



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.

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Chief Cowessess (Ka-wezauce, “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.

ECONOMICS

IN SASKATOON REGION

Land Holdings (Total)	207.7 acres
Rural Holdings: RM of Corman Park, Highway 11 South	207.7 acres

Status: Development options are being considered

Employment (On Reserve)

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

SeventyThree Industrial Construction JV (construction, fabrication, mining)	Saskatoon
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Business Developments - Proposed

To be announced	
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OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION

Last Oak Golf and Country Club	Cowessess
Cowessess Gas & Grocery (2 locations: Cowessess Reserve and Regina)	Cowessess Regina
4C Farms Limited Partnership	Cowessess
1 MW Cowessess Renewable Energy Storage Facility	Regina
10 MW Awasis Solar Limited Partnership	Regina
200 MW Bekevar Wind Limited Partnership	Regina
Tim Hortons Land and Building Lease	Regina
Urban Indigenous Health Centre (in development)	Regina
GeeBee Cowessess Construction JV (civil contracting)	Kipling
Iconic Cowessess Solution (high voltage electrical contracting)	Calgary

Source: Cowessess First Nation.

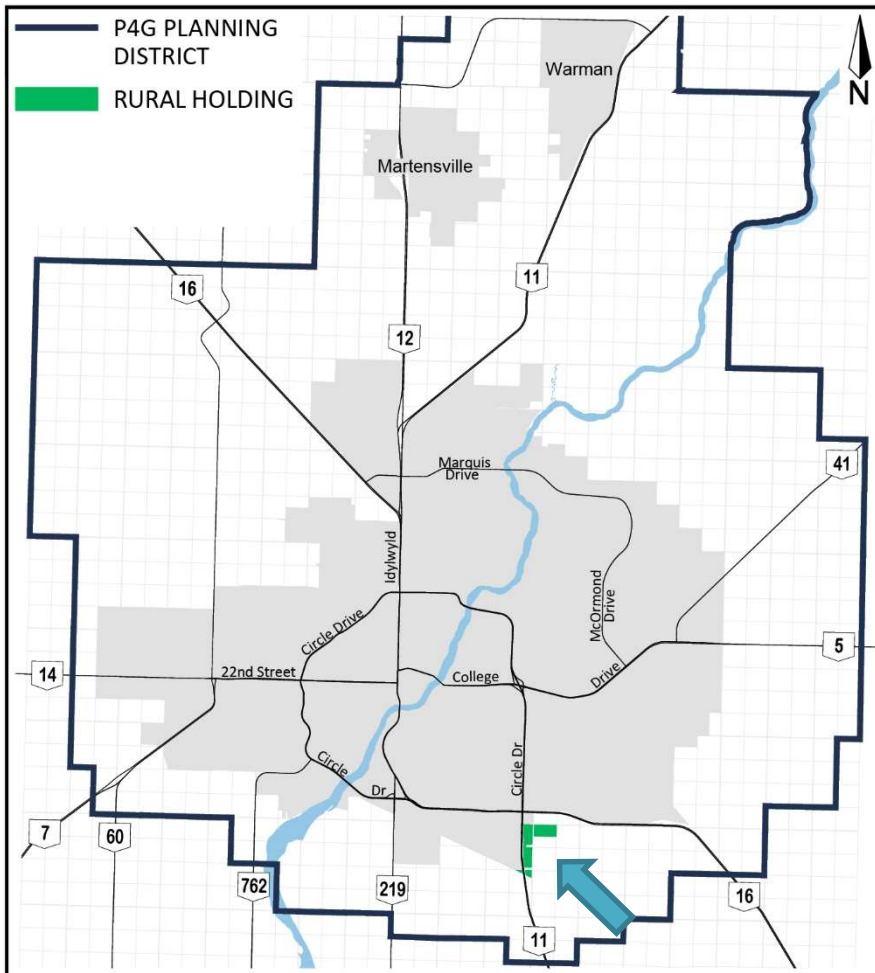
DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 4,501 persons (November, 2023)
 On Reserve: 906 persons/Off Reserve: 3,595 persons
 Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 104,938 acres
 (Source: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, https://fnp-ppn.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=361&lang=eng)

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Independent First Nation

Cowessess First Nation Land Holdings
City of Saskatoon and Region
Approximately 207.7 acres



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 (Curtis) Delorme
Malcolm Delorme
Gary (Terry) Lerat
Jon Lerat
Brandon Pelletier
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Election Term: April 25, 2023 to
April 24, 2027

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