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Chapter 1

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Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority

The Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority Inc. (NITHA) is a First Nations partnership organization between the Prince Albert Grand Council, Meadow Lake Tribal Council, Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation and Lac La Ronge Indian Band. Together the NITHA partners provide and maintain health services and public health programs in 33 First Nations on-reserve communities across northern Saskatchewan. NITHA partnership communities are sparsely distributed across northern Saskatchewan within six Regional Health Authorities (see figure 1). First Nation individuals living on-reserve and Crown land within NITHA jurisdiction reside within Treaty 5, Treaty 6, Treaty 8, and Treaty 10 (see figure 2). NITHA works closely with multiple health jurisdictions to provide health services to community residents.

NITHA Partner Organizations

All four NITHA partners have transfer of authority from the federal government for the administration of health services to member First Nations.

Prince Albert Grand Council

The Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC) is affiliated with twelve First Nation bands.^{1,2} However, within the NITHA partnership, PAGC is comprised of 11 First Nations communities (see figure 1). Together the PAGC Chiefs provide leadership to its communities to address wide-ranging issues of common concern, including the implementation of independent progressive self-government, improving the quality of life for its constituents, the development of economic strategies, and development of social programs. For the past 25 years, PAGC have been providing health and social programming and services to her member First Nations through the Department of Health and Social Development.

PAGC's Nursing Services provide first-level nursing services in Public Health, Home & Community Care, and Primary Care to six member First Nations communities. PAGC also provide secondary level support to three member First Nations communities including Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, James Smith Cree Nation, and Montreal Lake Cree Nation. Other services provided include maternal child health, telehealth, emergency response and planning, and environmental health services.

Meadow Lake Tribal Council

The Meadow Lake Tribal Council (MLTC) is in northwestern Saskatchewan and is comprised of nine First Nations¹. The nine MLTC Chiefs-In-Assembly, provide strategic direction and leadership to their Tribal Council. The MLTC Chiefs work closely together to advocate and lobby various stakeholders for health priorities of member First Nations. Clearwater River, the most northern of the MLTC communities is located approximately 357 km from Meadow Lake while Island Lake, its most southern community is approximately 77 km from Meadow Lake. The MLTC Health and Social Development Authority (MLHSDA) oversees the operations of the health programs for the nine First Nations. MLHSDA supports MLTC First Nations in providing holistic, culturally appropriate health services which promote personal responsibility and healthy

¹ Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada 2014. *First Nations in Saskatchewan* https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-INTER-SK/STAGING/texte-text/fnl_1100100020617_eng.pdf

² Prince Albert Grand Council 2016. *First Nations*. <http://www.pagc.sk.ca/first-nations/>

individuals, families and communities. MLHSDA is comprised of the Health Portfolio Councilors of each of the nine First Nations communities and membership is appointed by local leadership to represent their community within this authority.

Of the nine MLTC communities, primary care services are available in five communities including Birch Narrows Buffalo River, Canoe Lake, English River and Waterhen Lake.

Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation

The Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation (PBCN) is located in north-eastern Saskatchewan consisting of seven communities all of which are located within Treaty 6 (see figure 2). The PBCN Treaty territory covers a vast area 454 kms north of Prince Albert and 508 kms east to the Manitoba border (see figure 1). PBCN Health Services Inc. is the entity through which certain health programs and services are delivered to the communities. On behalf of Chief and Council, the PBCN Health Services Board of Directors have the mandate for the administration, delivery and fiscal management of PBCN health services programs.

Through a multi-disciplinary approach, PBCN Health Services deliver a variety of transferred programs including maternal, infant & child health; mental health and addictions; communicable disease control; home care and community health; and primary care programs. These services are provided through three Primary Care Centers (Pelican Narrows, Deschambault and Southend) and two Community Health Centers (Sturgeon Landing and Kinoosa).

