

Red Sucker Lake Reserve No. 1976 is located on a peninsula on the northeast shore of Red Sucker Lake close to the Ontario border, approximately 709 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg.

## History

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

Red Sucker Lake First Nation officials normally serve a two-year term under Band custom with the next election scheduled for 2005.

There are two nurses at the nursing station on-reserve, with the nearest hospitals located in Norway House and Thompson.

## Language

The native language is the Island Lake dialect Oji-Cree.

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## Child and Family Services

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## Reserves

Red Sucker Lake I.R. No. 1976  
Area: 624 acres (253 hectares)

## Land Entitlement Status

The First Nation has no outstanding treaty land entitlement.

The head office is in Garden Hill and the Director is Alfred Wood. Island Lake First Nation Child and Family Services was mandated in April of 1997, serves four First Nations, and has a sub-office in Winnipeg.

## Population

According to the regional population statistics of Dec. 31, 2003, the First Nation has an on-reserve population of 759 and an off-reserve population of 55. The total First Nation population is 814.

## Education

First Nation members attend the Red Sucker Lake School (First Nation-operated), which offers levels K4-S4 with an enrolment of 200. First Nation members also attend schools off-reserve. The total student enrolment for 2003-2004 is 200.

Red Sucker Lake First Nation field office  
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## First Nation Government

The Chief of the Red Sucker Lake First Nation is Fred Harper.

Councillors are Louie McDougall, Geordie Harper, Goliath Harper, Lester Harper, Richard Harper and John George Harper.

## Health Care

Red Sucker Lake Nursing Station, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch  
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## Community Services

On-reserve facilities include an administration office, recreation facilities, pool hall and school bus.

## Infrastructure

### Water Supply:

A water treatment plant was constructed in 1995. There are 52 houses that have water trucked to cisterns; and 157 houses have water trucked to barrels. The school and teacherages have piped water service.

### Sewage Disposal:

A sewage treatment plant was constructed in 1995. The school and teacherages are connected. There are 52 houses that have trucked septic service; and 157 houses have no service.

### Garbage Disposal:

One landfill site is utilized.

### Roads:

Red Sucker Lake First Nation is accessible by winter road from Garden Hill.

### Electrical Service:

Service is provided by land line.

### Postal Service:

Postal service is provided five days a week.

### Police Protection:

The First Nation employs one Band constable. The nearest RCMP detachment is located

on Stevenson Island in Island Lake.

RCMP Island Lake:  
(204) 456-2626

### Fire Protection:

The First Nation has one fire fighting truck.

## Communications

The First Nation receives radio from Thompson. The First Nation also operates a satellite dish in the community. Single party telephone exchange is available.

## Transportation

A 3,000 foot gravel airstrip is maintained in the community and serviced by an airline.

## Resource, Economic and Employment Development

### Economic Base:

Trapping and commercial fishing

## Commercial and Business Services

- Northern Store
- Gas bar
- School bus
- Pool hall