

# FIRST NATION COMMUNITY PROFILE



# **About AHTAHKAKOOP CREE NATION**

Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation (ACN) is located near Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, approximately 150 kilometres north of Saskatoon. ACN is committed to providing an exceptional quality of life for their members through the provision of health and education services. ACN "is a forward looking and progressive community that has a vision to build a strong and healthy foundation using the guiding principles of Chief Ahtahkakoop, 'let us not think of ourselves, but of our children's children.'" (https://www.ahtahkakoop.ca/).

# HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation is a member of Treaty 6 and became a signatory in 1876.
- Ahtahkakoop's home reserve encompasses roughly 43,000 acres.
- Ahtahkakoop is in the process of purchasing the Pleasant Hill School site in Saskatoon from the Province, intended as a future medical park envisioned to include diagnostic imaging, training, and urgent care supports. The facility is a partnership between the Government of Saskatchewan and Ahtahkakoop Cree Developments that "paves a path forward to improved access to urgent care, new supports for mental health and wellness, and opportunities for training and employment for Indigenous and non-Indigenous citizens of Saskatchewan." (https://globalnews.ca/news/9204560/ahtahkakoop-sask-mou-saskatoonurgent-care-centre/).
- Ahtahkakoop also have business developments including retail and insurance located outside of Saskatoon.
- In October 2023, Ahtahkakoop opened an employment and training centre in Shell Lake, SK's former high school.

# **DEMOGRAPHICS**

Total Population: 4,118 persons (April, 2024)
On Reserve: 2,031 persons/Off Reserve: 2,087 persons
Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 42,866 acres
(Source: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, <a href="https://fnp-ppn.aadnc%2Daandc.qc.co/fnp/Main/Search/FNReqPopulation.aspx?BAND\_NUMBER=406&lanq=eng">https://fnp-ppn.aadnc%2Daandc.qc.co/fnp/Main/Search/FNReqPopulation.aspx?BAND\_NUMBER=406&lanq=eng</a>)

# TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

**Battleford Agency Tribal Chiefs** 

# **ECONOMICS**

# IN SASKATOON REGION Land Holdings (Total) 215 Avenue S South (pending final purchase) Status: Initial planning underway Business Developments - Current OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION Ahtahkakoop General Store TIPI Insurance Partners Ahtahkakoop Cree Developments LLP





# FIRST NATION COMMUNITY PROFILE

# **Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation Land Holdings - City of Saskatoon and Region** 2.41 Acres (pending final purchase) **P4G PLANNING** DISTRICT Warman **URBAN HOLDING** Martensville Marquis 5 - 14 219

# HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

# Location

The home reserve is located near Shell Lake, approximately 150 km north of Saskatoon.

### Services

Services available on ACN's home reserve include: Health Centre and Holistic Wellness Team; Know Your Status program; Justice Program and Justice Team; Athletics Program; Ahtahkakoop Child & Family Services Inc.; Cree Nations Treatment Haven; Fred Sasakamoose Arena.

## **Education**

Chief Ahtahkakohp School is part of the Treaty Six Education Council, and its mission is to "create a caring, sharing and daring environment where each child can achieve his or her potential and is able to cope with the ever-changing future" (<a href="https://www.oak104.ca/">https://www.oak104.ca/</a>). The school offers a remote learning hub, counseling, career and academic advising, a drivers education program, and a student summer program. ACN also supports post-secondary students through scholarships, transition preparedness, job placement, and internship allowances.

# **GOVERNANCE**

Chief: Larry Ahenakew
Councillors: Ben Ahenakew

Lanny Ahenakew
Russell Ahenakew
Dean Genereaux
James Isbister
Patricia Isbister
David Masuskapoe
Chad Peekeekoot
Rodney Sasakamoose
Stanley Sasakamoose

Evan Williams

Cynthia Williams-Johnstone

Election Term: June 18, 2021 to

June 17, 2025

# FOR MORE INFORMATION





City of Saskatoon, Planning and Development Department

 $306\text{-}975\text{-}2645 \bullet \underline{regional.planning@saskatoon.ca} \bullet \underline{www.saskatoon.ca}$ 

Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority (SREDA)

306-664-0720 • info@sreda.com • www.sreda.com

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation** 

PO Box 220

Shell Lake, Saskatchewan SOJ 2G0

306-468-2326

www.ahtahkakoop.ca

