



## About WHITECAP DAKOTA FIRST NATION

“Whitecap Dakota First Nation (WDFN) is a modern and progressive First Nation with a proud culture and a strong sense of community. Whitecap’s members have mandated their leadership to implement a nation-building vision geared toward Strengthening Community and Building Opportunity. With a long history of establishing partnerships, WDFN continues a Spirit of Alliance, working with its neighbours and governments in support of its nation-building agenda” ([www.whitecapdakota.com](http://www.whitecapdakota.com)). In May 2023, Whitecap Dakota First Nation Council signed a self-government Treaty with Canada after a decade of negotiations and centuries of being unrecognized as Indigenous people of this country. The parties have committed to build on this new Treaty relationship founded in reconciliation of Whitecap Dakota’s rights in Canada.

### HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- The Treaty recognizes the Whitecap Dakota First Nation as one of the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada and focuses on self-government. It is the first of its kind in Saskatchewan.
- Whitecap Dakota First Nation, under the Framework Agreement on First Nations Land Management, has ratified the Whitecap Land Code to assert WDFN government control over its lands and resources. The land code, now in its third generation, provides investor certainty.
- Whitecap Development Corporation (WDC) was incorporated in 1990 as the for-profit arm of the Nation.
- WDC has a portfolio of diversified investments in the tourism, agriculture and industrial services sectors and works with STC Employment and Training Services team to assist members in reaching their career goals.
- WDFN offers market housing to members and non-members.
- WDFN has Commercial/Light Industrial land available for lease at Chief Whitecap Trail Business Park.

### DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 702 persons (November, 2023)  
 On Reserve: 338 persons/Off Reserve: 364 persons  
 Whitecap Community Population: 539 persons (includes all citizens that live in the community)  
 Total Reserves/Settlements/Villages: 4,681 acres

(Source: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, [https://fnp-pgn.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND\\_NUMBER=372&lang=eng](https://fnp-pgn.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=372&lang=eng))

### ECONOMICS

#### IN SASKATOON REGION

Land Holdings (Total)	5,678 acres
Rural Reserve	4,816 acres
Other rural land holdings	862 acres

**Status:** Development is ongoing

#### Employment (On Reserve)

Full Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Employee	700 persons
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#### Business Developments - current

Dakota Dunes Golf Links	
Dakota Dunes Resort & Casino	
STC Casino Holdings Inc.	
STC Investments Inc.	
Whitecap Trail Gas Bar & Convenience Store	
Tatanka Ranch	
Whitecap Commercial Real Estate Inc.	

#### Whitecap Industrial Services Division partnerships:

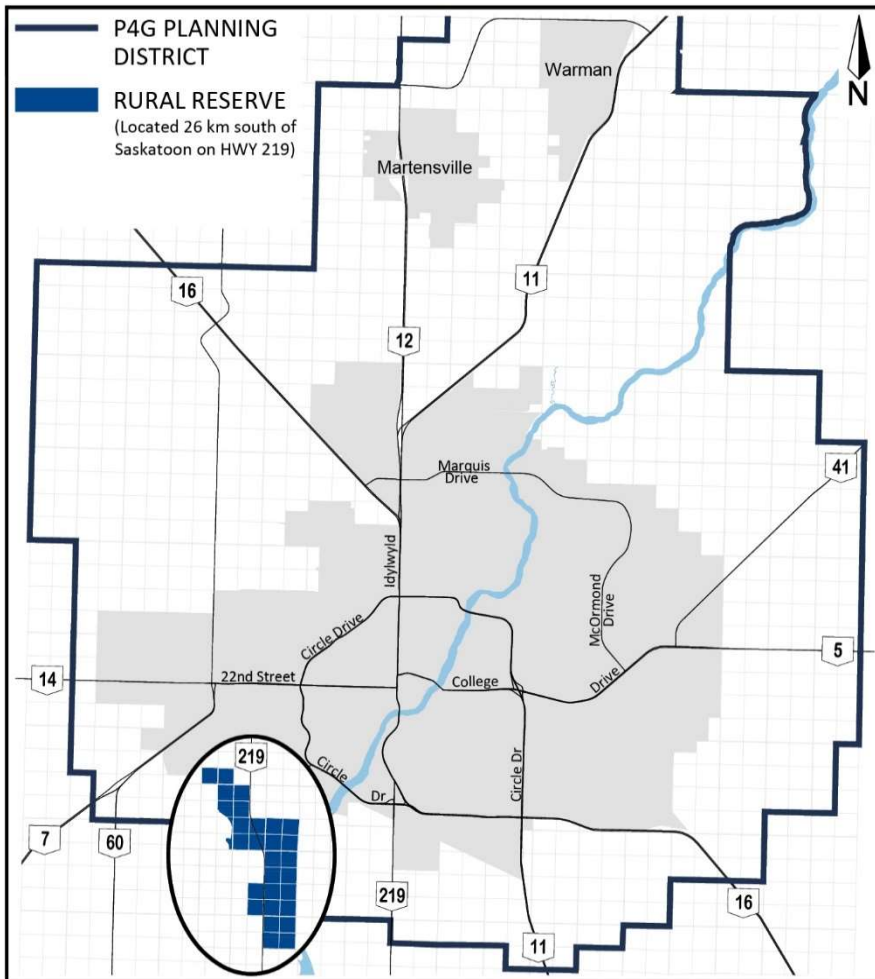
Whitecap/NCSG Crane & Heavy Haul Services	
Whitecap Black Diamond	
Whitecap PTW Energy	
Whitecap Haztech Industrial Services	
Whitecap Allnorth	
Brodsky Indigenous Civil Contractors	
Tatanka Conveyor Solutions	

#### Business Developments - Proposed

Dakota Dunes Spa	
Resort Residential Development	
Retail Development & Business Park	

Source: Whitecap Dakota First Nation.

Whitecap Dakota First Nation Land Holdings  
 City of Saskatoon and Region  
 Approximately 4,816 acres



## HOME RESERVE INFORMATION

### Location

The Whitecap Dakota First Nation reserve is located 20 minutes south of Saskatoon along the newly upgraded Highway 219. This highway has been designated the Chief Whitecap Trail tourism corridor.

### Services

A wide variety of programs and services are available on the Whitecap Dakota First Nation including: housing, public works, community health centre, education centre, employment opportunities, an RCMP detachment, and a fire department. WDFN is also home to major recreational attractions including the Dakota Dunes Golf Links, the Dakota Dunes Resort and Casino, and the Whitecap Sports Grounds and Ball Diamonds.

### Education

Charles Red Hawk Elementary School currently serves Pre-School to Grade 4 students. Through a historic agreement WDFN and Saskatoon Public School Division (SPSD) jointly govern education programming for this SPSPD operated school. Students in Grades 5 to 12 attend SPSPD schools in the City of Saskatoon. The Whitecap Children's Centre provides a supportive and nurturing environment to infants and pre-school children.

## GOVERNANCE

Chief: Darcy Bear  
 Councillors: Dwayne Eagle  
 Frank Royal  
 Election Term: November 14, 2020, to  
 November 13, 2024

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