



Webequie First Nation
Community Profile

PTO: Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
 TC: Matawa First Nations Management
 Population: 702
 On Reserve: 249 Off Reserve: 453

CONTACT INFORMATION

Webequie First Nation
 P.O. Box 268
 Webequie, ON P0T 3A0

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 Fax: (807) 353-1218

General Email: info@webequie.ca
 Website: <http://www.webequie.net>

OVERVIEW



Webequie First Nation

ACCESSIBILITY

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

Webequie can be accessed by air only on a year round basis. The airlines that fly in and out of the community of Webequie is: Wasaya Airways Limited, NACair & Nakina Outpost Camps & Air Services.

LANGUAGES

Linguistic Affiliation: Algonkian (Ojibway)
 Mother Tongue: Oji-Cree

GOVERNANCE

Election System	YES	NO
Custom Electoral	X	
Term of office: 3 Years		

ELECTORAL RIDINGS

(F) Kenora – Rainy River
 (P) Lake Nipigon

BAND OFFICE INFORMATION

Webequie First Nation Officials

Title
Chief
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

Band Office Employees

Title
Social Services Administrator
Bookkeeper, AHS, Property Management
Education Director
Housing Manager
Social Services Assistant
Band Administrator
Home & Community Care Coordinator
Telecommunications Intern
Education Executive Secretary
Atawehike Fire Services-Manager/Training Coordinator
Health Director
Community Employment Counsellor
Health Director Assistant
MNDM Liaison Youth Intern
Education Finance Clerk
Executive Assistant
Receptionist
Traditional Ecological Data Collector



Webequie Band Office

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

BASIC	YES	NO	
Electricity	X		ON Hydro
Water	X		WFN
Sewage	X		WFN
Solid waste disposal	X		WFN
Liquid waste disposal	X		WFN
<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>			
Canada Post	X		5 days/wk
Telephone	X		Digital
Newspapers			
- Wawatay Newspaper	X		Monthly
- Sioux Bulletin	X		Weekly
Television			
- WFN Cable TV	X		20 Channels
Radio Station			
- C.S.P.N. Radio	X		Local Station
- Wawatay Radio	X		Via Satellite
Internet - Webequie Telecommunication	X		Cable network
<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>			
North American Charters	X		7 days/week
Wasaya Airways	X		6 days/week
Nakina Outpost Camps & Air Service	X		7 days/week

For Reservations & Bookings:

Wasaya Airways1-877-492-7292
 NACair.1-866-856-6075
 Nakina Outpost Camps & Air Service...
 ...1-800-797-4424

COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITIES

Community Recreation Facilities	YES	NO
Arena		X
Recreation Centre		X

Activities Corrdinator

Phone: (807) 353-6590 Fax: (807) 353-1218
 Email: www.webequie.ca

Phone: (807) 353-7241 Or
 (807) 353-6541
 Fax: (807) 353-1551

EDUCATION

Webequie First Nation Education Authority
 P.O. Box 102
 Webequie, Ontario P0T 3A0
 Phone: (807) 353-9942
 Fax: (809) 353-9966
 Email: webequieeducation@knet.ca

The Webequie First Nation Nursing Station is one of the most modern nursing facilities in the north. The Nursing Station is usually operated with three nurses, a Community Health Representative (CHR), and two full-time counsellors. The aboriginal staff also serves as interpreters and assistants.

Webequie First Nation Health Care Personnel

Elementary	K4 – Grade 8	Simon Jacob Memorial Education Centre (SJMEC)
Secondary	Grades 9 – 10	SJMEC
	Grades 11-12	Thunder Bay or S.S.Marie, etc.
Distance Education	Adults	Webequie First Nation/Wahsa
Post Secondary	College or University	Thunder Bay and other cities

Title	Tel
Community Health Representative (CHR)	
Housekeeper	
Mental Health Worker	
Family Wellness Worker	
Janitor	
Referral Clerk	
Telehealth Coordinator	
Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Coordinator	
Patient Driver	
Crisis Intervention Coordinator	
NNADAP	



Simon Jacob Memorial Education Centre

HEALTH

Webequie Nursing Station
 P.O. Box 90
 Webequie, ON
 P0T 3A0

Webequie KO Telehealth

Telehealth is the use of information and communication technology (ICT) to deliver health services, expertise and information over distance. It includes Internet or web-based “e-health” and video-based applications, and can be delivered real-time (live) or through store and forward (record now, view later) mode.

On June 2005, the Webequie First Nation KO Telehealth was in full operational. This isolated community of 700 native people now can access better health services by the usage of the Internet Broadband technology. The people of Webequie can access Health specialists in major cities like Toronto, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay and even the world.

