

The Fort Alexander First Nation resides on Fort Alexander Reserve No. 3, situated about 145 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg on PTH # 11 and 122 kilometres via PTH # 59. The Reserve is divided north and south by the Winnipeg River.

History

The First Nation is signatory to Treaty 1 signed in 1871.

Language

The native language is Ojibway.

Reserve

Fort Alexander I.R. No. 3
Area: 21,674 acres (8,771 hectares)

Population

According to the regional population statistics of Dec. 31, 2003, the First Nation has an on-reserve population of 2,986, and an off-reserve population of 3,255. One person resides on Crown Land. The total First Nation population is 6,242.

First Nation Government

The Chief of the Fort Alexander First Nation is Garry Swampy.

Councillors are Joseph Gerald Daniels, Donovan Craig Fontaine, Andrew (Richard) Bruyere, Miles Courchene.

The Chief and Council were elected on Apr. 5, 2003. The First Nation officials normally serve a two-year term with the next election scheduled for April 2005.

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Land Entitlement Status

The federal government has rejected the First Nation's land entitlement.

Education and Training

There are three First Nation-operated schools on-reserve and a post-secondary program which are administered by the Sagkeeng Education Authority.

The Anicinabe Community School offers grades K4-4, with and enrolment of 287. The Sagkeeng Consolidated School offers grades K4, K5 and Grades 5, to 8, with and enrolment of 186 students. The Sagkeeng Anicinabe High offers S1-S4 (Grades 9-12) with a enrolment of 170. First Nation members may

attend other schools off-reserve.

Health Care

Fort Alexander Health Centre
First Nation and Inuit Health Branch
Health Canada
P.O. Box 70
Pine Falls, MB
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Phone: (204) 367-2208
Fax: (204) 367-4587

There is a health centre, personal care home, three community health representatives and two public health nurses, all located on-reserve. The nearest hospital is located in Pine Falls.

Child and Family Services

Sagkeeng Child and Family Services Inc.
P.O. Box 700
Pine Falls, MB
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Phone: (204) 367-2215
Fax: (204) 367-8510

Winnipeg Sub-office
Sagkeeng Child and Family Services Inc.
1948 Main Street
Winnipeg, MB
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Phone: (204) 949-1649
Fax: (204) 949-1669

The Sagkeeng Child and Family Services was established in November 1976, and operated as a non-mandated agency until April of 2001 when a Child and Family Services tripartite agreement was signed by the First Nation, the Government of Canada and the Government of Manitoba.

The Sagkeeng Child and Family Services serves the Fort Alexander First Nation, and has a sub-office in Winnipeg. The Executive Director is Lloyd Bunn.

Community Services

On-reserve facilities include a skating rink, baseball facilities, First Nation hall, pow-wow grounds, beach facilities with picnic sites, playgrounds, as well as a recreation complex.

Sagkeeng Employment & Training Centre:

The centre's mandate is to train and upgrade unemployed Sagkeeng First Nation members and its surrounding residents. The focus is on life skills, self-awareness and cultural awareness.

Infrastructure

Water Supply:

Two water treatment plants located on the north and south shore provide piped water to three schools, the majority of the community buildings and 285 houses. There are 222 houses with water trucked to cisterns;

and 61 houses with water trucked to barrels.

Sewage Disposal:

There is one, two-celled lagoon located on the north shore and one three-cell lagoon on the south shore that are utilized for wastewater treatment. The three schools, the majority of the community buildings and over half of the residences are serviced by a piped gravity or a low pressure sewer system. There are 285 houses that have piped service; 249 houses have independent septic service and 61 houses have no service.

Garbage Disposal:

Two garbage trucks provide regular garbage pick up to all of the residences and community buildings. Garbage is disposed into two landfill sites located on the north and south shores.

Roads:

Sagkeeng is accessible by all-weather road via Highway No. 11 or No. 59. There are 30.8 kilometres of internal roads, maintained by the Fort Alexander First Nation.

Electrical Service:

Service is provided by land line and includes three phase power.

Postal Service:

Daily postal service is available.

Police Protection:

The nearest RCMP detachment is in Powerview. There are two First Nation constables.

RCMP Powerview:
(204) 367-2222

Fire Protection:

The First Nation has two firehalls with two fire trucks, one north, one south, and has 23 volunteers in its department, as well as 72 volunteer forest firefighters.

Communications

The First Nation receives most southern radio stations, as well as Mikisew radio station. Television stations which broadcast are CBC, CTV, A-Channel, Global and CBWT. The First Nation also has a satellite dish.

Single-party telephone exchange is available.

Resource, Economic and Employment Development

Economic Base:

Fishing, trapping, hunting, government services and commercial businesses

Commercial and Business Services

- Lucy's Beauty Shop
- Community and Youth Corrections (Probations)
- Fort Alexander Health Centre
- George M. Guimond Care Centre and Hostel
- Hamlin's Auto
- Robert Henderson Sanitation Services
- Mamaweenong Store
- Ed and Terry's Gas Bar

- Warren and Wallace's Pool Hall
- B and M Pawn Shop
- Meshee's Tailor
- Boney's TrueValue Hardware Store
- Peter Courchene Contracting
- Sagkeeng Child and Family Services
- Sagkeeng Gaming Commission
- Sagkeeng Education Authority
- Sagkeeng First Nation
- Sagkeeng Social Development Program
- Teeny Bopper's Convience Centre
- Sagkeeng Truckers
- Katrina Rae Day Care
- Sagkeeng Fire Dept.
- Sagkeeng Public Works
- Sagkeeng Cultural Centre
- St. Alexander Parish
- Sagkeeng Pharmacy
- Sagkeeng Wellness Centre
- Fort Alexander Anglican Mission
- Kake Kapenaise Memorial Hall
- Sagkeeng Employment & Training Center.
- Medical Transportation
- Post-secondary education
- Adult education