



About MISTAWASIS NÊHIYAWAK

“The Cree ancestors of the Mistawasis Band migrated to present-day Saskatchewan from the woodlands of eastern Manitoba and the Great Lakes area of Ontario in the 17th and 18th centuries. Mistawasis First Nation was named after the Band’s first chief, Chief Mistawasis, who...was head chief of the Prairie Tribe and was known to other Tribes as Sak-kaw-wen-o-wak. Traditionally, the way of life was to follow and hunt buffalo, and depopulation of the herds required a survival change for the Tribe. With the signing of Treaty 6, Chief Mistawasis brought about a new way of life for the future of his people”

(www.mistawasis.ca/about/).

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Chief Mistawasis signed Treaty 6 on August 23, 1876.
- In 2001, Mistawasis settled land claims from 1911, 1917, and 1919, which allowed the nation to purchase more land and broaden their economic development portfolio.
- Misty Ventures Inc. is the economic development corporation owned by Mistawasis. The Chief and Council act as shareholder representatives for Misty Ventures Inc. and determine the process to select Board of Directors.
- Misty Ventures Inc. have recently partnered with Hamilton Construction Corporation to acquire Xtreme Mining and Demolition Inc. (XMD) – an established mining contractor focused on the potash industry, which will employ up to 350 employees between its mining, infrastructure, and drilling divisions.
- Mistawasis recently built an aquaponics facility that will eventually serve the community with rainbow trout and leafy greens. The facility will employ and educate community members to enhance the nation’s food sovereignty.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/spotlight/mistawasis-nehiyawak-acquires-demonstration-scale-aquaponics-facility-7368409>

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 3,086 persons (April, 2024)
 On Reserve: 1,279 persons/Off Reserve: 1,807 persons
 Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 38,266 acres

(Source: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, https://fnppn.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=374&lang=eng)

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Saskatoon Tribal Council Member

ECONOMICS

IN SASKATOON REGION

Land Holdings (Total)	69.6 acres
Rural Reserve: RM of Corman Park, Highway 684	69.6 acres
Status: Undeveloped	
Employment (On Reserve)	
Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employee	n/a
Business Developments - Current	
n/a	
Business Developments - Proposed	
Residential	
Light Industrial	
Commercial	

OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION

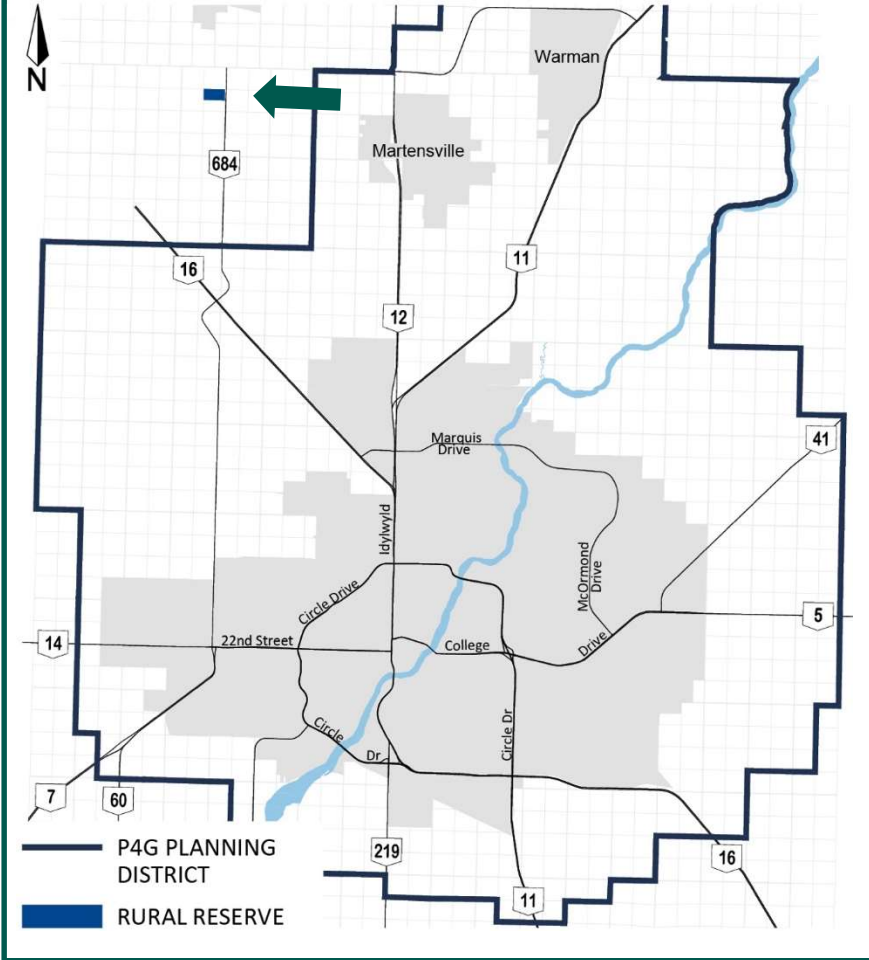
Agricultural lands	15,000 acres
Forest and Lakes/Recreational Lands	21,789 acres
HCC Mining and Demolition	
miEnergy North America	
Awasis 4-6 Alliance	
Misty Petroleum	
Misty Chemco Contractors	
Misty Clifton Engineering	
RST Maintenance	

Source: www.mistyventures.ca





Mistawasis Nêhiyawak Land Holdings City of Saskatoon and Region Approximately 69.6 acres



HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

Location

The home reserve is located 120 kilometres north of Saskatoon, near the community of Leask, SK.

Services

Iron Buffalo Centre helps members access education, training and employment programs and services. Mistawasis Health Centre is committed to providing high quality health care services to the community.

The Mistawasis Public Works Department maintains roads and Band buildings and provides water and sewer services.

Education

Chief Mistawasis School provides education to elementary children in kindergarten to grade eight. The school also houses a daycare centre and nationally recognized Headstart Program. There is now a new High School in the community of Mistawasis Nêhiyawak.

GOVERNANCE

Chief: Daryl Watson
 Councillors: Colby Daniels
 Robin Daniels
 Steven Johnston
 Leslie Pechawis
 Derek Sanderson

Election Term: April 8, 2021 to
 April 7, 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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