

God's Lake Reserve No. 23 is located 1,037 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg at the point of the narrows in God's Lake, and 258 air kilometres southeast of Thompson. The reserve is intersected by the Narrows with the majority of population on the east side islands. The majority of reserve land is along the northwest shore of the southern portion of God's Lake.

**History**

The First Nation is signatory to the 1909 adhesion to Treaty 5.

**Language**

The native language is Cree.

**Reserve**

God's Lake IR No. 23  
Area: 9,133 acres (3,696 hectares)

**Population**

According to the regional population statistics, as of Dec. 31, 2003 the First Nation has an on-reserve population of 1,300 and an off-reserve population of 804 with 66 on Crown Land. The total population is 2,170.

**First Nation Government**

The Chief of the God's Lake First Nation is Gilbert Andrews.

Councillors are Douglas Hastings, Stanley Duck, Eugene Captain, Oliver Snowbird, Randy White, Ronny James. The Chief and Council were elected in Mar. 20, 2002. The First Nation

officials normally serve a two-year term with the next election scheduled for March 2004.

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**Land Entitlement Status**

God's Lake First Nation has a joint outstanding land entitlement with Manto Sipi Cree Nation.

**Education**

First Nation members attend the God's Lake First Nation School (located on-reserve and First Nation-operated) which offers levels K4-8, and has an enrolment of 361. First Nation members also attend schools off-reserve.

**Health Care**

God's Lake Narrows Nursing Station  
First Nations and Inuit Health Branch  
Health Canada  
God's Lake Narrows, MB  
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Phone: (204)335-2557  
Fax: (204) 335-2043  
The nearest hospitals are located in Norway House and

Thompson. There are two community health representatives and an alcohol abuse program located on-reserve.

**Child and Family Services**

Awasis Agency of Northern Manitoba  
100-701 Thompson Drive  
Thompson, MB  
R8N 2A2  
Phone: (204) 677-1500  
Toll Free: 1-800-667-4734  
Fax: (204) 778-8428

The head office is located in Thompson with a sub office in Winnipeg and field office serving the God's Lake First Nation. The Director is David Monias. The agency was mandated in July 1984 and serves 12 First Nations.

God's Lake Field Office  
Awasis Agency of Northern Manitoba  
General Delivery  
God's Lake Narrows, MB,  
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Phone: (204) 335-2098  
Fax: (204) 335-2245

Winnipeg Sub-office  
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## Community Services

On-reserve facilities include a First Nation government office, community hall, billiard hall and arena.

## Infrastructure

### Water Supply:

The community obtains water from God's Lake. It is chlorinated by a small treatment plant and piped to standpipes. The school, teacherages, nursing station have direct connections to the treatment plant, as do the RCMP, Northern Store, old nursing station and homes on the west side of the reserve.

### Sewage Disposal:

Pit privies are utilized by most residents. The school, nursing station, teacherages are serviced by two sewage treatment plants, operated by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Medical Services, Health Canada. The RCMP, Northern Store, and nursing station have septic fields.

### Garbage Disposal:

A landfill site is utilized.

### Roads:

God's Lake First Nation is not accessible by all weather road. There is a winter road constructed via Cross Lake.

There are approximately 3.9 kilometres of internal roads.

### Electrical Service:

Service is provided by land line.

### Postal Service:

Air mail service is provided three times per week. The post office is housed within the Northern Store located off-reserve.

### Seasonal adjustments:

Freeze-up is in late October to early November. Break-up is in late May and early June.

Fish camp is in September and vacations are at Christmas, March break and summer.

### Police Protection:

The First Nation employs First Nation constables and there is a local RCMP detachment.

RCMP Gods Lake:  
(204) 335-2464

### Fire Protection:

The First Nation has a fire hall, fire truck and ancillary fire fighting equipment.

## Communications

The First Nation receives radio from Thompson and Winnipeg; and also operates a satellite dish. CBC-TV also rebroadcasts in the community. Single party telephone exchange with extended services to the school, teacherages and pumphouse is available.

## Transportation

A 2,280 foot gravel strip and airport facilities are maintained in the community. It is serviced by scheduled flights by Perimeter out of Winnipeg and Skyward out of Thompson.

Dock facilities are available for float planes and boats. There is an on-reserve boat transportation during open-water season and snowmobile during winter.

## Resource, Economic and Employment Development

### Economic Base:

Fishing, hunting, trapping and tourist guides

## Commercial and Business Services

- Nassie Transport and Hauling
- Northern Store Inc.
- School bus
- God's Lake Narrows Gas Bar
- Healey's Lodge
- Spence's Food Store
- God's Lake Dev. Corp.
- Louie's Grocery
- God's Lake Arena
- Mantou Sakahigan Motel
- Larry Watt's Pool Hall
- Nelson White's Pool Hall
- Youth Drop-in Centre