

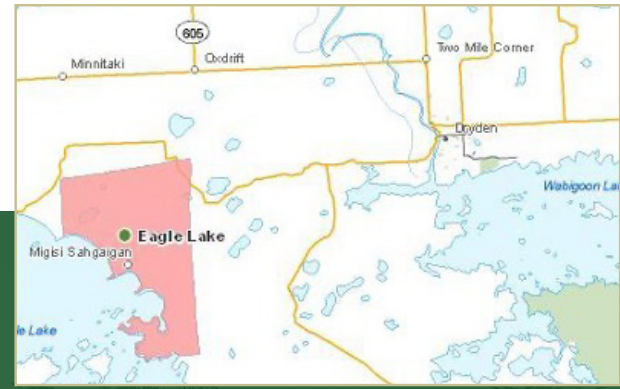
APPENDIX 7.2-A

Indigenous Community Profiles





Eagle Lake
First Nation



EAGLE LAKE FIRST NATION

(MIGISI SAHGAIGAN)

eaglelakefn.ca
Next Election: Fall 2024



COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Eagle Lake First Nation is an Ojibwe community located on the northeast shores of Eagle Lake and is part of the 28 communities of the Treaty No. 3 Region. The Eagle Lake No. 27 Reserve is located approximately 25 kilometres southwest of Dryden on Highway 594. Eagle Lake First Nation is under the Bimose Tribal Council (BTC) Political Territorial Organization, Grand Council Treaty No. 3 which was signed on October 3rd, 1873.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There are several community owned businesses located on the reserve and numerous community services, such as an elementary school, health clinic and community center. The Hydro One Indigenous Relations team sponsors various events and engages on small to large scale projects on traditional lands and territory as required. Hydro One has invested in the community through initiatives such as the Powwow grounds restoration (2015) and providing the community with pandemic relief kits (2020).



RELATIONSHIP SUMMARY

Hydro One's previous involvement with the community includes the First Nations Conservation Program (FNCP) - Band Council Resolution (BCR) received in 2019. Current collaboration includes the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. Eagle Lake First Nation is a member of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP). Daniel Morriseau is the Gwayakocchigewin Director, Community Engagement Coordinator and Protection Committee Member for Eagle Lake First Nation. Their involvement is critical to the success of Waasigan Transmission Line Project activities and other capital projects affecting their traditional lands and territories.

POPULATION

650

ON-RESERVE

378

OFF-RESERVE

272



FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION



FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION

(ANEMKI WAJIW)

Chief Michele Solomon

fwfn.com

Next Election: Summer 2025



COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Fort William First Nation is located on the western shores of Lake Superior, south of Thunder Bay. The Fort William Reserve was created in 1853, as a condition of the Robinson Superior Treaty signed at Sault Ste. Marie on September 7, 1850. Chief Joseph Peau de Chat signed on behalf of the Fort William Anishinabeg.

POPULATION
2764



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There are over 25 community owned businesses located on the reserve, including construction, engineering, environmental, forestry, fuel and retail businesses. Some of the community services and programs include a health center, clinic, nursing station, child and family services, communal water system, landfill, fire department equipment, library, event facility, Fort William First Nation Arena, and high-speed internet. Hydro One is heavily involved in the community and has sponsored various events and initiatives, such as Pow Wows, Youth Centre Grant (2018), and the Anemki Unity Winter Classic Hockey Tournament (2019).

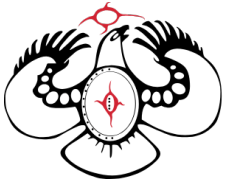
ON-RESERVE
1015



RELATIONSHIP SUMMARY

Fort William First Nation is a member of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP). Robert Pierre is Acting Director and Protection Committee Member. Erik Charlie is the new Community Engagement Coordinator. The involvement of FWFN is critical to the success of Waasigan Transmission Line Project to support the region's increased need for safe and reliable power. Fort William First Nation has previously partnered with Hydro One on the "East-West Tie Transmission Line Project" as partial owners.

OFF-RESERVE
1749



Lac La Croix
FIRST NATION



LAC LA CROIX FIRST NATIONS

(GAKIJWANOONG)

Chief Carrie Atatise-Norwegian
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Next Election: Spring 2024



COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Signatory to Treaty No. 3, Lac La Croix First Nations is 58 air kilometres southwest of Atikokan on the north shore of Lac La Croix. The community is located in the Rainy River District of Northwestern Ontario along the Ontario-Minnesota border, 110 kilometres south west of Atikokan (40 kilometres on Highway 11 and 70 kilometres south of Highway 11 on a gravel road). The languages spoken within the community are English and Ojibway.

