# FIRST NATION COMMUNITY PROFILE



# About MUSKEG LAKE CREE NATION

Muskeg Lake Cree Nation (MLCN) is a Plains Cree band that owns and manages a total of 35,123 acres in urban and rural lands. These lands are used for community living, agriculture, recreation, and business. Muskeg Lake's affairs are managed by the Chief and Council and informed by Cree Law. Through business and corporations, the MLCN aims to become economically self-sufficient and to provide resources for community development that will enhance the well-being and lives of their members. As a community, people of MLCN are proud of their Cree language, culture, and heritage. During the year they have many events, as well as a cultural camp, to celebrate their culture and roots. Veterans from MLCN have played a significant role in how the community has developed and are honoured for their ongoing service and contributions (<u>www.muskeglake.com</u>).

### **HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

- Muskeg Lake Cree Nation signed Treaty 6 on August 23, 1876, under Chief Keetoowahaw.
- The MLCN was first to create a commercial urban reserve in Canada in 1988.
- Business Grant Program Member entrepreneurs can access funding assistance to set up and run their own businesses.
- Currently, there are 50 businesses operating on MLCN urban reserve lands in Saskatoon.
- 125 Aspen Drive is the newest development on the MLCN urban reserve in the Sutherland Business District. The highquality mixed-use development conforms to most tenant needs and is designed for retail, restaurant & lounge, personal services, automotive service, showroom sales, office, and medical businesses.
- 336-105<sup>th</sup> Street is a parcel with 10,454 sq ft of leasable land and 0.32 acres of additional compound for lease opportunity, zoned IH-Heavy Industrial.
- Four acres of undeveloped urban reserve land exists in Saskatoon. To discuss leasing opportunities, contact MLCN.

### DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 2,488 persons (April, 2024) On Reserve: 444 persons/Off Reserve: 2,044 persons Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 26,532 acres (Source: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, <u>https://fnp-</u> ppn.aadnc-aandc.gc.co/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND\_NUMBER=375&lang=eng)

## TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Saskatoon Tribal Council (STC) Member

### **ECONOMICS**

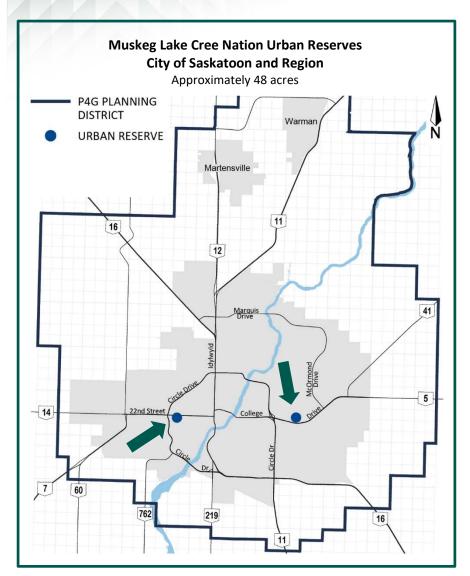
### IN SASKATOON REGION

Land Holdings (Total)	48 acres
Urban Reserve (Sutherland)	47.1 acres
Urban Reserve (22nd Street)	0.9 acres
Employment (On Reserve)	
Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employee	769 persons
Business Developments - Current	
McKnight Commercial Real Estate	
<ul> <li>8 buildings totalling 257,552 ft<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Creeway Gas (Both East and West):</li> </ul>	
4,830 ft <sup>2</sup>	
• Total: 262,382 ft <sup>2</sup>	
Pristine Carwash	13 persons
Muskeg Media	1 person
Lakeside Starbucks	23 persons
Postcard Portable	2 persons
Cree Way Gas Ltd.	16 persons
Cree Way Gas West Ltd.	24 persons
<b>Business Developments - Proposed</b>	
Aspen Place – Development in progress,	3.0 acres
Phase IV	
OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION	
Pitihkwakew Lake	
Regional Agricultural Properties	
Regina Properties (2): 38,008 ft <sup>2</sup>	
Source: Muskeg Lake Cree Nation ( <u>www.muskeglake.com</u> )	

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### HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

### Location

The home reserve is located in central Saskatchewan, 93 kilometres north of Saskatoon, and is bordered by the towns of Marcelin, Leask, and Blaine Lake. It is accessible via Highways 40, 12, and 3.

### Services

The Muskeg Lake Cree Nation (MLCN) offers many programs and services to band members and delivers them in a way that reflects a desire for a healthy community that follows Cree laws. Services offered include housing, finance, health and wellness, social development, community justice, recreation, and economic development.

### Education

Kihiw Waciston School is a First Nations elementary school that serves Pre-School to Grade 5 students from the community of Muskeg Lake. Cree and cultural teachings are offered to the students with the guidance of community Elders. Students then complete their education in the neighbouring communities of Leask and Blaine Lake. Post-secondary support opportunities are available to eligible members.

### **GOVERNANCE**

Chief:	Kelly Wolfe
Councillors:	Kyle Bear
	Kimberly Greyeyes
	Terran Keewatin
	Carol Lafond
	Darrin Lafond
	Clayton Ledoux
Election Term:	February 12, 2024 to
	February 12, 2027

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Creek Investments or Aspen Developments 306-374-8118



### FOR MORE INFORMATION





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