



About ONION LAKE CREE NATION

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 Makaoo Band. The bands received adjacent reserves in 1879. The Onion Lake First Nation has educational facilities, a modern health centre, and indoor/outdoor sports facilities. There are both band-owned and privately owned businesses on reserve, providing the community with essential services and employing both residents and non-residents. The home reserve land is situated 50 km north of Lloydminster. The Onion Lake Reserve straddles the Saskatchewan-Alberta border, making it Canada’s only border Cree Nation. (Source: onionlake.ca/about)

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Onion Lake First Nation is member of Treaty 6 and became a signatory on September 9, 1876.
- Onion Lake First Nation is located approximately 50 km north of Lloydminster.
- Pëkapësik Lodge is a medical boarding home operated by Onion Lake First Nation, located in Saskatoon. 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 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.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 6,658 persons
 On Reserve: 4,285 persons/Off Reserve: 2,373 persons
 Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 144,732 acres
 (Source: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, (https://fnp-ppn.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=344&lang=eng))

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Independent

ECONOMICS

IN SASKATOON REGION

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| Land Holdings (Total) | .2 acres |
| 1605 Victoria Ave, Saskatoon | .2 acres |

Status: Operated as Victoria Lodge

Business Developments - Current

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| Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employee | |
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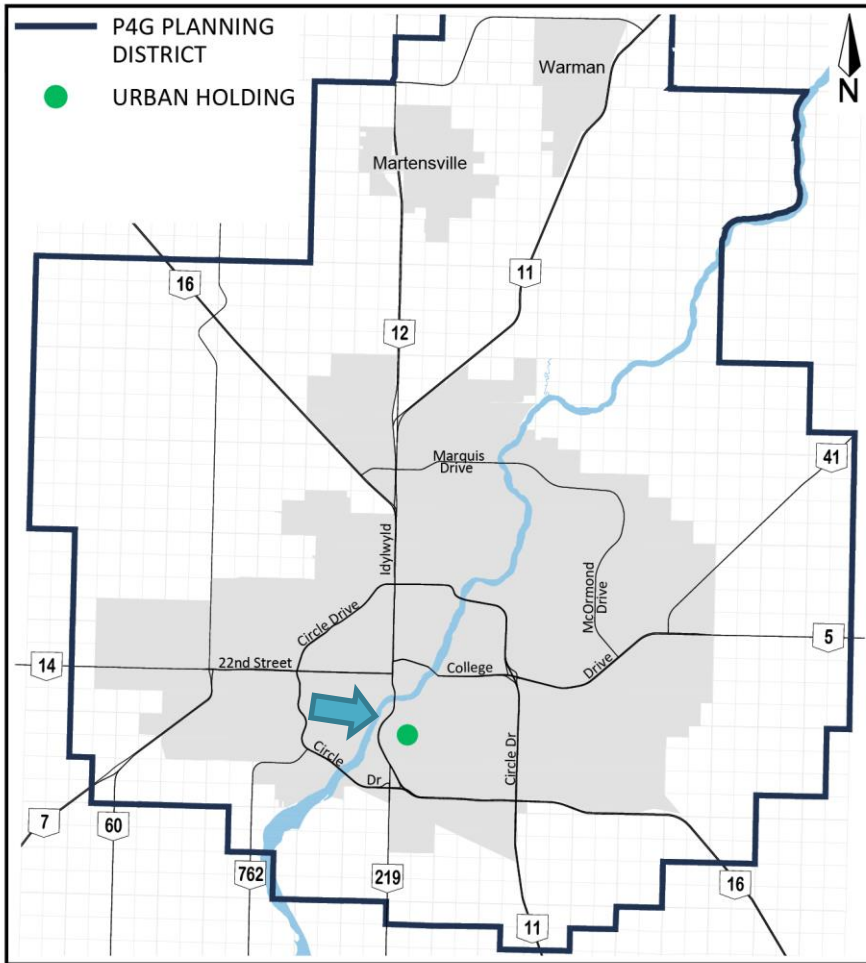
Business Developments – Proposed

OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION

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| Onion Lake Business Development Corporation | |
| <i>All Nations Building Supplies</i> | 10 |
| <i>Askiv Apoy Hauling Ltd.</i> | |
| <i>Beretta Pipeline Construction</i> | |
| <i>Flying Energy Inc</i> | |
| <i>Makaoo Mall Developments Ltd.</i> | |
| Onion Lake Gas Co-op Ltd. | |
| Onion Lakes Enterprises Ltd. | 33 |
| Onion Lake Oil Well Servicing | 6 |
| Onion Lake Vacuum & Pressure | |

Source: onionlake.ca

Onion Lake Cree Nation
 Land Holdings - City of Saskatoon and Region
 Approximately .2 acres



HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

Location

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

Services

Facilities on-reserve include the Kihew Waciston Cree Immersion School. Kihew Waciston Cree Immersion School focuses on educating the next generation in spoken language and Cree identity. Educational facilities on reserve accommodate primary to high school students. There is a health clinic on reserve as well as both indoor and outdoor sports facilities. Many other services are located 50km in Lloydminster.

Education

Onion Lake First Nation currently offers pre-school to Grade 12 education. Daycare is offered as well. Onion Lake places importance on a comprehensive curriculum and educates students in both First Nations and non-First Nations words. Onion Lake First Nations utilizes their community and environment to provide knowledge to their students that is consistent with the teachings of their Cree Elders. Onion Lake education promotes First Nation’s culture, society, values, beliefs, history, tradition, and language.

GOVERNANCE

Chief: Henry Lewis
 Councillors: Fraser Heathen
 Trevor Heathen
 Hubert Pahtaykan
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Election Term: June 18, 2018 to
 June 17, 2022

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