POPULATION

488

ON-RESERVE

322

OFF-RESERVE

166



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lac La Croix First Nation has several community services, such as Zhingwako Zaiganing Public elementary and high schools, as well as a health clinic, nursing station, playground, outdoor rink, and boat launch. Hydro One has invested in the community through sponsoring a Pow Wow and Land Based Learning courses.



RELATIONSHIP SUMMARY

Lac La Croix First Nation is part of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP), a partnership of eight First Nations who have signed agreements with Hydro One and will have the opportunity to invest in a 50 percent equity stake in the transmission line component of the project. Chief Carrie Atatise-Norwegian is a Gwayakocchigewin Director and Robert Atatise is the Community Engagement Coordinator and Protection Committee Member for Lac La Croix First Nation.



LAC SEUL FIRST NATION

(OBISHIKOKAANG)

Chief Clifford Bull
lacseulfn.org
Next Election: Fall 2024



COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Lac Seul First Nation reserve is located approximately 38 kilometres northwest of Sioux Lookout and is accessible via Highway 664. There are four distinct settlements located within the reserve: Canoe River, Frenchman’s Head, Kejick Bay, and Whitefish Bay. Lac Seul First Nation is the only community in the Sioux Lookout region with three distinct settlements and is one of the largest reserves in the Treaty No.3 region of Northwestern Ontario.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lac Seul First Nation’s communities have modern infrastructures that provide numerous community services, such as medical clinics, schools, recreational facilities, police service, and small locally owned businesses. Obishkokaang Inn first opened on February 24th, 2023. This inn is run by the community of Lac Seul First Nation on our traditional lands. Obishkokaang is the Objjway name for Lac Seul.



RELATIONSHIP SUMMARY

Lac Seul First Nation is part of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP), a partnership of eight First Nations who have signed agreements with Hydro One and will have the opportunity to invest in a 50 percent equity stake in the transmission line component of the project. Raymond Angeconeb is the Gwayakocchigewin Director, TeKay Nelson is the Protection Committee Member, Gina Welsley is the Director of Economic Development & Commercial Operations and Reina Foster is the Community Engagement Coordinator for Lac Seul First Nation. Collaboration with Lac Seul First Nation is critical to the success of the Waasigan Transmission Line Project and ensures that safe and reliable power can support communities growing in the northwest.

POPULATION

3689

ON-RESERVE

971

OFF-RESERVE

2718



NIGIGOONSIMINIKAANING FIRST NATION

Chief Terry Allan
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Next Election: Summer 2026



COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation is located in Northwestern Ontario, approximately 40 kilometres east of Fort Frances. Signatory to Treaty No. 3, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation consists of three reserves: Rainy Lake No. 26A, No. 26B, and No. 26C. The most populated site is Rainy Lake No. 26A, which can be accessed via Highway 11.

POPULATION

423



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation communities have numerous volunteer organizations, including a volunteer Fire Department, Recreation, Education, Housing, and Economic Development committees. Band Administration services include community health, education, social services, policing, housing and economic development. Hydro One has supported the community through various initiatives, including the Power Play grant (2008), a baseball field (2019), and providing pandemic relief kits (2020).

ON-RESERVE

183



RELATIONSHIP SUMMARY

Hydro One's involvement with Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation community includes the Three-Phase Power Project, where approximately 11 kilometres of feeder were converted from Single Phase to 3-Phase to improve feeder balance and power quality (In-Service Date: October 9, 2022). Current collaboration includes the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation is part of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP), a partnership of eight First Nations who have signed agreements with Hydro One and will have the opportunity to invest in a 50 percent equity stake in the transmission line component of the project. Chief Terry Allen is the Gwayakocchigewin Director, Ron Allen is the Protection Committee Member and Ryan Windigo is the Community Engagement Coordinator for Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation.

OFF-RESERVE

240



OJIBWAY NATION OF SAUGEEN

Chief Ron Machimity Sr.
ojibwaynationofsaugeen.ca
Next Election: Fall 2024



COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

The Ojibway Nation of Saugeen is located in Northwestern Ontario, approximately 50 kilometres northeast of Sioux Lookout and 20 kilometres northwest of Savant Lake. The community is accessible year round via Highway 599. The Ojibway Nation of Saugeen is a signatory to Treaty No. 3.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Ojibway Nation of Saugeen has several community services including the Ojibway Nation of Saugeen school, a nursing station, and a boat launch.



