

Eabametoong First Nation Community Profile



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PTO: Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

TC: Matawa First Nations Management

Population: 2199

On Reserve: 1250 Off Reserve: 949

CONTACT INFORMATION

Eabametoong First Nation

P.O. Box 298

Eabamet Lake, Ontario

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Tel: (807) 242-7221 or (807) 242-7468

Fax: (807) 242-1440

Website: www.eabametoong.firstnation.ca

OVERVIEW



Eabametoong First Nation is located on the north shore of Eabamet Lake in North-western Ontario. Eabamet Lake drains into the Albany River via the Eabamet Narrows, and each spring during the runoff, the water at the narrows reverses flow back into Eabamet Lake for a short period of time. Hence the traditional name of “Eabametoong”, which means, “ the reversing of the water place.



ACCESSIBILITY

Accessible by	YES	NO	SEASONAL
Air	X		
Road	X		X
Road - Winter	X		X
Boat		X	

Eabametoong (Fort Hope) is located 360 kilometers north of Thunder Bay; the nearest road/railway town is Armstrong, 155 km southwest. Eabamet is 362-air km North of Thunder Bay; 347-air km Northeast of Sioux Lookout; & 217-air km northwest of Geraldton.

Local roads are maintained by the First Nation, while the airport and main streets are maintained by MTO. Community transportation is provided by private vehicles.

Transportation

Eabametoong is accessible by air year round by means of 3500 ft. gravel airstrip with scheduled and chartered flights.

Airlines are as follows:

- NAC Air
- Nakina Air Service
- Thunder Airlines
- Wasaya Airlines
- Gold Belt Air Service
- Lock Har Air Services
- North Star Air

Docking facilities are also available for floatplanes during the open water season. Snowmobiles and trails are also in use between isolated communities during the winter months.

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LANGUAGES

The Ojibwe language (spoken and written) is the working language used by the mature population while English (spoken and written) is predominant as the working language with the younger generation.

GOVERNANCE

Election System	YES	NO
Electoral	X	
Term of office: 2 years		

The Eabametoong leadership is comprised for an elected Chief and Council under the authority of the Indian Act. The electorate is all Eabametoong First Nation members, 18 years of age and older. The Chief and council of Eabametoong First Nation total six elected officials who serve a term of two years.

ELECTORAL RIDINGS

- (F) Cochrane – Superior
- (P) Lake Nipigon

BAND OFFICE INFORMATION

Eabametoong First Nation Officials

Title
Chief
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

Band Office Employees

Tel: (807) 242-7221 or (807) 242-7468
 Fax: (807) 242-1440
 Conference Room: Ext. 234

TITLE	TEL
Chief	Ext. 222
CLUP	Ext. 224
Economic Development Officer	Ext. 227
Senior Advisor	Ext. 228
Executive Assistant	Ext. 229
Band Manager	Ext. 230
Administrator Assistant	Ext. 235
Finance Con./H.S.S. Bookkeeper (interim)	Ext. 240
Public Works/Projects	Ext. 236
HR Officer (interim)	Ext. 242
Workforce Support Officer (interim)	Ext. 238
Finance Controller & Clerk	Ext. 258
Payroll Clerk	Ext. 226
AGM Coordinator	Ext. 243
EFN Bookkeeper	Ext. 237
Accounts Receivable/ Power Auth.	Ext. 231
Accounts Payable	Ext. 232
Recreation	Ext. 241
Receptionist	Ext. 221
Homemakers	242-1157

Band Office Telephone Lines

- Line #1 -----242-7468
- Line #2 -----242-7592
- Line #3 -----242-7552
- Line #4 -----242-7221
- Line #5 -----242-7320
- Fax # -----(807) 242-1440
- Water Treatment Plant -----242-1285
- Fire Hall -----242-1300
- Homemakers -----242-1157
- Power Plant -----242-1536

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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

BASIC	YES	NO	
Electricity	X		Eabametoong Power authority
Water	X		Communal Water System
Sewage	X		Lagoon Facility
Solid Waste Disposal	X		Sanitary Landfill
COMMUNICATIONS			
Canada Post	X		5 days/week
Telephone	X		Bell Canada
Radio			
- Local (101.5 fm)	X		
- Wawatay	X		Via Satellite
- CBC Radio	X		
Internet	X		Cancom Canada
Newspaper			
- Wawatay News	X		Bi-weekly
- Chronicle Journal	X		

Power Plant Operator

(807) 242-1536

O & M Water Systems

Phone: (807) 242-1285
 W.T.P.O. Supervisor
 W.T.P.O. Assistant

O & M Community Buildings

O&M Coordinator
 Janitor
 Band Maintenance

Cable TV Inc.

