



## About MISTAWASIS FIRST NATION

“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 hunt and trade with the Hudson’s Bay Company. With the signing of Treaty 6, Chief Mistawasis brought about a new way of life for the future of his people.” ([www.mistawasis.ca](http://www.mistawasis.ca))

### 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 them to purchase more land and broaden their economic development portfolio.
- Misty Ventures Inc. is the economic development corporation owned by the Mistawasis First Nation. The Chief and Council act as shareholder representatives for Misty Ventures Inc., and determine the process to select Board of Directors.
- The Chief and Council are committed to open and transparent communications with the community. Membership meetings are held twice a year in multiple cities, website updates, and the local radio station are tools the community has adopted to stay in touch.
- Mistawasis First Nation is focused on providing youth programming which promotes active lifestyles and healthy living.

### DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 2,740 persons  
 On Reserve: 1,203 persons/Off Reserve: 1,537 persons  
 Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 38,266 acres  
 (Source: Mistawasis First Nation, Lands Department.)

### TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION

Saskatoon Tribal Council Member

### ECONOMICS

#### IN SASKATOON REGION

<b>Land Holdings (Total)</b>	69.6 acres
Rural Reserve	69.6 acres

**Status:** Undeveloped.

#### Employment (On Reserve)

Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employee	n/a
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#### Business Developments - Current

n/a	
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#### Business Developments - Proposed

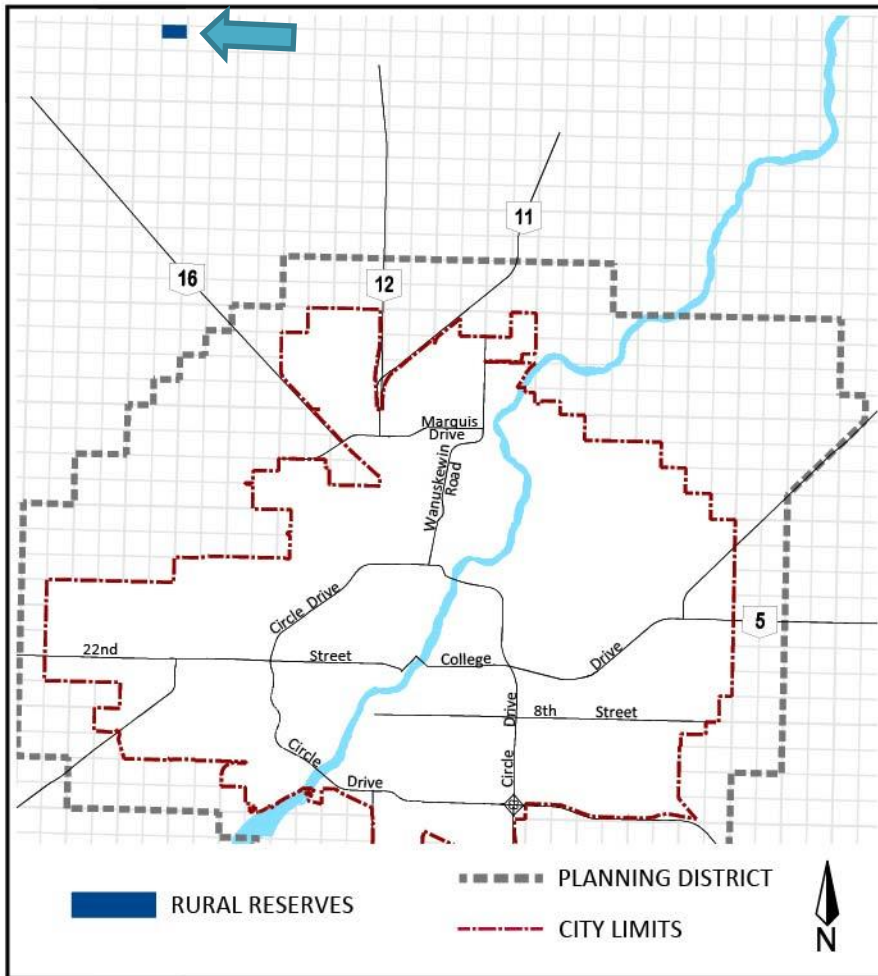
Residential	
Light Industrial	
Commercial	

#### OUTSIDE SASKATOON REGION

Agricultural lands (15,000 acres)	
Forest and Lakes/Recreational Land (21,789 acres)	

Source: Mistawasis First Nation-Land Claims Office, [www.mistawasis.ca](http://www.mistawasis.ca).

Mistawasis First Nation 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 member's 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, provides water and sewer services, fire service contracts, insurance, and facilitates housing. In 2013, they also assisted SaskEnergy with installation of a community natural gas line, and individual house connections.

### 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.

## GOVERNANCE

Chief: Daryl Michael Watson  
Councillors: William Allan Badger  
Robin Lee Daniels  
Steven Roy Johnston  
Norma Ann Johnstone  
Melvin Joseph Watson

Election Term: April 8, 2017 to  
April 7, 2021

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