RELATIONSHIP SUMMARY

The Ojibway Nation of Saugeen is part of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP), a partnership of eight First Nations who have signed agreements with Hydro One and will have the opportunity to invest in a 50 percent equity stake in the transmission line component of the project. Chief Ron Machimity Sr. is the Gwayakocchigewin Director and Joyce Medicine is the Protection Committee Member for The Ojibway Nation of Saugeen. Joyce Medicine is the Protection Committee Member for The Ojibway Nation of Saugeen.

POPULATION

245

ON-RESERVE

88

OFF-RESERVE

157



SEINE RIVER FIRST NATION

(CHIMA'AGANING)

Chief John Kabatay
seineriverfirstnation.ca
Next Election: Spring 2024



COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Seine River First Nation is located on the shores of Wild Potato Lake on the Seine River, 67 kilometres west of Atikokan and 85 kilometres east of Fort Frances. Signatory to Treaty No. 3, Seine River First Nation consists of three reserves; the main reserve is Seine River 23A (Ashkibwaanikaaning), along with Seine River 23B (Mitaawangwe-ziibiing) and Sturgeon Falls 23. The languages spoken within the community are Ojibway and English.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Seine River First Nation has several community services, including a health clinic, nursing station, fire department equipment, community center, library, playground/park, ball field, outdoor rink and boat launch. Hydro One has supported the community through various initiatives, such as contributing to the Ball Diamond Completion Project (2010) and Traditional Wild Rice Harvesting (2019).



RELATIONSHIP SUMMARY

Hydro One has supported Seine River First Nation in various training programs, such as the Waasigan Training and Skills Development Program (2020/2021) and the Waasigan Project GLP Environmental Monitoring Session (2021). Seine River First Nation is a member of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP), a partnership of eight First Nations who have signed agreements with Hydro One and will have the opportunity to invest in a 50 percent equity stake in the transmission line component of the project. Tom Johnson is the Gwayakocchigewin President and Director, and Shane Whitecrow is the Protection Committee Member for Seine River First Nation.

POPULATION

807

ON-RESERVE

436

OFF-RESERVE

436



WAABIGONII ZAAGA'IGAN

WABIGOON LAKE OJIBWAY NATION

Chief Clayton Wetelainen
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Next Election: Fall 2025



COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation occupies Wabigoon Lake No. 27 Reserve, which is located 19 kilometres southeast of Dryden on Highway 17. Community members are descendants of the Salteaux Ojibway people and their native language is Ojibway. The Wabigoon Lake reserve was first laid out in 1884 and was confirmed by the Ontario government in 1915. The Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation is affiliated with the Bimose Tribal Council and Grand Council Treaty No. 3.

POPULATION

945

ON-RESERVE

190

OFF-RESERVE

755



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation has Reserve's two community owned businesses which are the Wabigoon Lake Community Store and the Wabigoon Saaga'igan Gitigan (nursery). There are also several community services and programs, such as the Waabshki Penasi School (First Nation operated, JK-8), health clinic, fire department equipment, community centre, library, playground, ball field, outdoor rink, boat launch, and gymnasium.



RELATIONSHIP SUMMARY

Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation is a member of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP), a partnership of eight First Nations who have signed agreements with Hydro One and will have the opportunity to invest in a 50 percent equity stake in the transmission line component of the project. Louie Pitchenese is the Gwayakocchigewin Director, Robert Parenteau is the Protection Committee Member and Bert Cantin is the Community Engagement Coordinator for Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation.



Lac des Mille Lacs
FIRST NATION



LAC DES MILLE LACS FIRST NATION

(NEZAADIKAANG)

Chief Judy Maunula
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Next Election: Summer 2024



COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation is located approximately 135 kilometres west of Thunder Bay on the northeastern shores of Lac des Mille Lacs. The First Nation consists of two reserves: Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation Reserve 22A1, located approximately 135 kilometres west of Thunder Bay and Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation Reserve 22A2, located approximately 20 kilometres west of the township of Upsala. Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation was one of the three First Nations who adhered to Treaty No. 3 on October 13, 1873, as part of the Shebandowan Adhesion, ten days after the other Treaty No. 3 First Nations had signed.

POPULATION

633

ON-RESERVE

7

OFF-RESERVE

626



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Over three distinct flooding periods, with the last occurring in the 1950s, the people of the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation had been forced to leave their traditional lands and reserves. Most current members are dispersed throughout northwestern Ontario and northern United States. Over time, Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation has realized significant economic development, including the construction of an access road (South McKay Creek Rd), as well as the construction of a Roundhouse and a Community Cultural Centre. The First Nation also launched the Lac des Mille Lacs Education Centre in 2019. Despite these accomplishments only seven individuals permanently reside on Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation. The Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation operates through its Administration office located on Fort William First Nation.



