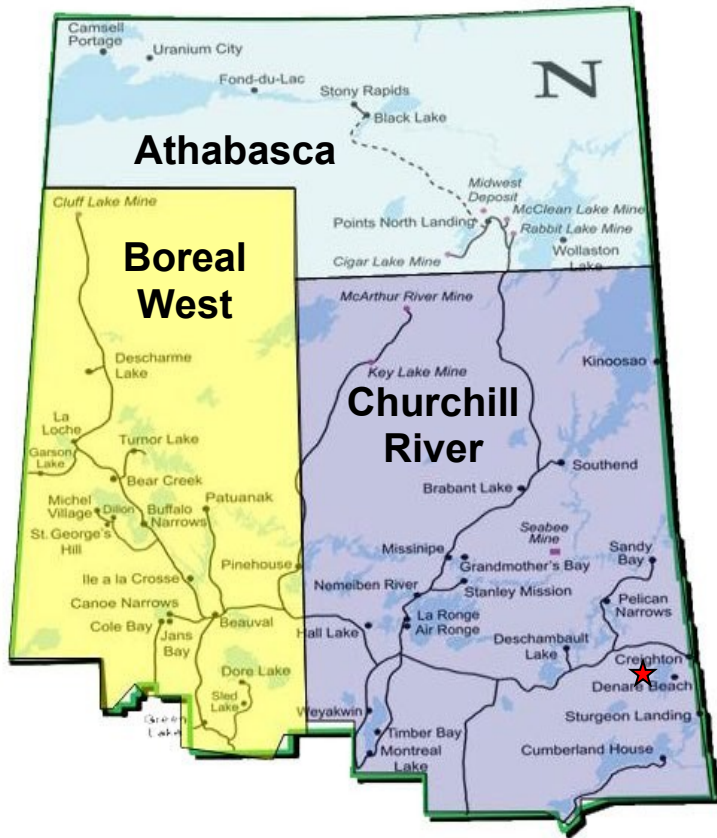


Northern Village of Sandy Bay



based in Pukatawagan, Manitoba

Tribal Council:

- Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC)
- Swampy Cree Tribal Council

Community Highlights

Sandy Bay is a community of over 1000 people on the eastern side of the division's jurisdiction. The town is located in the breath-taking beauty of the Precambrian Shield. The town grew as a result of the hydro-electric power station built in the late 1920's to supply power for the smelters and mines in Flin Flon, Manitoba. The dam is presently operated by SaskPower and is now totally automated.¹

Local Government

Mayor and Council²

- **Mayor:** Daniel Bear
- **Aldermen:**
 - Tony Bear
 - Ovide Morin
 - Jessi McKay
 - France Richard

First Nations Presence:³

- Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation (0.0 km)
- Mathias Colomb First Nation (0.0 km),

Métis Council:⁴

- Eastern Region I – Local #90

Demographics⁵

	Sandy Bay	North	Saskatchewan
Population	1175	33,919	968,157
Aboriginal population (%)	98.7%	85.8%	14.9%
Youth population, 15 to 29 (%)	24.3%	25.6%	20.7%
Major Languages	Cree, English	Cree, Dene, English, Michif	
Labour Force Participation Rate, 15+ (%)	43.5%	50.4%	68.4%
Employment Rate, 15+ (%)	26.7%	40.3%	64.6%
Unemployment Rate (%)	38.6%	20.2%	5.6%
Median family income:	\$20,512	\$31,007	\$58,563
Median earnings (persons 15+ years):	\$9,120	\$18,449	\$23,025
Population 25+ with a high school diploma (%)	15.7%	15.6%	26.7%

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	Sandy Bay	North	Saskatchewan
Population 25+ with a trades, college, or university certificate, diploma, or degree (%)	27.7%	35.8%	53.9%

Economic Environment

Key Industries – community and surrounding area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local governance Hydroelectric power generation
Major Employers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation Sask Power (Island Falls)
Occupations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail & Service Construction/Carpentry Firefighting (seasonal) Tourism (seasonal) Professional occupations in governance and government funded agencies (e.g. health, education, corrections, social services, etc)
Local Business Make-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convenience Store with gas, General Store, Radio Station Tourist Camps
Local Financial Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Transportation Services Road ⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highway 135 (gravel)
Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ross Air Service (water based charter company)
Bus Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No
Strengths and Potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydroelectric generating infrastructure related employment
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging youth; road improvements; housing
Future Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydroelectric expansion

Training and Education⁶

Post-secondary institutions	No
Career and Employment Services	No
High School and Elementary School	Hector Thiboutot Community School (Kindergarten to Grade 12)
Library	Ayamickiwikamik Public Library Hector Thiboutot Community School

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Infrastructure⁷

Highway	Highway 135 (gravel)
Municipal Roads	Gravel
Water and Sewer	Water Source: Lake Water Treatment: Yes Water Distribution: piped water and sewer system to most businesses and residents. Village supplies the Band with water and wastewater services Wastewater Treatment: Facultative Lagoon
Power and Energy	Electric Power: Provincial grid Heating Fuels: oil, propane, wood Natural Gas: No
Information Technology	High Speed Basic Internet
Cellular Service	No

Housing⁸

	Sandy Bay	North	Saskatchewan
Total private dwellings occupied by usual residents	240	9,245	387,140
Owned dwellings (%)	18.8%	36.6%	71.8%
Rented dwellings (%)	47.9%	30%	25.6%
Dwellings that require major repair (%)	47.9%	37.9%	10.5%
Average household size	4.9	3.7	2.4
Average value of owned dwelling	\$134,867	\$98,022	\$132,111

Emergency Services

RCMP	Yes
Hospital	Sandy Bay Health Centre
Ambulance	No
Fire	Yes

Recreation⁹

- Sports Complex (1978, Skating Rink, Curling Rink and a Lobby Area)
- 2 Baseball Diamonds
- Soccer/Football Field
- Paddling Pool for tiny tots
- School Gym
- Community Beach
- 4 Playgrounds
- Basketball Court by Gym

Distance from Larger Centres¹⁰

Sandy Bay to:	Creighton	La Ronge	Meadow Lake	Prince Albert	Saskatoon
km	188	371	681	457	598

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