

## 2024—2025 Oasis 32nd Annual Report

***The Nipawin Oasis respectfully acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 and very near Treaty 5 Territory. This is the Traditional Territory of the Cree Peoples and the Homeland of the Métis. This area was the travelling route – gathering place and meeting grounds for Indigenous Peoples whose histories, languages, cultures and traditions continue to influence our community today. We are grateful and honoured for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us and who daily share their knowledge, compassion, kindness, understanding and teachings with us at the Oasis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors who we continue to feel their presence at the Oasis and continue to guide us to do what is right.***

***We are dedicated to ensuring that the Spirit and Action of Reconciliation is honoured, respected and acted upon daily at the Oasis in our thoughts, words, and actions.***

***The Vision of the Oasis is:***

***Our Centre will be a place where people care, belong, and get involved. Our Vision is to be one of the leaders in building an inclusive, supportive, safe and healthy community.***

Welcome to the 32nd Annual General Meeting of the Nipawin Oasis Community Centre! On behalf of the Nipawin Oasis Board of Directors, we extend our warmest greetings and gratitude for your attendance.

We want to express our appreciation to the Board of Directors for their unwavering support, dedication, and commitment to the success of the Nipawin Oasis Community Centre. Your efforts are instrumental in making a positive impact in our community.

The programs offered by Nipawin Oasis have yielded positive results for our participants, and we are proud to continue offering essential services and support to those in need.

We are grateful for the ongoing financial support from various sources, including the Service Canada – Reaching Home Program, Ministry of Social Services – Family Support Program, Ministry of Education – Child Nutrition Program, SaskCulture – Culture Program, Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, SaskLotteries Trust Fund for Sports, Culture and Recreation (TIP)– Youth program, Town of Nipawin— shelter and nutrition costs, and generous donations from the community, across Saskatchewan and Canada.

Our dedicated staff continues to navigate the increasing needs in our community with limited resources, and we commend their compassion, understanding, resilience and dedication even through challenging circumstances.

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Please like us on Facebook :) Always looking for donations and volunteers :) :)

Despite not receiving core funding or property tax relief, increased community donations have made a significant impact on our ability to provide essential services. We maintain a contingency fund to ensure financial stability, future capital expenditures, to qualify for certain grant applications and to remain debt-free. To assist with paying our property taxes we held a 50-50 raffle that sold \$5300 (prize worth \$2650) won by Laura Nycholat and assisted us with paying our building taxes of over \$9300.

Looking back at our journey, from financial difficulty in 2012 to our current sustainable operation, we recognize the invaluable support of our volunteers, funders, and donors. However, sustaining our operations presents ongoing challenges, especially regarding staffing costs.

To ensure continuity, we must plan for future leadership transitions and additional administrative expenses. Our current Executive Director, though essential, is receiving below industry average wage earning \$20/hr to a maximum of \$40,000 gross annually. Replacing her would require an estimated \$70,000, along with \$50,000 for a bookkeeper. While our current surplus can cover short-term needs, long-term sustainability requires exploring alternative funding sources.

We acknowledge the need and importance of core funding, support from the Town of Nipawin, and property tax relief to sustain our operations and continue serving the community effectively.

As we face future challenges, including the growing need in our community, we remain committed to our mission, vision, values and grateful for the trust and support of our participants, funders, volunteers, and donors.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of Nipawin Oasis, making it a valuable and indispensable organization in our community.





## WHAT IS THE OASIS COMMUNITY CENTRE?

The Nipawin Oasis is a community resource centre that provides cultural, prevention, educational, and intervention programming, services, support and employment opportunities to the community of Nipawin and area in Northeast Saskatchewan. Approximately 250–350 individuals use the centre weekly.

The Centre operates its activities and conducts its affairs under the Co-operatives, 1996 Act and is registered with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice with the Corporation Branch. The Community Centre is also registered with the Government of Canada with the Canada Revenue Agency as a registered charity. There are no dividends or interest on share capital to the members or patrons and no part of the surplus is to benefit the members or patrons.

The Board of Directors serve in a solely volunteer capacity of the Co-operative and are elected from the membership. The board meets quarterly along with the advisory committee to review the Co-operative's financials, mission and objectives while identifying potential risks and opportunities in consultation with stakeholders. The direction determined guides the operations of programs and services in the development of plans and annual goals.

