



## About ONION LAKE CREE NATION

Onion Lake Cree Nation is located 50 km North of Lloydminster, Canada, and is approximately 57,737 hectares. It is the only reserve to straddle the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, making it Canada’s only border Cree Nation. Onion Lake is of the Treaty Six Territory which was signed by Chief Sakaskohc at Fort Pitt in 1876. It was only in 1914 when Makao and Sakaskohc amalgamated to be one band. There are both band-owned and privately owned businesses on reserve, providing the community with essential services and employing both residents and non-residents ([www.onionlake.ca/about](http://www.onionlake.ca/about)).

### HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Onion Lake Cree Nation is a member of Treaty 6 and became a signatory on September 9, 1876.
- Onion Lake Cree Nation is located approximately 50 km north of Lloydminster.
- 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 Makao Band. The Bands received adjacent reserves in 1879.
- Pëkapësik Lodge is a medical boarding home operated by Onion Lake Cree Nation, located in Saskatoon at 1605 Victoria Ave. 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: 6,968 persons (November, 2023)

On Reserve: 4,451 persons/Off Reserve: 2,517 persons

Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 144,732 acres

(Source: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, [https://fnp-ppn.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND\\_NUMBER=344&lang=eng](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

Land Holdings (Total)	
1605 Victoria Ave, Saskatoon	0.2 acres

**Status:** Operated as Victoria Lodge

#### Business Developments - Current

Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employee	171 (total)
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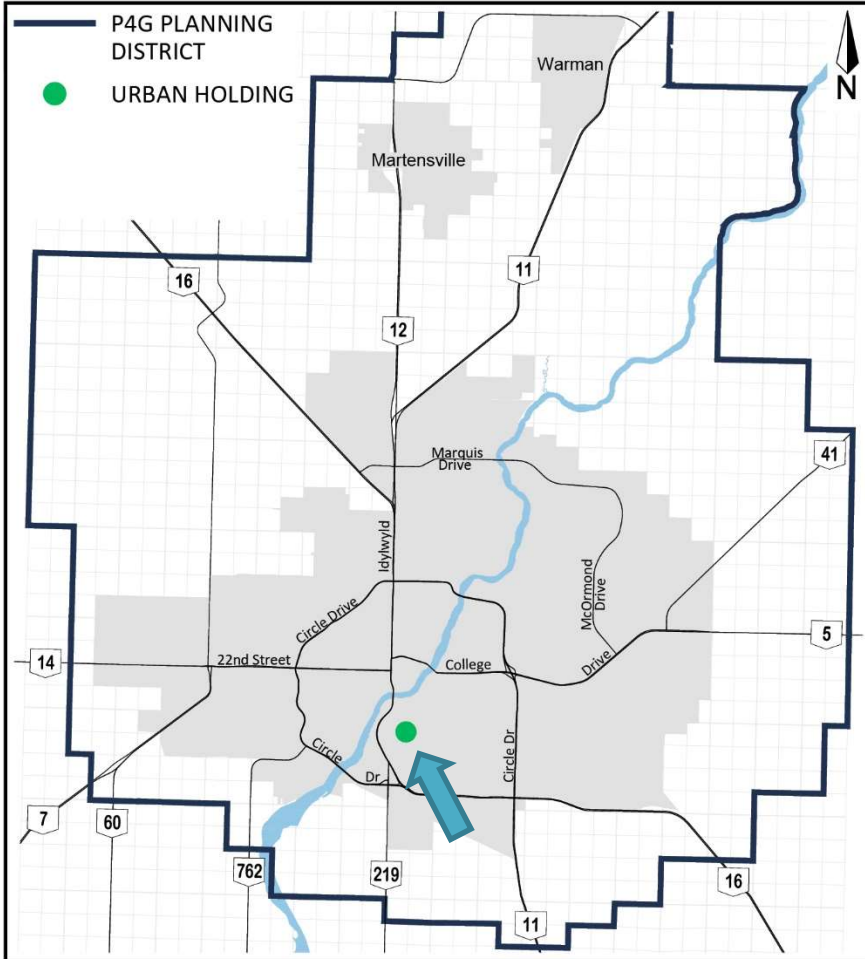
#### Business Developments – Proposed

#### OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION

Onion Lake Group of Companies Corporation	Employees
All Nations Building Supplies	10
Askiy Apoy Hauling	14
Beretta Pipeline Construction	42
OL Net	2
Makao Mall Developments	33
Onion Lake Gas	11
Onion Lakes Enterprises	45
Onion Lake Oil Well Servicing	12
Onion Lake Vacuum & Pressure	1
OLCN SGI MVD	1

Source: [www.onionlake.ca](http://www.onionlake.ca)

Onion Lake Cree Nation  
 Land Holdings - City of Saskatoon and Region  
 Approximately 0.2 acres



## HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

### Location

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

### Services

Services on-reserve include membership emergency assistance, Elders program, band housing and Elders lodge, women and youth program, community development centre, employment training and careers program, social assistance/SAET, fire rescue and peacekeepers, public works such as road maintenance, water and sanitation, and off-reserve urban offices in Saskatoon and Edmonton. Departments include Communication, Treaty Governance, Native Justice, Lands & Resources/Duty to Consult, and Health.

The Onion Lake Health Department offers an ambulance service, pharmacy, school dental program, clinic/laboratory and x-ray services, community nurses, assisted living, group homes (baby & youth homes), adult disability home, healing & wellness, Ekweskeet rehabilitation, and medical transportation.

Onion Lake Cree Nation is home to Big Chief Park, Heritage Park and Racing Track, Buffalo Compound, MMIMW Site, splash parks, Full Gospel Church, Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Parish, and Mamawehkamihk Soup Kitchen.

### Education

“Onion Lake Cree Nation values education and as such must empower and strengthen the youth by enriching their spirit through educating in a Nehiyaw-based environment” (<https://oleducation.ca/>). Onion Lake has five schools: Kihew Waciston School (Cree Immersion), Pewasnakwan Primary School, Chief Taylor School, Eagleview School, and Sakaskohc High School. Education services include the Gift of Language Program, daycare, OL Bus Lines, post-secondary education, and SITAG/LMA.

## GOVERNANCE

Chief:	Henry Lewis
Councillors:	Irene Carter
	Timothy Chief
	Bernadene Harper
	Ivan Harper
	Laurie Ann Jimmy
	Doreen Masson
	Hubert Pahtayken
	Joe Waskewitch Jr.
Election Term:	June 18, 2022 to June 17, 2026

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