

Manto Sipi Cree Nation is situated along the north shore of God's Lake at the outlet to God's River, and is approximately 850 air kilometres northeast of Winnipeg and 255 air kilometres southeast of Thompson. The shoreline is characterized by till, lacustrine clays and silts.

History

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

Language

The native language is Cree.

Reserves

God's River IR No. 86A

Area: 381 acres (154 hectares)

Population

According to the regional population statistics of Dec. 31, 2003, the First Nation has an on-reserve population of 553 and an off-reserve population of 67. The total First Nation population is 620.

First Nation Government

The Chief for God's River is Moses Okimow. Councillors are John Ross, John H. Yellowback, Daniel Ross and Jarvis McKay. The Chief and Council were elected on June 11, 2003 under Band custom. The next election is scheduled for June 2005.

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God's River, MB
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Land Entitlement Status

The First Nation has an outstanding treaty land entitlement.

Education

First Nation members attend the Amos Okemow Memorial School (Federal), which offers levels K4-S2 (Grade 10), which has an enrolment of 169. First Nation members also attend schools off-reserve.

The total student enrolment on and off-reserve for 2003-2004 is 169.

Health Care

God's River Nursing Station
First Nation and Inuit Health Branch
Heath Canada
God's River, MB
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Phone: (204) 366-2355
Fax: (204) 366-2474

There is a nursing station located on-reserve. The nearest hospitals are located in Norway House and Thompson. The First Nation has two community health representatives 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 a field office serving the Manto Sipi Cree Nation. The Director is David Monias.

The agency was mandated in July, 1984 and serves 12 First Nations.

Manto Sipi (Gods River)
Field Office
Awasis Agency of Northern Manitoba
General Delivery
God's River, MB
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Phone: (204) 366-2011
Fax: (204) 366-2282

WINNIPEG Sub-office
Awasis Agency of Northern
Manitoba
201 - 274 Smith Street
Winnipeg, MB
R3C 1K1
Phone: (204) 987-9480
Fax: (204) 987-9489

Community Services

On-reserve facilities include a school, First Nation government office, multi-purpose recreation facilities, outdoor skating rink, playing field and a pool hall.

Infrastructure

Water Supply:

All houses and community buildings are serviced by piped water from a water treatment plant. The source of water is God's River.

Sewage Disposal:

All houses and community buildings are piped to a sewage treatment plant.

Garbage Disposal:

Garbage pits are utilized.

Roads:

God's River is accessible by winter road from Cross Lake.

Electrical Service:

Service is provided by land line.

Postal Service:

Air mail service three times per week.

Police Protection:

The First Nation employs two First Nation constables. The nearest RCMP detachment is located in God's Lake where three provincial contract officers are on staff.

RCMP Gods Lake:
(204) 335-2464

Fire Protection:

The First Nation has two fire control packs, fire extinguishers and smoke detectors for homes throughout the community. Ten individuals have received basic training.

Communications

The First Nation receives radio from Thompson and Winnipeg. Also CBC-TV is received in the community. Single party telephone exchange is also available. The First Nation also has a satellite dish.

Transportation

A 3,450-foot gravel strip is maintained and serviced by scheduled flights by Air Manitoba out of Winnipeg. There are dock facilities for both float planes and boats.

Resource, Economic and Employment Development

Economic Base:

Commercial fishing, hunting and trapping

Commercial and Business Services

- Manto Sipi Cree Nation
- Manto Sipi Cree Nation Band Store
- Manto Sipi Cree Nation Lodge
- School Bus
- Amos Okemow Education Authority
- Rachel's Restaurant
- Day Care
- Johnny McKay Health Centre
- Community Hall
- Radio Station 96.9 FM

Off-reserve businesses:

- Skyward Aviation
- Perimeter Airlines