The Nipawin Oasis Community Centre Co-operative Limited was incorporated in 1992.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024/25

#### **President**

Deborah Peifer

#### **Vice—President**

Alis Larson

#### **Treasurer**

Jean Hosaluk

#### **Secretary**

Jessie Funk

#### **Directors:**

Marilyn Henderson

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Raymond McDonald

### EMPLOYEES (2024/25) (CURRENT)

#### **Joy Hanson**

—Executive Director

#### **Cheryl Leader**

- Family Support Co-ordinator & Assistant Executive Director

#### **Leigh Landry**

- Homelessness and Housing Coordinator

#### **Program Support Workers**

Serena Garvin

Melisa Bear

Regina Ironstar

Kristen Whitehead

George Cook—Elder

#### **P/T Program Support Workers**

Reuben Young

Greg Delorme

Daniel Myers-Cowan

Yvonne Umpherville

#### **Cultural Leaders**

Mary Dussion

Ellen Merasty

Brenda Garvin

Harriet Burns

## VISION AND MISSION

### **Our Vision:**

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Caring and Culture

Relationships

Action

Food and Fun

Teamwork and Time

Safety and Security

The Oasis was conceived as an umbrella that promotes sharing between user groups. The ownership, financial support, and responsibility for programs is shared by the local community (through the Board, volunteers, and local fundraising), local, regional and provincial agencies.

Where people can come together in an environment where they feel secure enough through care to belong and connect to themselves, peers, and mentors and given ample opportunity to succeed both in and out of the group. The groups provides a lifelong learning opportunity and the freedom to excel and build strong leadership skills for themselves, families, and community as a whole.



## HISTORY

The concept for the Nipawin Oasis Community Centre originated in response to a request for additional recreational and social opportunities for the long-term mentally ill people in the area. A need for more specific counseling services in the areas of nutrition, budgeting and life skills was also identified. The idea for a “drop-in-centre” offering social and recreational opportunities, a self-help group and some counseling services for the individuals was proposed by Lyle Adderly and MaryLou Hamilton.

The possibility of sharing with other groups in the community was raised. An initial proposal was drafted and presented at a series of meetings with representatives of health, social and educational services, user groups, Town Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the RCMP and other citizens’ groups.

In November 1992, the Nipawin Oasis Community Centre Co-operative came into being. The president was Gabriella Orban, Secretary - Marylou Hamilton, along with Mel McCorriston, Lyle L. Adderley, Barbara A Bryant-Anstie, Robert T. Cecil Walker, Dave Morrison?

Programming was offered at various locations in Nipawin over the following years. Elsie Peters requested space for a trial Collective Kitchen, which was successful and has been continued with various facilitators over the years. Handi works brought a group of developmentally challenged adults to the Centre prior to obtaining their own facility. Youth Kitchens were started and met another community need. The additional programs meant that the Centre moved several times, always into a bigger facility.

Funding provided by HRDC assisted us to purchase and make some renovations to a building of our very own. The HOMES committee was formed and the Oasis Management Committee and guided us throughout this initiative. The official Grand Opening of this building was held on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2004. The Kids First program for this area moved into the new building, also a Youth Worker hired by the School Division set up office space. In 2005-2006 Kids First and the youth worker were moved to other premises. The two original programs – mental health support and kitchens have been joined by the Trustee program to be our core activities.

### **Programs, supports and services offered through the years**

#### **Building:**

Purchase current building – 2004 – present - expanded in 2017

Built 4 sheds – 2013-15

Replaced appliances – fridge, freezer, stoves – 2, dishwasher – 2013-14

Repaired roof – 20014-15

Replaced some of the windows and doors – 2014-17

Replaced flooring – 2015-17

Added an addition 50 x 24 - 2017

#### **Vehicles:**

Donation of Elks van – 2009

Purchased 15 passenger van – 2015

Purchased ( 3 ) 7 passenger vans – 2014-16

Purchased truck—2024

**Programs:**

Mental Health/Addictions Support Program - 2006 – present  
Youth and Family Kitchen program - 2006 – present  
Corrections and Public Safety/ Crime Prevention Program in 2008-09  
Youth and Family Support Program – 2012 - present  
Emergency Shelter – Oct. 2024—present

