

Pauingassi First Nation is located on a peninsula jutting southward into Fishing Lake, a tributary of Berens River. Pauingassi First Nation is approximately 280 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg and 24 kilometres north of Little Grand Rapids.

History

Pauingassi received reserve status in 1988. On October 7, 1991, Pauingassi became a separate First Nation by Ministerial Order.

The mother First Nation is Little Grand Rapids which is signatory to Treaty 5 signed in 1875.

Language

The native language is Ojibway.

Reserve

Pauingassi First Nation I.R.
Area: 644 acres (261 acres)

Population

According to the regional population statistics of Dec. 31, 2003, the First Nation had an on-reserve population of 499 and an off-reserve population of 30. The total First Nation population is 529.

First Nation Government

The Chief of the Pauingassi First Nation is Moses Owen.

Councillors are Louis Crow, Marianne Saggashie and Roddie Owen.

The Chief and Council are elected under Band custom on July 17, 2003 for a term of 1 year. The next scheduled election is July, 2004.

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Land Entitlement Status

The First Nation has no outstanding treaty land entitlement.

Education

First Nation members attend Pauingassi School which offers levels K4-S1 with an enrolment of 142. The school is First Nation operated under the Southeast Tribal Division for Schools Inc.

The Southeast Resource Development Council administers PHP students on behalf of the First Nation. The total SERDC PHP student enrolment for 2000-2001 is 573.

Health Care

Pauingassi Nursing Station

First Nation and Inuit Health Branch
Health Canada
P.O. Box 32
Pauingassi, MB
R0B 2G0
Phone: (204) 397-2395
Fax: (204) 397-2104

There is a health station situated in Pauingassi with two nursing staff. The nearest hospital is located in Pine Falls.

Child and Family Services

Southeast Child and Family Services Inc.
4th Floor - 360 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0T6
Phone: (204) 947-0011
Fax: (204) 947-0009

Pauingassi Field Office
Southeast Child and Family Services Inc.
Pauingassi, MB
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Phone: (204) 397-2134
Fax: (204) 397-2273

The head office is located in Winnipeg and the Director is Burma Bushie.

The agency was mandated in April 1983 and serves nine First Nations.

Community Services

On-reserve facilities include a pool hall.

Infrastructure

Water Supply:

Pauingassi First Nation obtains water from Family Lake. The water is treated and distributed to the community by a trucked delivery system. The school, teacherages and nursing station are serviced by a piped distribution system. There are 47 house that have piped water service; 29 houses with water trucked to cisterns; and 10 houses with no service.

Sewage Disposal:

The nursing station, school and teacherages are serviced by a piped sewage collection system. There are 47 houses with piped sewage service; 29 house with trucked septic; and 10 houses with no service. Sewage treatment is provided by a Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) sewage treatment plant.

Garbage Disposal:

The First Nation maintains one landfill site.

Roads:

There is no permanent access road to the Pauingassi First Nation, although winter roads are constructed annually. These provide access either from Pine Dock on the west side of Lake Winnipeg to Bloodvein on the east side of the lake, and then continue east to Little Grand

Rapids and Pauingassi. One can access the First Nation off Highway #304 on the east side of Lake Winnipeg, north east of the community. Pine Dock is accessible by all weather road via highway #234. There are approximately four kilometres of internal roads.

Electrical Service:

Service is provided by land line.

Postal Service:

Air mail is delivered three times per week to Little Grand Rapids where it can be collected by Pauingassi residents. Mail is directed to the school address in Pine Falls.

Police Protection:

The First Nation employs three First Nation constables who are responsible for both the communities of Little Grand Rapids and Pauingassi. There are no constables living in Pauingassi. The nearest RCMP detachment is located in Little Grand Rapids.

RCMP Little Grand Rapids:
(204) 397-2133

Pauingassi Patrol Cabin:
(204) 397-2274

Fire Protection:

The First Nation has fire fighting equipment and limited fire fighting capabilities.

Communications

The community receives sporadic radio reception depending on the type of

receiver used. CBC-TV is rebroadcast in the community. Single party telephone exchange is available.

Transportation

There is a 3,000-foot airstrip on provincial Crown land, approximately 24 kilometres south of Pauingassi at Little Grand Rapids. Scheduled air service is available daily from Sowind and Northway Airlines. Access to the community via the airport is restricted to boat or float plane during the summer months. During the winter, Pauingassi can be accessed by snow machine or vehicle over the ice. During the freeze up and spring thaw, the site is only accessible by helicopter. Air Charter Services: Perimeter Airlines, Northway Aviation, Sowind Air, Skyward and Keystone Air Service.

Resource, Economic and Employment Development

Economic Base:

Trapping, fishing and seasonal rice harvesting

Commercial and Business Services

- Northern Store
- Dojo's Store
- Keywinds Store
- School Bus
- Norwin Construction (Winter Road Subcontract)
- Water Delivery Truck
- Sewer Truck
- Three Graders, Backhoe