



FIRST NATION COMMUNITY PROFILE



About COWESSESS FIRST NATION

Cowessess First Nation strives to enhance the quality of life for its members through self-sufficiency, the protection and enhancement of Treaty Rights and the provision of effective services. The First Nation is comprised of mixed Cree and Saulteaux people that once were plains hunters and gatherers. Originally, the community assembled along the Canada and USA border, as well as around Fort Walsh. Later, they relocated to their present-day location in the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley near Crooked and Round Lakes (<https://cowessessfn.com/>).

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Chief Cowessess (Ka-wezauc, "Little Boy") signed Treaty 4 on September 15, 1874.
- Last Oak Golf and Country Club is an 18-hole championship golf course in the Qu'Appelle Valley that is owned and operated by Cowessess First Nation.
- Cowessess is a leader in renewable energy development with a portfolio that includes: 1 MW wind, solar and battery storage facility near Regina, 330 kW net metering on community-owned buildings, 10 MW solar facility near Regina, and a minor ownership position in a 200 MW wind farm at Kipling, Saskatchewan.
- Cowessess is a leader in primary production agriculture, with an operational mixed cattle and grain farm that includes a 200-head cow/calf herd and 5000 acres of grain land.
- Cowessess is active in urban land development in Regina, with longer-term aspirations for development in Saskatoon and Yorkton.
- Cowessess was the first Nation in Canada to sign onto Bill C92, which has led to the creation of Chief Red Bear Children's Lodge. This lodge will be an independent child welfare system, with the goal of being fully operational by 2026.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 5,071 persons (June 2026)

On Reserve: 921 persons | Off Reserve: 4,150 persons

Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 106,583 acres

(Source: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, https://fnppn.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=361&lang=eng)

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Independent First Nation

ECONOMICS

IN SASKATOON REGION

Land Holdings (Total)	206.09 acres
Rural Holdings: RM of Corman Park, Highway No. 11 South	206.09 acres

OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION

Last Oak Golf and Country Club
Cowessess Gas & Grocery stores
4C Farms Limited Partnership
1 MW Cowessess Renewable Energy Storage Facility
10 MW Awasis Solar Limited Partnership
200 MW Bekevar Wind Limited Partnership
Tim Hortons Land and Building Lease
Urban Indigenous Health Centre
GeeBee Cowessess Construction JV
Iconic Cowessess Solution

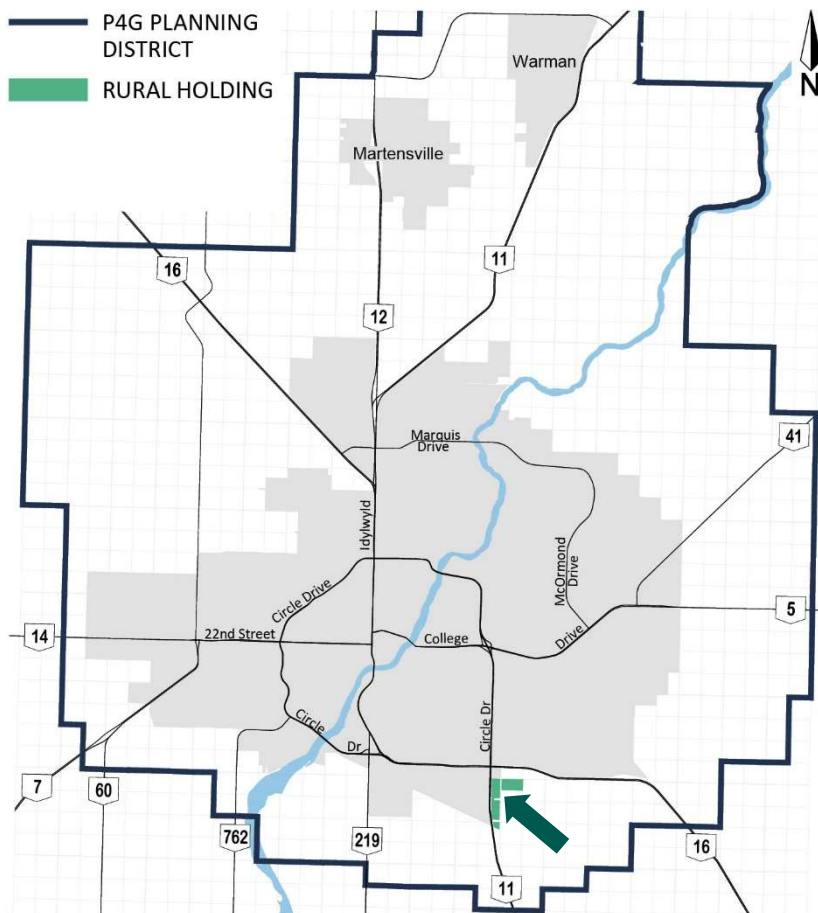
Source: Cowessess First Nation.





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HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

Location

The home reserve is in the Qu'Appelle Valley, approximately 20 kilometres north of Broadview, and roughly 430 kilometres from Saskatoon.

Services

Cowessess First Nation offers many services to members including: community housing, employment and training, health and social development, justice, land use planning, and economic development.

Education

K'awasis Daycare is open to children between the ages of 6 months to 6 years. Cowessess Community Education Centre offers educational opportunities for kindergarten to Grade 12 students. The Labour Force Development Office helps enable band members to obtain and retain employment.

Post-secondary School - "Education is Our Buffalo" - Cowessess First Nation is honoured to support students who are pursuing careers that enable them to compete in the work force and be role models for other students.

GOVERNANCE

Chief:	Erica Beaudin
Councillors:	Ira Aisaican
	Joshua Aisaican
	Duane Delorme
	Malcolm Delorme
	Gary Lerat
	Jennifer Pelletier
	Brandon Pelletier
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Election Term: April 25, 2023 to
April 24, 2027

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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