**Supports:**

Grocery Club – 2006 – 2011  
Housing/Tenant Program – 2007-2008  
Trustee Program – 2006 – 2011  
Drop In Support services & Emergent Needs – 2005 – present  
Giveaway Shed – 2014 – present  
Homelessness Program and Supports – 2014 – present  
Garden at the Oasis – 2013 - present  
Emergency Shelter—2024—present

**Employment:**

Odd Job program, Work Experience, Life Skills – 2005 - present

**Education:**

Transitions to Employment Program – 2005 – 2006  
Diabetic Strategy 2009-2011  
Leadership & Better Life Program – 2010-2011  
Family Literacy Program and Hub – 2012 – 2020  
Women and Girls Exploring Trades Program – 2012– 2016  
“Try a Tool” Program – 2013 – 2017  
Residential and Renovation Construction Program – 2014-15

**Culture:**

Traditional Beadwork program – 2010 - present  
Oskayak Girls group 2011 - 2012  
Youth Culture Program – 2012 – present  
Bridging Cultures – Indigenous to Non-Indigenous – 2012-14  
Healing/Sharing Circle/Sweat Lodge – 2014 - present  
Youth Community Inclusion program – 2014-16  
Weekly Traditional Program – 2014 – present  
National Aboriginal Day Celebration and Culture Days – 2013 - 2021  
North American Indigenous Games Lance Ceremony – July 2015

**Business Ventures:**

Mail Run – 2005 - 2014  
Affordable store – 2005 – 2006  
Bike Shop 2005 - 2009  
Janitorial business and Catering – 2008 - 2013  
Taxi business – 2010 – 2015

2024—2025 OASIS PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTS

**- Homelessness and Housing Program**

**- Temporary Emergency Overnight Shelter**

**- Family Support Program**

**- Youth and Family Child Nutrition Program**

**- Culture and Beadwork Program**

**- Emergent needs and drop in supports**



<b># Meals Delivered/Served</b>	6500 – CNP	<b># housed this fiscal year</b>	49
<b># Parent/Child Nutrition classes</b>	400 – CNP (1600 participants)	<b># of Unhoused as of March 2025 (we worked with)</b>	158
<b># Youth Kitchens</b>	30 sessions (150 participants)	<b># Culture Programming participants</b>	1700
<b># Community Kitchen</b>	8 sessions (80 participants)	<b># Families/Individuals housed</b>	11 families 7 individual total 42 people 2 evictions
<b># Nutrition program participants</b>	60 families (250 children)	<b># participants work with in a week on average</b>	250—350
<b># Mandated direct service hours—Family Support—total for year</b>	691 hrs	<b># Diversion direct service hours Family Support—total for 9 months (April—Dec)</b>	3019 hrs (45-65 families/month)

## REACHING HOME PROGRAM

*Housing and Homelessness Program and Temporary Overnight Emergency Shelter was funded by Service Canada. Métis Nation Saskatchewan is the community entity that oversees the program. Leigh Landry—Co-ordinator with assistance from p/t program support workers Greg Delorme, Reuben Young, Yvonne Umpherville and Daniel Myers—Cowan.*

Summary of supports offered are:

- **Supportive Housing for Families** – Oasis owns 7 supportive housing homes for chronically homeless families.
- **Emergency Warm up Shelter** – opened up Oct. 22, 2024 (8 pm – 8 am) and as of March 31 we have had 114 individuals access the shelter for an average of 10-15 staying each night.
- **Point in time count** – Oct. 1 we held a point in time count funded by the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan. 98 people were counted as experiencing homelessness in Nipawin
- **Non-residential facilities** – Oasis Centre assists with drop-in services, housing supports and transportation.
- **Housing services and Housing placements** – assist with securing housing, needed supports, tenant and landlord services. Housing applications
- **Emergency Housing Funding** – to cover costs while awaiting benefits.
- **Prevention and Shelter diversion** – help obtaining or retaining housing.
- **Budgeting and money management.**
- **Advocacy to avert eviction** – short-term financial assistance to help avert eviction or loss of housing with rent, rental arrears, utility deposits and payments.
- **Emergency assistance** – food, clothing, transportation, damage repair
- **Client Support Services** – Cultural supports, life skills, link to detox and treatment centres, shelters, assistance with obtaining ID, income assistance, employment, resumes, odd jobs, employment skills, use of phone, fax and computer access.

