



AROLAND FIRST NATION

Community Profile Aroland

PTO: Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

TC: Matawa First Nations Management

Population: 700

On Reserve: 300 Off Reserve: 400 (April 2008)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Aroland First Nation
P.O. Box 10
Aroland, ON P0T 1B0

Phone: 1 (807) 329-5970

Fax: 1 (807) 329-5750

OVERVIEW



ACCESSIBILITY

Accessible by	YES	NO
Road	X	
Road – Winter	X	
Air		X
Boat		X

Means of Access: Highway 643

Aroland First Nation is located in Northern Ontario approximately 350 km northeast of Thunder Bay. More specifically, the reserve lies 90 km north of Geraldton (Greenstone) and 25 km west of Nakina (Greenstone).

LANGUAGES

Linguistic Affiliation: English

Mother Tongue: Ojibway

Ojibway is the dialect spoken within the community of Aroland.

GOVERNANCE

Election System	YES	NO
Custom electoral	X	
Quorum	X	
Term of office: 2 years		

ELECTORAL RIDINGS

(F) Cochrane - Superior

(P) Lake Nipigon

BAND OFFICE

Phone: 1 (807) 329-5970

*if busy call 1(807) 329-5333

TITLE	TEL
Secretary	Calls to Band Office staff are referred through reception
Administration	
Ontario Works	

Economic Development Officer (Interim)	
Cultural Coordinator / Crisis Coordinator	
Property / Business Manager	
Employment Community Councillor	
Housing Manager Trainee	
Mining Coordinator	
Tourism Coordinator	
Water Plant Manager	

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

BASIC	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Electricity	X		ON Hydro
Water	X		On Site
Sewage	X		
Solid waste disposal	X		MNR Dump site
COMMUNICATIONS			
Canada Post	X		
Telephone	X		Bell Canada
Newspapers	X		Chronicle Journal
Television	X		Bell Express Star Choice
Radio Stations	X		CBQ-AM (CBC)
Internet	X		T Bay Tel
TRANSPORTATION			
Name bus	X		Aroland Bus Property
Taxi Service	X		Sam's Taxi

COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITIES

Community Recreation Facilities	YES	NO	COMMENTS
			- 2 yr. old outdoor

Arena		X	hockey rink - real ice, very good
Community Hall	X		- community playground
Playground	X		- school playground
Gymnasium	X		- must be booked with principal for use
Sports Field	X		- available for all sport types
Pow-Wow Grounds	X		
Recreation Trails	X		
Beach	X		

Approximately 1 km west of the community, on the south shore of Wawong Lake, is the First Nation's Pow-Wow Grounds and a gathering area used for swimming and recreational purposes. The Aroland First nation revealed 2 areas of cultural and traditional significance. These include traditional burial grounds on the shores of Kawashkagama Lake and an historic portage route between Wawong Lake and Kawashkagama River, A historical campsite is also located at the southern end of the portage.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Aroland First Nation's past and current economic development projects include the construction of the Johnny Therriault School, a Senior's Complex, band office, Health Centre, Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service, and Tikinagan Child and Family Services. Several local area businesses such as the Gas Bar, Convenience Store, Tourist Outfitters and Taxi Company have appeared in Recent Years.

Given the pressing nature of community's needs, the Aroland First Nation had undertaken a "Community Capital Planning" to better define community's needs and proposed long term solution by way of planning.

Program Name	Yes	No
Library/resource centre	X	
Bing hall (radio bingo)	X	
Day care centre		X
Adult education centre		X
Senior citizens centre		X
Homemakers Program (for Elders)	X	

- Post Secondary student leave the community to pursue their education in various cities such as Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, etc.

HEALTH

Aroland Health Centre
P.O. Box 10
Aroland, Ontario P0T 1B0
Phone: (807) 329-8787 or (807) 329-8686
Fax: (807) 329-8778
Email: arolandhealthcentre@yahoo.com

EDUCATION

Johnny Therriault Memorial School

Phone: (807) 329-5470
Fax: (807) 329-5472

Staff consists of 8 teaching & education staff ranging from Kindergarten – Grade 8 and a Principal.

Johnny Therriault Memorial School recently opened this new education facility that will house Kindergarten to grade eight classrooms. This 1,760 square-meter facility will accommodate up to 120 students and has a full gymnasium.

Aroland Education
P.O. Box 40
Aroland, ON P0T 1B0
Phone: (807) 329-5470
Fax: (807) 329-5472

The Education Authority is comprised of a Chairperson and four board Members. *There is currently no education board; however, Arloand is looking to create a new board.

Secondary & Post Secondary

- Aroland First Nation Students are bused to Geraldton to attend High School.