Phone: 807- 242-1595
 Fax: 807-242-1106

Eabametoong Cable TV Inc. is staffed by the following positions:

Manager
 Cable Tech/Maintenance

Communication (Radio Station)

Line # 1-----807-242-7511
 Line # 2 -----807-242-1436

EABAMETOONG F.N. BRANCH OFFICE

Telephone Lines

Line # 1 -----(807) 242-7361
 Line # 2 -----242-1355
 Line # 3 -----242-7264
 Line # 4 -----242-7265
 Fax # -----(807) 242-1090

TITLE	TEL
Branch Office Receptionist	Calls to branch office employees are referred through reception
Ontario Works	
Welfare Administrator	
Welfare Administrator Assistant	
P/T Welfare Administrator	

COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITIES

Recreation Coordinator
 Phone: (807) 242-7221

Community Recreation Facilities	YES	NO	Stats & Condition
Arena – seasonal	X		- Indoor - 8 yrs. Old - Real ice (very good to good conditions)
Community Hall	X		-Future plans for various activities - Needs

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		Improvements
Playground	X	At John C. Yesno School
Gymnasium	X	- Available for after school hours and on weekends
Sports Field	X	- Baseball - Basketball (homemade, good condition but needs improvement).
Pow-Wow Grounds	X	Once per year
Recreation Trails	X	- 4 kms along shoreline.
Beach	X	- East of community by the Bay

EDUCATION

Eabametoong First Nation Education Authority

Eabametoong First Nation Education Authority consists of many components, including a Board of Directors. Under the direction of the Board are the Head Office Staff: Education Coordinator, Accounts Payable/Receivable Clerk, and Receptionist/Secretary. Also important to mention is the staff of Operations & Maintenance who are responsible for the smooth operation of the school. These hard working employees ensure that the school is maintained and cleaned daily.

EFN Education Authority – Board of Directors

TITLE
Board Member
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Board Member
Board Member

O & M Staff

Phone: (807) 242-1567

EFN Education Authority's O&M staff consists of:

1-O&M Coordinator
1- O&M Maintenance Man
1- Head Custodian
5- Custodians

EFN Education Authority - Staff

Phone: 807-242-1305

TITLE	TEL
Education Coordinator	Ext. 24
Finance Controller	Ext. 25
Finance Clerk	Ext. 26
Administrative Assistant	Ext. 21
O&M Coordinator	242-1567
Maintenance Worker	242-1567

John C. Yesno Education Centre

Phone: 807-242-8421

Fax: 807-242-1592

Eabametoong has a relatively new school "John C. Yesno Education Centre" rebuilt in 1998-2000, which handles grades K4-10. The authorized capacity of the school as per INAC guidelines is 289 students.

Secondary and post secondary students attend schools in Thunder Bay, Sioux Lookout and Sault Ste. Marie, etc.

Eabametoong First Nation Education Authority

P.O. Box 294

Eabamet Lake, Ontario

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Phone: 807-242-1305

Fax: 807-242-1313

Eabametoong First Nation Education Authority Branch Office:

202-135 Syndicate Ave. N.
Thunder Bay, ON P7C-3V6

Phone: (807) 623-5943

Counsellors: (807) 623-5943

Fax: (807) 623-8437

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TITLE	TEL
Counsellor	(807) 623-5943
Part-time Worker	(807) 623-5943

HEALTH

Kevin S.C. Sagutcheway Nursing Station

Phone: 807-242-7401
 Fax: 807-242-1344

Elderly Care – Eabametoong has facility “Mang-Otawin” which provides shelter care for the elderly people from within and outside the community. Home support services through Homemakers are also available to elderly and disabled persons living at home.

- Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Tikinagan Child Welfare
- Youth Foot Patrol
- Prenatal Nutrition
- Women’s Wellness
- Youth Coordinator
- Mental Health Brighter Futures
- Homemakers/Home Support
- Healthy Babies/Healthy Children
- Suicide Intervention/Prevention
- Diabetes Worker

Social Programs / Services

Social Services Office: 807-242-1484

Program Name	YES	NO
Meal Planning-Preparation	X	
Personal Care	X	
Respite Care	X	
Home Management	X	

Crisis Team Coordinator

Phone: 807-242-1333 or 807-242-1232

The Crisis Team is staffed by the following positions:

1-Coordinator

- 1-Nurse
- 2-P.S.W.
- 2-P.A.W.
- 2-H.S.W.
- 2-H.M.W.

*All Crisis Team staff can be reached through the coordinator

Brighter Futures

Phone: 807-242-1333
 Fax: 807-242 1506

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Program

Phone: 807-242-1151

EABAMETOONG HOUSING AUTHORITY

Phone: (807) 242-1332

Before modern housing was available through the Government, most everybody constructed their own dwelling made of earth, bark, hide, logs, lumber, tarpaper, and canvas. The first two houses constructed in the new community (1962) were made of local lumber frame with sawdust for insulation. Eventually, plywood 2x4 frame housing units were built with fiberglass insulation.