Lac La Ronge Indian Band

The Lac La Ronge Indian Band (LLRIB) is in north-central Saskatchewan and is comprised of six communities. LLRIB is the largest First Nations in Saskatchewan, and one of the 10 largest in Canada³. Their reserve lands stretch from farmlands in central Saskatchewan through the boreal forest past the Churchill River. LLRIB provides health services to community members through the LLRIB Health Services Inc. (LLRIBHS) whose vision is to *work together to promote and enhance healthy lifestyles by ensuring accessible and quality health services*. The LLRIBHS Inc. Board of Directors consists of one elected member from the communities of Hall Lake, Grandmother's Bay, Little Red River and Sucker River, there are two elected members from Lac La Ronge for a total of six members and one appointed Elder. Two Portfolio Councillors sit as advisory Council to LLRIBHS Inc. Board. All LLRIB communities are located within Treaty 6 (see figure 2).

The LLRIBHS provides several services to community members including community health nursing, home and community care, information technology and special care programs. Primary care services are available in Stanley Mission.

³ Lac La Ronge Indian Band 2016 <http://llrib.com/about-us/>

Figure 1: NITHA communities within Saskatchewan Regional Health Authorities, 2015



Prince Albert Grand Council

1. Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation
2. Black Lake Denesuline First Nation
3. Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation
4. Montreal Lake Cree Nation
5. Little Red River – Montreal Lake
6. Sturgeon Lake First Nation
7. Wahpeton Dakota Nation
8. James Smith Cree Nation
9. Red Earth Cree Nation
10. Shoal Lake Cree Nation
11. Cumberland House Cree Nation



Meadow Lake Tribal Council

1. Clearwater Dene Nation
2. Birch Narrows Dene Nation (Turner Lake)
3. Buffalo River Dene Nation (Dillon)
4. Canoe Lake Cree Nation
5. English River First Nation (Patuanak)
6. Waterhen Lake First Nation
7. Ministikwan Lake Cree Nation (Island Lake)
8. Makwa Sahgaiehcan First Nation
9. Flying Dust First Nation



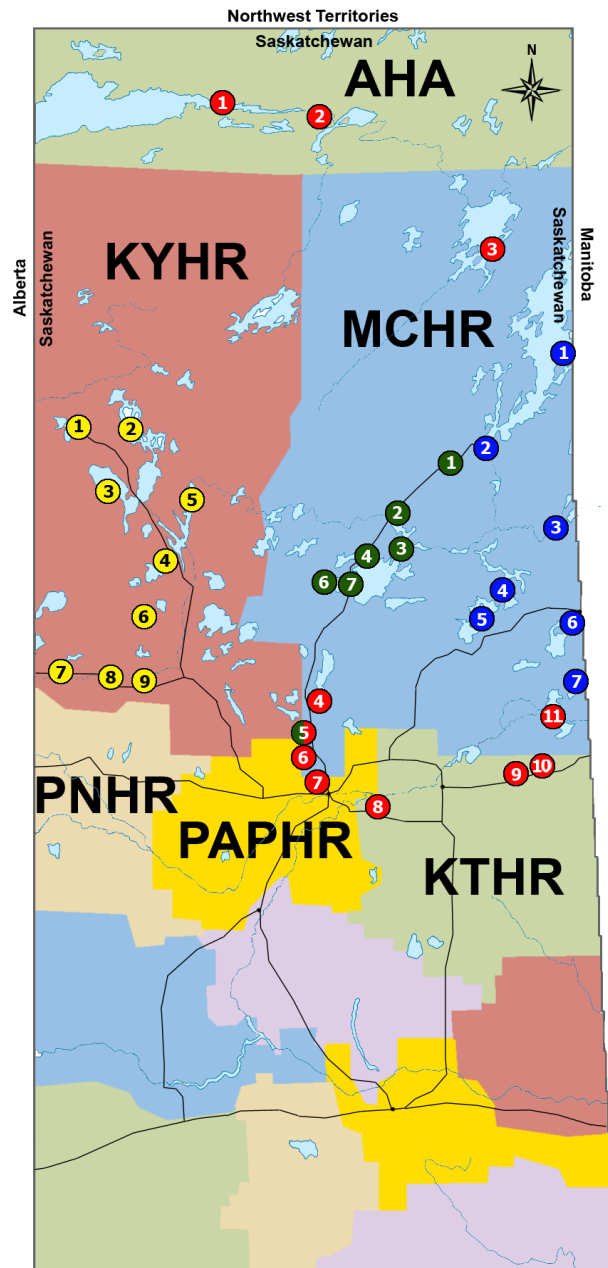
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation

