



About THUNDERCHILD FIRST NATION

Thunderchild First Nation, also known as Piyesiw-Awasis is an independent Cree First Nation band government near Turtleford, Saskatchewan with no affiliation with any Tribal Council and is located approximately 113 kilometres northwest of North Battleford. The reserve was moved from its original location near Delmas, Saskatchewan in 1909 to where it now currently resides near Turtleford, Saskatchewan. Approximately one third of the membership lives on the home reserve.

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- In early 2019, Thunderchild First Nation achieved Urban Reserve designation for the Husky Gas & Convenience Store (formerly Retro Petro), located at 1135 Idylwyld Drive North in Saskatoon.
- Municipal Agreements were signed by Chief Wapass and Council and City of Saskatoon Mayor Clark and Council, on January 29, 2018, by way of a special signing ceremony.
- Recently formalized investment with Calgary based, Westleaf Cannabis that will create up to 150 new jobs
- Chief Gordon Thunderchild Commercial Centre, located on the home reserve, includes a gas station, grocery store, restaurant and billiards. The Centre is named for the grandson of Piyesiw Awasis (Chief Thunderchild)
<https://www.thunderchild.ca/businesses>

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 2,964 persons
 On Reserve: 1,090 persons/Off Reserve: 1,874 persons
 Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 67,458 acres
 (Source: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, https://fnppn.aadnc.aandc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=349&lang=eng)

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Independent - No Tribal Council Affiliation

ECONOMICS

IN SASKATOON REGION

Land Holdings (Total)	0.3 acres
Urban Reserve	0.3 acres

Status: Husky Gas & Convenience Store (recently renovated & operating)

Employment (On Reserve)

Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employee	14
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Business Developments - Current

Husky Gas & Convenience Store – 1135 Idylwyld Drive North	

OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION

Thunder Development Inc., which includes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Gordon Thunderchild Commercial Centre Ltd • Husky Gas (Saskatoon) • Thunder Security Ltd • Thunder Oil Ltd • Thunder Investments Ltd • Thunderchild Energy Services Ltd https://www.thunderchild.energy/ 	

Thunderchild First Nation
 Urban Reserves - City of Saskatoon and Region
 Approximately 0.3 acres

HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

Location

The home reserve is located about 10 kilometres southwest of Turtleford, SK.

Services

Health care services such as home care and health nurse are available, as well as social development and community wellness support. There are also coordinated youth sports and adult sports programs managed by the members. Once construction of the new wellness center is complete, it will provide health care facilities, meeting rooms, a hockey arena, and a field house for the community.

Education

Built in 2002, Piyesiw Awasis Community School provides educational opportunities for approximately 300 K-12 students. The school is a state of the art place of learning with a focus on incorporating culture, language, and identity into both the design of the building and in the programs offered to students. The building resembles an eagle from above and features a teepee-shaped culture room. Community Elders are honored through photographs placed on the interior and exterior of the building.

Post-secondary educational opportunities and support are also available to members, through the Active Support for Education and Training Strategy (ASETS)

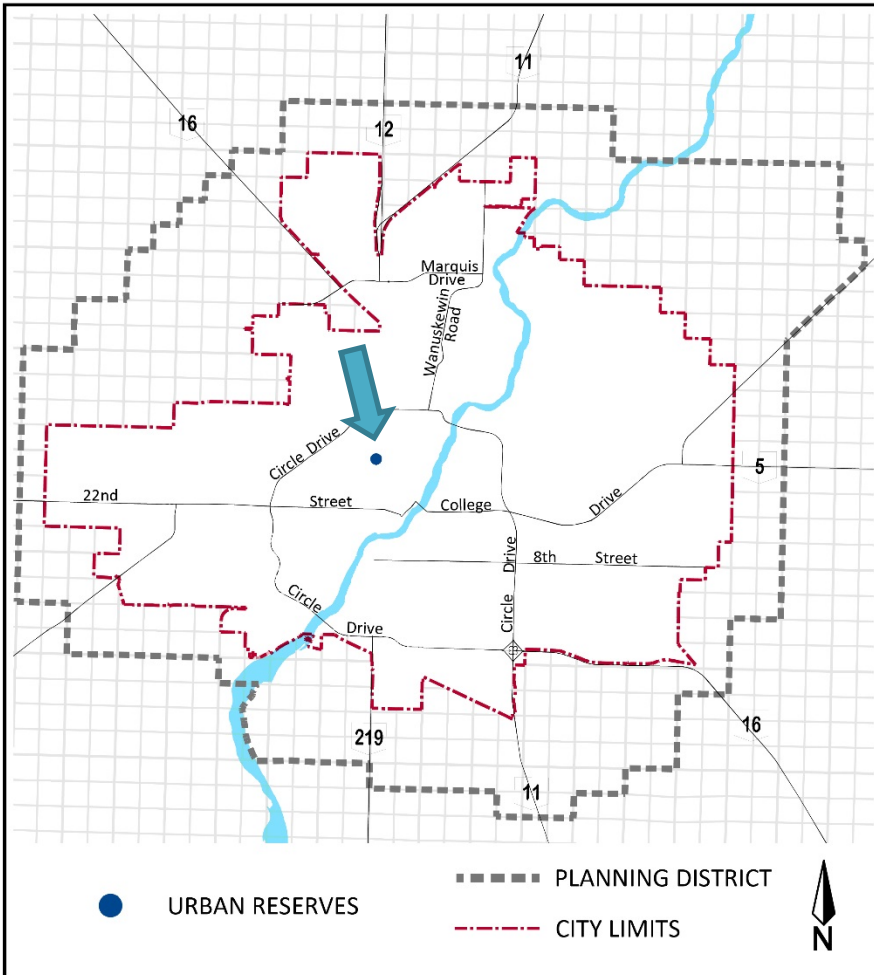
GOVERNANCE

Chief: James Snakeskin
 Councillors: Walter Jimmy
 Michael Linklater
 John Noon
 Barry Paddy
 Melvin Thunderchild
 Savana Walkingbear
 Billy Yellowhead

Election Term: October 2018 to
 October 2022

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