

# POPLAR RIVER FIRST NATION First Nation No. 277

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Poplar River Reserve No. 16 is located on the east side of Lake Winnipeg at the mouth of the Poplar River. It is approximately 340 kilometres north of Winnipeg.

## History

The First Nation is signatory to Treaty 5- Adhesion signed in 1875.

The Chief and Council were elected on Nov. 3, 2002. The First Nation officials normally serve a two-year term with the next election scheduled for November, 2004.

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There are three nurses at the nursing station.

## Language

The native language is Ojibway.

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Neginan, MB  
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## Child and Family Services

Southeast Child and Family Services Inc.  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor - 360 Broadway Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB  
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Phone: (204) 947-0011  
Fax: (204) 947-0009

## Reserve

Poplar River I.R. No. 16  
Area: 3,800 acres (1,538 hectares)

## Land Entitlement Status

The First Nation has no outstanding treaty land entitlement.

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## Population

According to the regional population statistics of Dec. 31, 2003, the First Nation has an on-reserve population of 1,006 and an off-reserve population of 258. The total First Nation population is 1,264.

## Education

First Nation members attend the Poplar River School (First Nation-operated) which offers grades K4-S1, with an enrolment of 233. First Nation members attend other schools off-reserve.

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

## First Nation Government

The Chief of the Poplar River First Nation is Russell Lambert.

The total student enrolment on and off-reserve for 2003-2004 is 322.

The agency serves nine First Nations.

Councillors are Clifford Bruce, Eddie Hudson, James Mitchell, Emile Mason, Leonard Budd and Edwin Mitchell.

## Health Care

Poplar River Nursing Station  
First Nations and Inuit Health Branch  
Health Canada  
Neginan, MB  
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## Community Services

On-reserve facilities include an administration office, a group home, a day care, a health resource centre, Child and Family Services, an arena, a Headstart Centre, a fishing station, a fire hall, and a recreation centre.

## Infrastructure

### Water Supply:

The First Nation has a water treatment plant and water is distributed to all houses and community buildings.

### Sewage Disposal:

The First Nation has a sewage treatment plant and all houses and community buildings are connected.

### Garbage Disposal:

The First Nation maintains one landfill site.

### Roads:

There is no permanent access road to Poplar River. However, an annual winter road provides access from Pine Dock on the west side of Lake Winnipeg to Bloodvein, and north to Berens and Poplar River. Pine Dock is accessible by all weather road via highway #234. There are approximately 21 kilometres of internal roads on-reserve.

### Electrical Service:

Service is provided by land line.

### Postal Service:

Air mail is delivered daily to Negginan.

### Police Protection:

The First Nation employs two First Nation constables. The community is serviced by the RCMP detachment in Selkirk, where three constables are on staff.

RCMP Selkirk:  
(204) 482-3322

### Fire Protection:

The First Nation has a fire truck and a volunteer fire department.

## Communications

The First Nation receives radio from Winnipeg, Dauphin, and Native Communications Inc. (NCI) Winnipeg 96.9 CPOP FM. Most homes have private home satellite dishes. Single party exchange is available. Manitoba Telecom Services operates a microwave satellite dish for telephone services.

## Transportation

A 2,500-foot gravel airstrip equipped with runway lights is maintained in Negginan and is serviced by scheduled and/or charter flights.

A winter road extends up the east side of Lake Winnipeg through Berens River to Poplar River. Goods are occasionally barged to the community from Selkirk. There are dock facilities for float planes and boats.

## Resource, Economic and Employment Development

### Economic Base:

Fishing and trapping

## Commercial and Business Services

- Mitasosipe Trading Post
- Northern Store
- Dennis Bittern's Taxi Service
- Negginan Fishing Station
- K and J's Restaurant