RELATIONSHIP SUMMARY

Lac Des Mille Lacs First Nation is an impacted community involved in the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. Lac Des Mille Lacs First Nation's involvement is critical to the success of the Waasigan Transmission Line Project activities and other capital projects affecting their traditional lands and territories.



MITAANJIGAMIING FIRST NATION

Chief Janice Henderson
mitaanjigamiing.ca
Next Election: Spring 2025



COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Signatory to Treaty No. 3, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation is located 56KM Northeast of Fort Frances and sits on the shores of Stanjikoming Bay on Rainy Lake. The reserve encompasses approximately 1600 hectares of land, comprised of 14 square kilometres of mainland, a peninsula, and two islands. The community is accessible all year around through an all-season road and a winter road. Boat access is also available. The languages spoken in the community are both English and Ojibway.

Prior to the area being incorrectly named by European colonizers as Stanjikoming First Nation, the Ojibway people called this area 'Mitang' which is why the community reclaimed the name, Mitaanjigamiing in 2009, meaning "where a smaller lake flows into a bigger lake." The community's current membership population is approximately 160 individuals, with about 100 members living on-reserve who form a tight-knit community that enjoys all that the beautiful area has to offer year-round.

POPULATION

198

ON-RESERVE

130

OFF-RESERVE

68



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mitaanjigamiing First Nation operates multiple community services which include a water treatment facility, multi-use facility, family services and a boat launch. The Nation also has economic development partnerships with several organizations and private businesses.

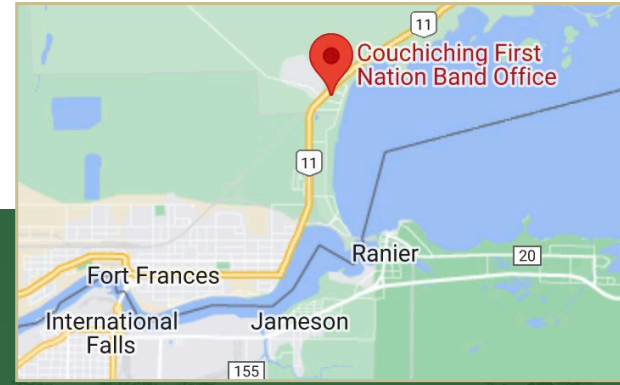
Outdoor, land-based activities are important to the people of Mitaanjigamiing including hunting, trapping, fishing, and harvesting. Many members travel across the land to visit the traditional spots their families have frequented since time immemorial to tend their traplines, set nets, and collect traditional medicines.



RELATIONSHIP SUMMARY

Mitaanjigamiing First Nation has collaborated with Hydro One on the Waasigan Transmission Line Project since 2019. The community has a Capacity Funding Agreement (CFA) to support its engagement on the project and hired a Community Engagement Coordinator (CEC) to act as a linkage between Hydro One and the First Nation. The community has participated in training opportunities, field surveys and has provided Hydro One with valuable information about the traditional land uses of its community members to inform decision-making on the project.

Hydro One continues to support the community through on-going relationship building initiatives and through the sponsorship of community events.



COUCHICHING FIRST NATION

GOJJING ANISHINAABEG

Chief Brian Perrault
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Next Election: Spring 2024



COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Couchiching First Nation is located in Northwestern Ontario off of Highway 17 and on the Southwest shore of Rainy Lake and is approximately 2km from Fort Frances, at the heart of Ontario's sunset country. The main reserve is Couchiching 16A and the second reserve is Agency 1 which is shared with three other First Nations.

Signatory to Treaty No. 3, Couchiching First Nation is an Ojibway Nation. The languages spoken by its members both on and off reserve are English and Ojibway.

POPULATION
2,981

ON-RESERVE
718

OFF-RESERVE
2,263



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Couchiching First Nation has multiple community-owned businesses that provide products and services. Some of those services include a gym, hockey arena, high speed internet and a childcare facility. There are also privately owned businesses including a gas station and convenience store in the First Nation. The Economic development corporation for Couchiching First Nation is Wasaw Enterprises which operates the following businesses: Wasaw Construction Ltd., Wasaw Food Services Inc., Wasaw Project Inc., the Heron Landing Golf Course, and Wasaw Developments Ltd..



RELATIONSHIP SUMMARY

Couchiching First Nation has been engaged by Hydro One as a community that is proximate to the proposed Waasigan Transmission Line project. Since 2020, Hydro One has engaged with Couchiching First Nation on the Terms of Reference for the project's environmental assessment (EA) and on the sharing of Indigenous Knowledge to help inform decision-making. Hydro One and its contractors continue to build relationships with the First Nation regarding Rights, Interests and Land Use, as well as economic participation during the project's construction.