Webequie KO Telehealth

Community Telehealth Coordinator
 Webequie Nursing Station
 P.O. Box 90
 Webequie, ON P0T 3A0
 Phone: (807) 353-7241 or Toll Free: 1-800-387-3740
 Fax: (807) 353-1550



SOCIAL PROGRAMS/SERVICES

Tikinagan Child & Family Services
 P.O. Box 180
 Webequie, ON P0T 3A0

Phone: (807) 353-5202 Fax: (807) 353-1457

Tikinagan Child & Family Services Employees

Title	Ext. #
Direct Services Supervisor	2224
Family Services Worker	2225
Family Services Worker	2227
Family Services Worker	2223
Child Care Worker	2231
Program Support Worker	2221
Community Prevention Worker	244
Child Care Worker	2228

Web Equay Mamow-No-Kii-Win

The Webequie Women's Circle formed in May 2003 to address the many issues of particular concern to women. Some of the issues that affect our social well being include: lack of employment, housing, cost of food & doing business, youth issues and suicides, health care, family violence and governance.

Web Equay Mamow-No-Kii-Win Employees

Title
President
Vice President
Secretary/Treasurer
Director
Director

Matawa Employment & Training

Matawa Employment & Training (MET) is a new division of Matawa First Nations Management. Located at the Matawa First Nations Management office in Thunder Bay, our goal is to help Matawa First Nation people of all ages to achieve their personal career goals through improved access to employment and training initiatives.

233 South Court Street
 Thunder Bay, ON
 P7B 2X9
 Phone: 807-344-4575 or Toll Free: 1-800-463-2249
 Fax: 807-344-2977

MET Department Staff

- Program Administrator / Coordinator
- Project Officer
- Program Assistant

Webequie Community Telecommunications Corporation

WEBEQUIE BUSINESS CENTRE

Webequie has recently completed construction of a small business center that houses the new Northwest Company Store, the Webequie Agency Bank (an Agency Branch bank of the Royal Bank of Canada) and the Webequie Motel. Lease space is still available.

Northwest Company Store

The Northern store in Webequie is located inside the Webequie Business Centre. The store is the tenant of the Webequie Business Centre Corporation. Northern is a combination food and general merchandise store that services the overall community.

Webequie Motel

The new motel boasts five rooms, and one suite. There are two double beds in each room. Rooms have cable color television, and the suite has a refrigerator. Reservations at the hotel may be made by calling the manager, Cecilia Brenton @ 1-807-353-5504.

Accommodation costs are:

- Suite \$140.00 plus tax per night
- Double \$120.00 plus tax per night

There is currently no restaurant in Webequie. Cooking facilities are shared, and groceries are available from the Northwest company store, open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Saturday. The store is closed on Sunday and most holidays.

Webequie Agency Bank

The Webequie Agency Bank is affiliated with the Royal Bank of Canada in offering banking services for the overall community members. The agency bank provides bill payments, cheque cashing, deposits, and withdrawals.

The Webequie community telecommunications Corporation is governed by three Boards of Directors that oversee the operation and management of the band’s telecommunications venues.

Currently, the WCTC Board of Directors are operating and managing the Webequie Internet Service for the overall community

WCTC Interim Board of Directors

Telephone
(807) 353-6531
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(807) 353-5209

JUSTICE SECTOR

Programs & Services:

Program Name	YES	NO
Webequie Policing & Security	X	

NAPS Northwest Region Headquarters

Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service

- NAPS is the largest First Nations police service in Canada
- NAPS is the 2nd largest First Nations police service in North America
- NAPS polices 35 communities across the NAN territory which encompasses nearly 2/3 of the Province of Ontario. Thunder Bay to Hudson’s Bay; Manitoba to Quebec.
- NAPS’ officers are sworn Constables with authority throughout the Province of Ontario.
- There are several tribal affiliations within NAN which result in 3 distinct languages including: Ojibwe, Oji-Cree and Cree.
- NAPS has operation linkages to federal, provincial and municipal police services

Program Name	Yes	No
Webequie Canadian Rangers & Jr. Canadian Rangers	X	

surface. It was a very calm day, and there was no wind to help them get airborne. In their frantic attempt to get some lift, the man observed they were shaking their heads from side to side, looking for a breeze. This is how our name originated, and why we have a merganser as part of our community logo.

SPIRITUAL INFORMATION

Around 1948, the people of Webequie built a square fence around the community with twelve gates. The gates symbolized how those who believed would enter the gate and have eternal life with the Savior

The fence was used to symbolize the purity of Webequie people. The fence built to surround Webequie lasted till the mid seventies and symbolic fences still surround the two graveyards in the community, and the Anglican Church. Each grave in the community also has a small fence around the burial plot. This is also symbolic in nature.

For many years, the Anglican religion was the only organized religion permitted in the community. Today, portions of the residents have returned to traditional native spirituality. There are now three sweat lodges in the community. The renaissance of the traditional ways is a welcomed one. The people are eager to embrace the old ways and revive their culture. The traditional knowledge is being recovered at a considerable rate and the people are one again consulting local medicine men. The teachings are a way of living in harmony with oneself in the modern age.



HISTORY

How Webequie Got its Name

Webequie, pronounced Way-Bih-quay, is an Ojibway word that means, “shaking head from side to side”. It received the name many years ago, and has a special meaning to our people. The story goes, that early one morning a long time ago, a community member was paddling his canoe out onto the lake. He noticed a family of mergansers (large sleek diving ducks) attempting to take flight, and running across the calm

