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Growing up in Waskaganish

- Residential School Survivor
- Born and raised in Rupert House
- First family home was a tent shack
- Lived in the first cedar home in the community - built in the mid-1970s



Old Waskaganish



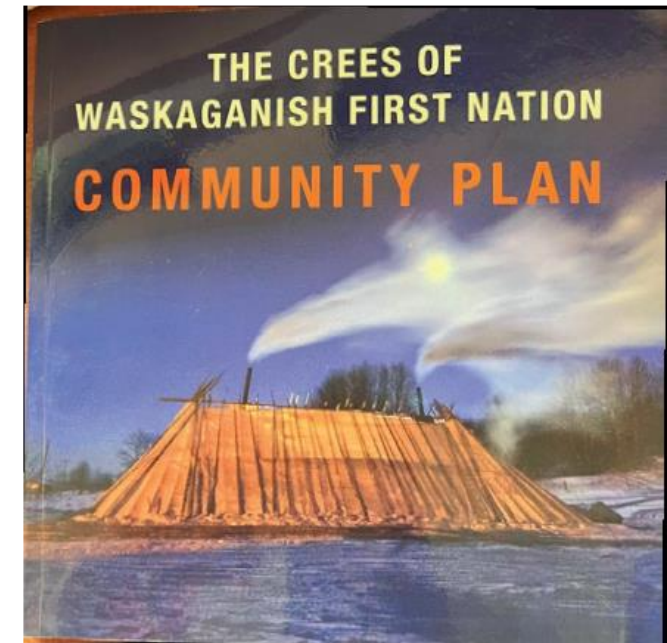
Housing Development in Waskaganish



- Mid-1970s – Constructed first cedar home
- 1982 – Hired first Rental Administrator for CHC
- 1982 – 69 housing units existed
- 2023 – Over 500 units have been constructed

Community Planning Process in Waskaganish

- Community planner in 2011
- In 2013 Waskaganish embarked on the Comprehensive Community Planning process
- Adopted Comprehensive Community Plan in 2015



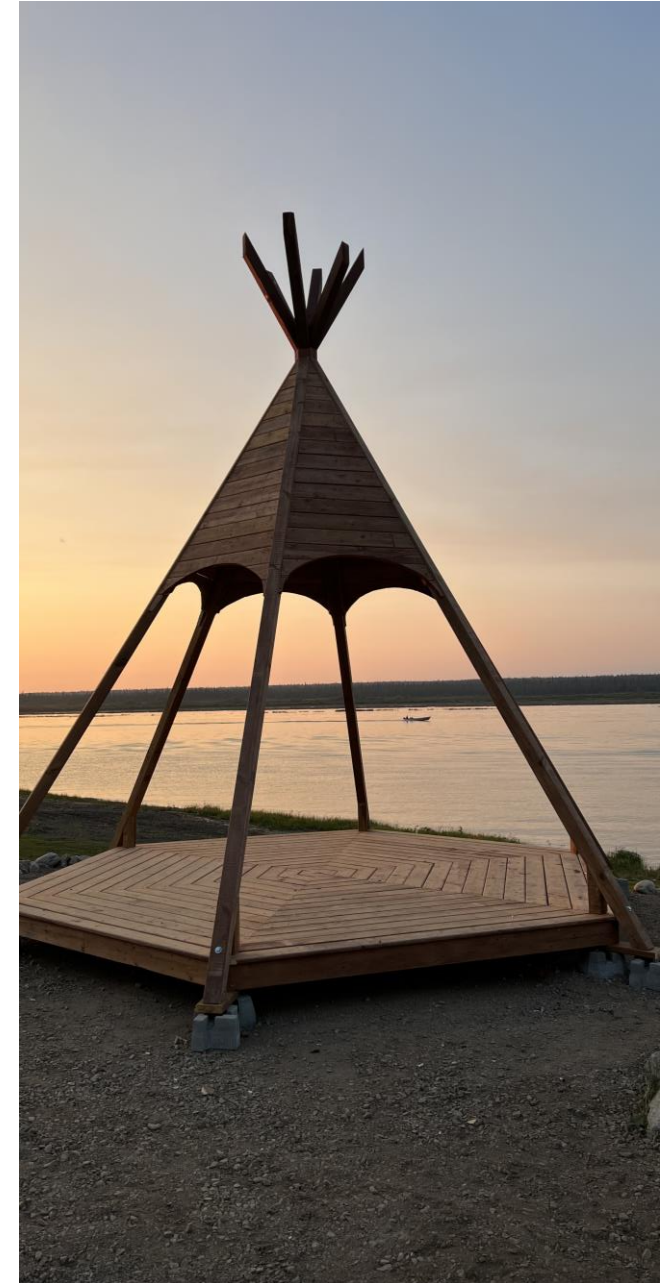
Planning for the Future

- Community Center (Phase 3)
- Sports Field
- Parks & Playgrounds
- Walking Trails
- Youth Center
- Housing and Infrastructures
- Landscaping & Beautification
- Cultural and Arts Integration



Community Planning

- Community plan
- 5 Year Capital Needs Plan
- Future Land Use & Development
- Community planning with Community, Elders & Youth
- Community Zoning Plan
- More Projects Inspired Art



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We aspire to be a strong, healthy, united, prosperous, and self-reliant Waskaganish Eeyoud; who are proud of our history while maintaining and practicing our Cree land-based traditional values, culture, and language.

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Vision for Housing

- End of Agreement Loans - transferred to tenants
- Autonomy in home ownership
 - Future homeowner responsible for the design and management of their home construction
 - Goal to built their home within 2 years
- Increase loan subsidies
- Adopt transportation subsidy for new homeowners
- Promote sustainable development, adapted to the local context



Conclusion

- Prioritise the use of local resources in development projects
- Engage local Cree experts to help with the community planning
- Money that comes in should be invested in the community
- Community planning is a key element to developing a healthy community



[VIDEO: Waskaganish Community Development Project - YouTube](#)



From Father to Son....

