

**2001 ECONOMIC DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER
CHIEF RON EVANS, NORWAY HOUSE CREE NATION, MB**



Norway House Reserve is 450 air kilometers north of Winnipeg, located at the intersection of the Nelson River and Playgreen Lake. The residents live in two main districts: Fort Island and Rossville, which was the original settlement at Norway House and is where the majority of people live. Norway House Cree Nation has the largest on-reserve population of Manitoba.

The community is located in a very disadvantaged location for development. Situated at the end of a northern highway system and the top of Lake Winnipeg. It has no rail system only a ferry and winter road that services the residents and businesses. Experiencing high unemployment rates and challenged with human resource issues similar to other communities, and faced with an abundant amount of legal battles with Hydro, Treaty

Land entitlement etc. The Norway House Cree Nation has undertaken a complete re-development over the last decade that has included the completion of one of the largest recreation complexes in northern Canada.

Norway House is committed to local self-government and steps are being taken to gain control of health, education, economic development, and general administration. They have experienced an incredible amount of growth in a very short period of time.