

FIRST NATION COMMUNITY PROFILE





About LAC LA RONGE INDIAN BAND

Located in north-central Saskatchewan, Lac La Ronge Indian Band is the largest First Nation in Saskatchewan, and one of the 10 largest in Canada. The reserve lands extend from rich farmlands in central Saskatchewan, all the way north through the boreal forest to the mighty Churchill River and beyond. The central administration office is located in La Ronge, 241 kilometres north of Prince Albert, on the edge of the Pre-Cambrian Shield. Lac La Ronge Indian Band is proud of their heritage and Cree language, and of the educational opportunities, economic successes and social development work made possible by many years of strong leadership. http://llrib.com/about-us/)

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- La Ronge and Stanley Mission Band of Woods Cree Indians entered into Treaty 6 on February 11, 1889, signed by Chief James Roberts.
- In 1900, Peter Ballantyne was allowed to separate from the La Ronge and Stanley Mission Band to form the Peter Ballantyne Band of Cree Indians, the predecessor to the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation.
- In 1910, the La Ronge and Stanley Mission Band split into two entities: Amos Charles Band of Cree Indians and the James Roberts Band of Cree Indians. In 1950, the two Bands amalgamated and became the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, the current legal name.
- The Lac La Ronge Indian Band is composed of six reserve communities including Grandmother's Bay, Little Red River, Stanley Mission, which are self-administered and Hall Lake, La Ronge, Sucker River, and 18 separate reserve lands.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Populations: 12,262 persons (April, 2024)

On Reserve: 7,614 persons/Off Reserve: 4,648 persons
Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 107,009 acres
(Source: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, https://fnp-ppn.aadnc-aandc.ac.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=353&lang=eng)

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC) Member

ECONOMICS

IN SASKATOON REGION

| Land Holdings (Total) | 1.3 acres |
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| Status: Developed (CanNorth Environmental) | |
| Urban Holding (Saskatoon) | 1.3 acres |
| Employment (On Reserve) | |
| Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employee | 411 |
| Business Developments – Current | |
| Kitsaki Management Head Office | |
| Kitsaki Management Operations | |
| Kitsaki/Procon Joint Venture | |
| Northern Resource Trucking | |
| Athabasca Catering | |
| CanNorth Environmental | |
| First Nations Insurance Services | |
| Optek Solutions | |
| March Consulting | |
| LaRoche McDonald Agencies Ltd | |
| OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION | |
| AGI Envirotank (Controlling Interest) | |
| Keethanow Group of Businesses | |
| PA Photocopier | |
| PLATO Testing (Minority Interest) | |
| Sucker River Community Store | |
| Hall Lake Gas Bar | 44 1/4 |
| Bells Point Corner Confectionery | |
| Kitsaki Vegetation Services | |
| Source: Kitsaki Management (http://kitsaki.com/) | |

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HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

Location

The central administration office is located in La Ronge, which is 241 kilometres north of Prince Albert.

Services

The home reserve has a K-12 school, an administrative office which manages its own internationally accredited Indian Child and Family Services and has strong business ventures through its Kitsaki Management Limited Partnership and Keethanow Business Group. Other services include Jonas Roberts Memorial Community Centre, Lands and Resource Office, Public Works and Housing, Social Development, and others.

Education

The K-12 Education Program emphasizes the four goals of pride, culture, skills, and values; and that helps children achieve academic excellence and proficiency with the Cree Language. The Post-Secondary and Adult Training Program provides support to members to gain access to post-secondary education, training, and employment opportunities.

GOVERNANCE

Chief: Tammy Cook-Searson
Councillors: Devin Bernatchez

Devin Bernatchez
Jimmy Charles
Linda Charles
John Boy Halkett
Gerald McKenzie
Robin McKenzie
Keith Mirasty
Ann Ratt

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Election Term: March 31, 2023 to

March 31, 2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION





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