**Beneficiaries:** Unhoused or those at risk of homelessness individuals in Nipawin and area.



## POINT IN TIME COUNT—OCT. 1, 2024

On October 1st, 2024, Nipawin participated in its first ever Point in Time (PiT) Count, an initiative led by Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) to capture information on the community's current homeless population. The PiT Count was lead by the Nipawin Oasis Community Centre, and yielded rich information about individuals who are experiencing homelessness in the community.

### HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE COUNTED IN NIPAWIN?

- 98 people were counted as experiencing homelessness in Nipawin
- 62% of people counted experiencing chronic homelessness.

When looking over a longer period, 67% of respondents reported being homeless for about half or more of the past three years, while 23% experienced homelessness for less than half of that time.

### WHERE WERE PEOPLE SLEEPING?

- 84% were staying at someone else's place
- 7% were staying in an unsheltered public place
- 5% were unsure

### WHO WAS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

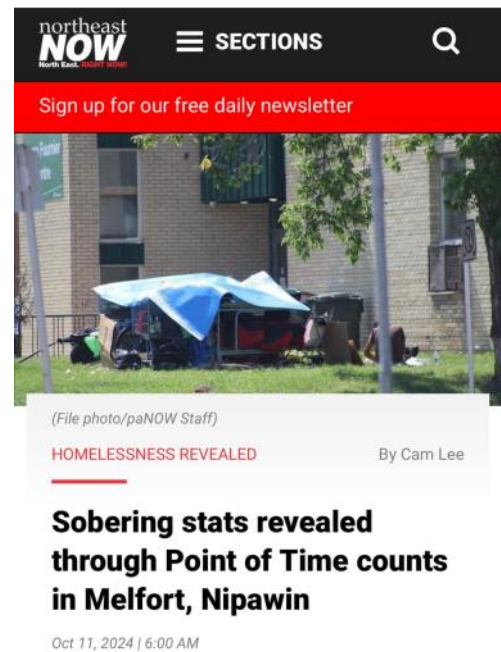
- 52% Male
- 41% Female
- 28% Youth
- 74% First Nations
- 17% Métis
- 6% have no Indigenous ancestry

About one half of the individuals surveyed indicated that their homelessness in Nipawin often began in their youth with 74% of respondents first experience homelessness between the ages of 0 – 30 years old.

13% of individuals reported they had always been in Nipawin.

### HOUSING LOSS

Results showed that the primary cause of homelessness for respondents in Nipawin is not enough income for housing (35%), conflict with parent/guardian (12%) and conflict with spouse (11%). Other notable causes include conflict with landlord (9%), other reason (7%) and unfit/unsafe housing (6%). Smaller proportions reported issues such as physical health issues (3%), building sold (3%), and abuse by spouse/ partner (2%).



## INCOME

The primary source of income for respondents was social assistance (49%), while 20% indicated they had no income. Other sources of income included GST (8%), disability benefit (8%), and money from family and friends (8%).

Smaller portions rely on other (6%), casual employment (5%), and child and family benefits (4%). It is important to note that while some respondents had full-time employment (6%), they were still experiencing homelessness.

## FOSTER CARE

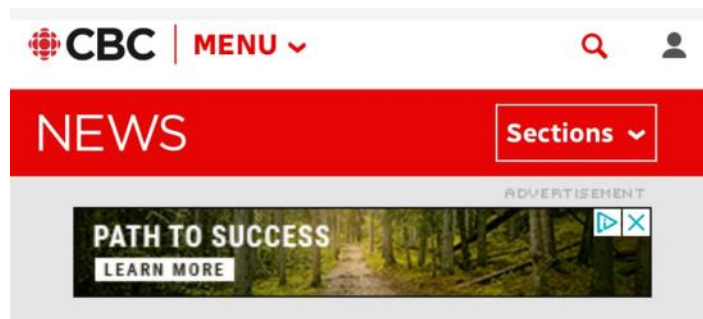
While a majority of individuals surveyed grew up in foster care, 47% had no experience with the foster care system.

