persons
 Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 62,445 acres
 (Source: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, (https://fnp-pnp.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=400&lang=eng))

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Meadow Lake Tribal Council (MLTC) Member

ECONOMICS

IN SASKATOON REGION

Land Holdings (Total)	135 acres
Rural Reserve (RM of Corman Park)	135 acres

Status: Partially developed. Further development options are being considered.

Employment (On Reserve)

Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employee	535
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Business Developments - Current

Tron Construction & Mining	
Grasswood Travel and Business Centre	
Des Nedhe Development LP	
Grasswood Petro Canada	
English River Property Management	
Minetec Mining Supply Company	
Mudjatik Thyssen Mining	

Business Developments - Proposed

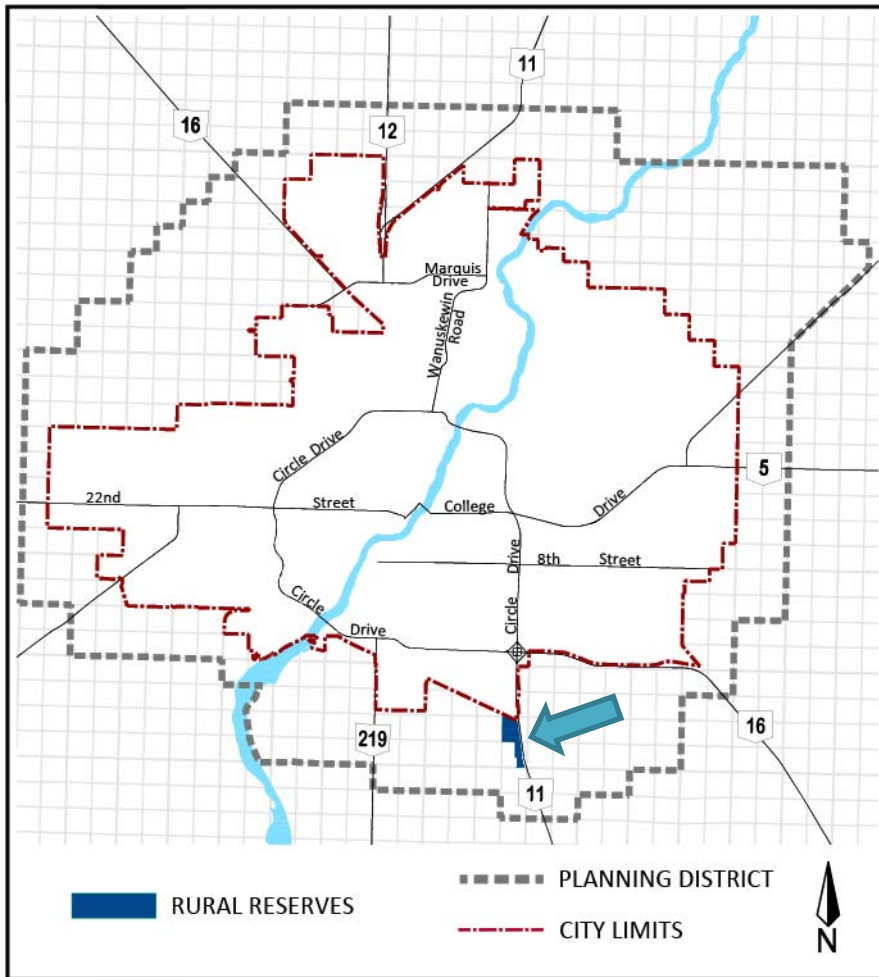
Hotel and Conference Centre (Grasswood)	
Office Building/Space (Grasswood)	

OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION

Shop Easy & Gas Bar in Beauval, SK	
The Gas Bar and Convenience Store in Patuanak, SK	
Mudjatik Enterprises	

Source: English River First Nation.

English River First Nation Land Holdings
 City of Saskatoon and Region
 Approximately 135 acres



HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

Location

The home reserve is located in Patuanak (which is 250 kilometres north west of Meadow Lake, SK), west of the Shagwanew Rapids on the Churchill River, and is a Dene speaking community. It is accessible by Provincial Road 918.

Services

Community facilities include: band office, Canada Post office, William Apesis Memorial band hall, St. Louis School, Great River Health Clinic, CPAT 89.9 radio station, youth centre, gas bar, fish plant, day care, Ovide G. McIntyre Memorial Arena and Curling Rink, St. Louis Roman Catholic Church, RCMP detachment, and Lein Wolverine Park.

Education

Education has always been important to ERFN. Historically, children attended residential schools in Ile a la Crosse and Beauval. A local elementary school, St. Louis School, was built in 1971, with a modern predecessor in 1995. In 2000, it was updated and expanded to include a high school, eliminating the need for students to travel outside the community for educational training.

GOVERNANCE

Chief: Jerry Bernard
 Councillors: Irene Apesis
 Katrina Eaglechild
 Megan Gar
 Randy McIntyre
 Jenny Wolverine
 Sandra Wolverine
 Election Term: October 27, 2019 to October 26, 2023

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