Today, all newly constructed houses are made of R2000 construction.

The Housing Authority oversees all habitable housing units on-reserve, which currently consists of 267 units of which 155 units are older (1975-95) and 112 units are newer (1997-2004). The newer units are mortgaged houses, which are rented out to tenants. The older houses (non rental units) are maintained and repaired for health and safety then eventually replaced when condemned.

All new units are covered for fire loss while the older units are not. All homes use wood for heating, the newer units have forced air furnaces while the older homes use radiant heaters.

There are currently 246 occupied First Nation homes most of which are built under Government subsidies – INAC Minor capital funding or Private Lending Financing (Bank).

Eabametoong First Nation adopted a 10-year Rental Housing Program in 1997 to construct 100 new houses and renovate 150 existing homes.

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Activity to date includes:

- 1997 - 33 new homes built
- 1998 – 8 renovated homes
- 1999 – 9 renovated homes
- 1999 – 4 new homes built
- 2000 – 20 new homes built
- 2003 – 15 new homes planned

All these new and renovated housing are on rent-to-own basis.

SPIRITUAL SERVICES

Four active churches service Eabametoong.

- St. Anglican Church
- Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church
- Fort Hope Full Gospel Church
- Fortress of Hope Ministries

There is also a group of people that practice traditional and culture way of life.

Business and Commerce

Eabametoong has the following active businesses.

- Albany North Kitchen ----- 242-1308
- Bell Canada ----- 310-2355
- Canada Post ----- 242-1573
- CEHR ----- 242-8454
- CHR ----- 242-1131
- Corny's Variety ----- 242-1316
- Corny's Variety (convenience) ----- 242-7265
- Education Authority ----- 242-1305
- EFNEA O&M ----- 242-1567
- Eabamet Lake Construction ----- 242-1318
- ELC Kitchen ----- 242-1318
- Eabametoong Cable/Internet ----- 242-1595
- Eabametoong Radio Station ----- 242-7511
- Family Drop-In Centre ----- 242-1232
- Fire Hall ----- 242-1300
- Health & Social Service -----242-1333 / 1484
- Home & Community Care ----- 242-1157
- Housing Authority ----- 242-1157
- Keewaytinook H.S. ----- 242-1554
- Kids Help Line ----- 1-800-668-6868
- LakeView Store ----- 242-8177
- Mangotawin ----- 242-1277

- MTO ----- 242-8151
- Nakina Air Service ----- 242-7497
- Or -----1-800-797-4424

- NAPS (police) ----- 242-8561
- NAC ----- 242-8434
- Or ----- 1-800-856-6075
- Northern Store Nakina ----- 1-800-775-6443
- Nursing Station ----- 242-7401
- Or ----- 242-1224
- Or ----- 242-1134
- Tikinagan Child & Family Services ----- 242-1596
- Waboose Toys ----- 242-1074
- Wasaya Air ----- 242-1524
- Or ----- 1-800-492-7292
- Water Treatment ----- 242-1285

Eabamet Lake Construction

Phone: 242-1318

Fax: 242-1245

Eabamet Lake Construction employs the following 8 positions:

Manager
Field Supervisor
Cook
Cook
Housemaid
Mechanic
Mechanic
Heavy Equipment

Matawa Employment & Training Program

P.O. Box 298

Eabamet Lake On

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Phone: 807-242-7468

Fax: 807-242-1440

Employment Counsellor - Gordon Yellowhead

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.

Matawa Employment & Training Contact Info

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

Fax: 807-242-1039

NAPS Headquarters Northwest Region

2027 Derek Burney Drive, Suite 300
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7K 0A1
Telephone: 1-800-654-NAPS
Fax: 1-800-404-4093

MET Department Staff:

Administrator/

Community Development Officer

Program Assistant

Provincial Court

The Ontario Provincial court comes in four times a year; January, April, July, and September. Court is usually held at the EABAMETOONG FIRST NATION Community Hall.

JUSTICE SECTOR

Protection Services

Eabametoong has three (3) full time constables, trained by the Ontario Provincial Police at the Police College in Aylmer Ontario. Our police service jurisdiction is under Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service.

Fire Protection

Fire Hall ----- 242-1300
Fire Chief ----- John Slipperjack Jr.

Eabametoong has a fire pumper truck along with street fire hydrants throughout the community, maintained by the water and sewage maintenance workers employed by Eabametoong First Nation. The Eabametoong Fire Department is run by John Slipperjack Jr. (Fire Chief) along with 12 man volunteer Fire Brigade. A new fire hall was built in 1999 and is now in operation.

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

Most homes have smoke detectors and maybe a fire extinguisher. Roadside fire hydrants, a fire pumper vehicle and a volunteer fire brigade service the community.

Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service
General Delivery
Fort Hope
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Tele: 807-242-8561