## FAMILIES

Challenges are compounded when individuals experiencing homelessness have dependents, particularly children. 58% of the respondents had a dependent of some sort, with 16% noting that they had children relying on them indicating a need for resources that not only support the individual but families as-well.

This initial PiT Count, led by the Nipawin Oasis Community Centre in collaboration with MN-S, establishes a foundation for tracking changes in homelessness over time and evaluating the effectiveness of future interventions. The data gathered will be essential for developing targeted, community-specific solutions that address the unique needs of Nipawin residents experiencing housing instability.

*(Please note the above was taken from the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan – Point-In-Time Count – Nipawin, Sask.)*



### Saskatchewan

## Homelessness isn't unique to big cities. Rural Sask. communities say they need help too

In Nipawin, about 2 of every 100 people are unhoused, according to preliminary homelessness count data



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## FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Family Support Program has been funded for a 10th year by the Ministry of Social Services under two contracts, mandated and diversion, to provide support, services and parenting education to families.

We offer wrap around supports and services in the Family Support Program. We have seen the demand and need for the supports and services continue to increase and are working with anywhere from 45-65 families a month, both in Mandated and Diversion.

The Family Support Program support workers are: Cheryl Leader (Family Support Coordinator) Melisa Bear, Serena Garvin, Gina Ironstar, Kristen Whitehead and George Cook, who are providing assistance in the healthy development and support of families and children in the Northeast area.

The Family Support Program has been busy with training— in house sessions to continuously improve on services provided to families. We have developed numerous workbooks to work with our families such as Child Development, Anger Management, Parenting, Communication skills, Stress management, Relapse Prevention, Sobriety Journal, ADHD, Family Violence, Grief, Respect in the Home, Budgeting and Goal Setting, Positive Discipline, Child Development, Brain Basics, Ages and Stages and Traditional Parenting.

*The Family Support Program goals are:*

*To maintain the family unit and well-being of the child or children*

*To enhance family wellness*

*To empower families*

*To ease reunification between children in care and their families*

*Parents have increased knowledge of healthy parenting*

*Parents have increased community ties*

*Parents exhibit healthier parenting behavior*

*More children are returned to parents*

*Fewer children of the parents are placed in out-of-home care at a later date*

*Families have knowledge of their strengths, skills, stress, and risk areas*

*Parents have increased knowledge of child development, positive parenting skills and strategies*

*Parents can identify and use formal or informal community resources*

*Parents have established and are using a support system that relies less on intensive services from the Ministry and other human services*

*Children who are at risk of coming into the care of the Ministry are able to reside in the family home*

## CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

*Program is funded by Ministry of Education*

The majority of this funding was used for food. The program includes an understanding of basic nutrition; safe food handling, cleanliness, hygiene, meal planning; budgeting, shopping, storing, and preparing food. We also incorporated literacy in the program. Also included outdoor cooking at the various parks. Information on Diabetes. Program varied in length from 2-4 hours. Learned about various plants, where food comes from, nutritional value, how to take care of a garden, harvesting and preserving. We assisted families that are in poverty with seeds, garden tools and knowledge to assist with planting their own garden at home.

Parent/Child Nutrition Classes - Kitchens at the Oasis and in their homes. Parents and their children were involved in the preparation, budgeting, shopping, cooking, and cleanup. Skills taught were safe food handling, sanitation, preserving, budgeting and nutrition. This program was very popular.

Reality is the people we work with do not enough income for food let alone nutritious food.

The program is very successful as it is. We just need more time, space and \$ to fill the need. The community has been tremendous this year in supporting us financially and with monetary and food donations.

### TIP COMMUNITY GRANT

*SASK LOTTERIES – TRUST FUND FOR SPORT, CULTURE AND RECREATION FUNDING*

This year we purchased youth and family swim passes and art supplies for children and youth. We also included youth and family outings to the Nipawin Regional Park, Tobin Lake and local parks. Cree language and Culture included. We provided transportation as well.



## CULTURE RETENTION PROGRAM

**“Traditional Time” (Woman’s support group—weekly)** is funded by SaskCulture—Sask. Lotteries -Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation Funding and is lead by Elders and Cultural Leaders Mary Dussion, Harriet Burns, Brenda Garvin and Ellen Merasty.



This funding was for culture retention through preserving the traditions of the area through weekly programming, workshops, sewing, beading, medicine picking, and traditional teachings.