1. Kinoosao
2. Southend Reindeer Lake
3. Sandy Bay
4. Pelican Narrows
5. Deschambault Lake
6. Denare Beach
7. Sturgeon Landing



Lac La Ronge Indian Band

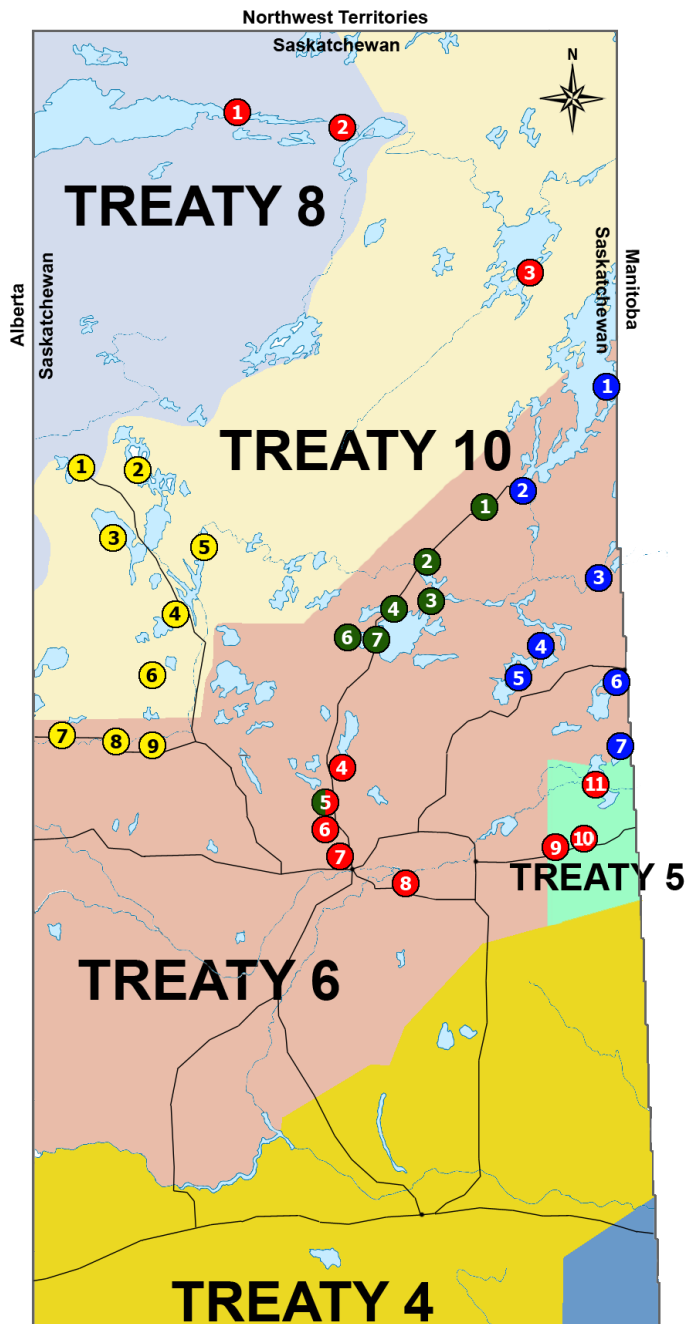
1. Brabant
2. Grandmother's Bay
3. Stanley Mission
4. Sucker River
5. Little Red River – La Ronge
6. Hall Lake
7. Kitsaki



Regional Health Authorities

	AHA	Athabasca Health Authority
	KYHR	Keewatin Yatthe Health Regional
	KTHR	Kelsey Trail Health Region
	MCHR	Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region
	PNHR	Prairie North Health Region
	PAPHR	Prince Albert Parkland Health Region

Figure 2: NITHA communities within Treaty boundaries, 2015



Source: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. First Nations in Saskatchewan
<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100020616/1100100020653#chp3>
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