STAFF LISTING

Title	Telephone
Health Director	Calls to all Health Center staff are referred through reception
Community Health Representative	
Referral Clerk	
NNADAP	
HB/HC Coordinator	
THSP Worker/Diabetes Program Coordinator	
Home Care Coordinator	
Home Support Worker	
Maintenance Worker	

SERVICES

Tikanagan Child & Family Services Centre

Aroland First Nation recently celebrated the grand opening of the Tikanagan Chilk & Family Services Centre (TCFSC) with an open house and luncheon. The brand new facility was built to provide staff of the TCFSC with their own office space as they were previously located in the band office.

Matawa Project Management Group assisted the First Nation in securing financing and a lease agreement for the 2,300 square foot office building. MPMG also provided design & construction drawings, construction supervision, construction management and consulting services throughout the duration of the project. Aroland First Nation carpenters were hired to construct the building that was completed on time and under budget.

- Providing supports to communities, families and individuals
- Providing referral services for the clients or families
- Providing family violence prevention and awareness programs
- Accessing on-going healing programs for clients of families

Aroland First Nation Chief Sam Kashkeesh welcomed visitor from the community and across North Western Ontario to take a tour of the new facility and spoke of the important role TCFSC plays within the community. MPMG's Dan Urgray and Carla Chisel attended the grand opening by presenting Aroland First Nation with a gift.

Contact Information:

General Delivery
 Aroland, ON
 P0T 1B0
 Phone: 807-329-5749
 Fax: 807-329-5384

Tikananhan Child & Family Services Centre Staff

Title	Telephone
Supervisor	Ext. 2223
Child Care Worker	Ext. 2224
Child Care Worker	Ext. 2226
Child Care Worker	Ext. 2227
Child Care Worker	Ext. 2228
Child Care Worker	Ext. 2229
Secretary	807-329-5749

Aroland Crisis Team Coordinator

Phone: (807) 329-5970

Matawa First Nations Crisis Intervention/Prevention & Family Violence Support Program (Survivors of Suicide & Family Violence Against Individuals)
 Services Provided:

PROGRAM

Program Name	YES	NO
Community Health Promotion & Injury Prevention	X	
NNADP	X	
Brighter Futures	X	
CPNP	X	
Building Healthy Communities	X	
ECD (Economic Community Development)	X	
Home & Community Care	X	
Healthy Babies / Healthy Children	X	
FASD Program	X	
Medical Transportation Services (Medical Appts.)	X	

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Aroland First Nation Fire Dept.
 Phone: 807-329-9999

Medical emergency response/ ambulance services are provided by the township of Nakina (approx. 22km from Aroland). In the event that Nakina is unable to provide assistance, the township of Geraldton (approx. 80km from Aroland) provides ambulance services.

Ambulance emergency calls - Nakina:
 807-329-5332 or 807-329-9292

Ambulance emergency calls - Geraldton:
807-854-1555 or
Non-emergency administration line: 807-854-2204

JUSTICE SECTOR

Programs & Services:

NAPS Aroland Detachment
Box 149
Nakina, ON
P0T 2H0
Phone: (807) 329-1045
Fax: (807) 329-1046

Program Name	YES	NO
NAPS	X	
O.P.P. Nakina Detachment	X	

Staffing: 2 Constables

O.P.P. North West Region
Nakina Community Policing via Greenstone
901 Main St.
Geraldton, ON
P0T 1M0
Phone: 807-854-1333
Fax: 807-854-1353

Nakina Community Policing
Phone: 807-329-5891
Fax/Mail: via Greenstone Det.

Aroland First Nation Businesses

O’Sullivan Lake Gas Bar

Nakina, ON
P0T 2H0
Phone: (807) 329-5959

Towedo Buslines

Nakina, ON
P0T 2H0
Phone: (807) 329-5991
Fax: (807) 329-5810

B & V Variety Store

BACKGROUND

The Aroland First Nation #242 gained status under the Indian Act on April 15, 1985. Reserve lands have recently been dedicated to the First Nation by both Provincial and Federal governments. Reserve lands would contain 19, 599 hectares (79.0 square miles) and would extend northwards from Highway #643 to encompass lands along the western and northern shores of Esnagami Lake. At present, these lands are generally undeveloped with the exception of a single small community straddling on Highway #643 near the reserve’s southern boundary.

HISTORY

Historically, the original people of the Aroland First Nation were mainly members of the Ginoogaming (Long Lake # 77), Long Lake # 58, Eabametoong (Fort Hope), or Fort William who settled on the Kowashkagama River to the south of the existing village. The settlement occurred circa 1900 when residents were engaged in fur trading with the Hudson’s Bay Company. As the fur trade declined, native residents began working with the Arrow Land and Logging Company whose milling operations was located between the river and today’s Canadian National Railway Lin (CNR). Closure of the lumber mill in 1941 was followed by gradual northward movement of the community to its current location on Highway #643.