We held weekly cultural programming Tuesday from 11-3 along with some additional cultural sessions. This program was for women and children. It included sewing, beadwork, moccasin and wrap around making, lanyards, traditional food preparations, regalia making, ribbon skirts, star blankets, moss-

bags, bonnets, medicine picking and teachings, Elder services, Cree language, cultural teachings of the teepee, sweat lodge ceremonies, Sundance ceremony, medicine picking, fishing, Indigenous ways of knowing, talking circles and wellness sessions.

We see an increased interest in beading and making moccasins and baby wrap arounds every



year. We are fortunate that so many of the participants are Cree speakers and the language is shared daily.

## What difference has the Oasis made to you?

*Oasis has a family orientated atmosphere to it. You get to meet all staff and all are compassionate and down to earth. One gets to meet new people who are there to learn new things and relearn our traditional values and re-learn the traditional craft with the beading and learn how to make moccasins which I very much enjoy. Oasis is like Family. They make sure all clients are treated equally and with their 100% support system. Grandmother raising grandchildren*

*I am very happy to part of the oasis family, I knew them since 2013. Saw a lot of young kids go through here as young children, now some of them have their own families. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Elder*

*Oasis has made a big difference in my life, I learned it's ok to say no, it's ok to ask for help, it's ok to talk about things bothering me. Thank you Joy and all the wonderful staff. Elder*

*I don't know where I would have gone if it wasn't for the Oasis. I will always be grateful you have changed my life. Shelter participant*

*Oasis is an awesome place to be, very helpful and kind staff.. love that there is helpful resources like this around - young mother and new participant this year*

*Awesome group..loving caring supportive and understanding..always there to help in any way they can ..couldn't ask for anything more..they do their best in every which way then can. Oasis is a big " " full of care & compassion to others in need - Grandmother raising grandchild*

*The difference you guys have made to me is becoming more responsible and showing that we are never "alone". Showed me more communication skills. -*



## What difference has the Oasis made to you?

*Very grateful to be part of. Oasis group staff is awesome and friendly. In supporting family and needs. Inspirational in all aspects, even having shelter for our homeless people over the winter season. Grandmother raising grandchildren*

*I'm always grateful and happy to be with our friends and family, learning from each other. Participant*

*Oasis has given me the opportunity to meet and greet friends—teaching them with beadwork and showing kindness throughout the workers and having them their for you and making sure were all treated with respect and doing the same !!! Cultural Leader*

*Oasis has given me the opportunity to be a part of the group and I'm very happy that they are always there to give us a helping hand. I love their support - Loving n caring most of all Understanding and always lift up our spirits Very friendly - Grandmother raising grandchildren*

*It's so awesome to be there especially the woman's group I enjoy going there feels like home and welcome - participant*

*My daughter & I like going there friendly staff & meeting people. It has been a nice outing, coming from PA and moving here. The grandchildren love it too. thank you for all the support. The staff are so helpful. (Multi- generational family that attend regularly)*



THANKYOU :) FUNDERS, PARTNERS AND DONORS 2024-25



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Joanne Gingara	Aileen Trainor	Rita Perrault	Hughene Day
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Catholic Church	Tara Larsen	Tony Werrett	Janine Brooks Jean
Dawn-nica Mathieson	Lake Country Co-operative	Geoff Sweatman	Michael Hardwicke
Canada Helps	Nipawin United Church—Men's Breakfast		

Social Media Facebook page 1800 followers

Articles in the news this year

<https://www.nipawinjournal.com/news/an-oasis-for-the-vulnerable-in-nipawin-and-area-how-canada-wins-part-4>

<https://sasknow.com/2025/05/21/nipawin-oasis-centre-proposes-temporary-shelter-expansion-for-cold-months/>

<https://www.nipawinjournal.com/news/nipawin-oasis-offered-warm-safe-supportive-and-compassionate-space-for-homeless>

<https://thestarphoenix.com/business/town-of-nipawin-approves-15000-to-address-homelessness>

<https://sasknow.com/2024/10/24/nipawin-oasis-centre-sounds-alarm-about-need-for-solutions-in-homelessness-crisis/>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/nipawin-moose-jaw-rural-homelessness-count-1.7343511>



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