



CHISASIBI

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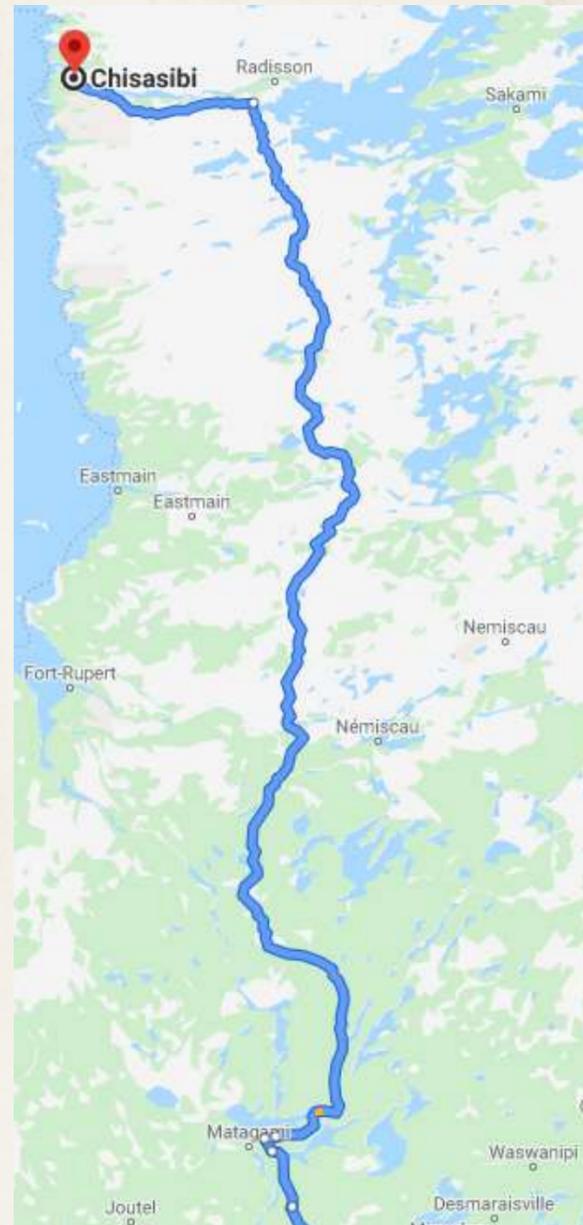
This community is on the south shore of La Grande River, and was named after it. Indeed, Chisasibi means "great river" in Cree.



History

For a long time, Chisasibi was located on Fort George Island, the site of an ancient and important fur trading post. This strategic location encouraged commercial links between the different Indigenous communities of the north, leading thus the French and the English to fight for market monopoly. In 1981, following the signature of the Chisasibi agreement, the population of Fort George decided to relocate the village on the mainland to avoid being flooded in case one of the dams built by Hydro-Quebec on La Grande River came to break. This village was named Chisasibi.

Access



Year-round road access

Northernmost community with a road access
90 km of paved road linked to the Route de la Baie James
960 km from Val-d'Or

Access by plane

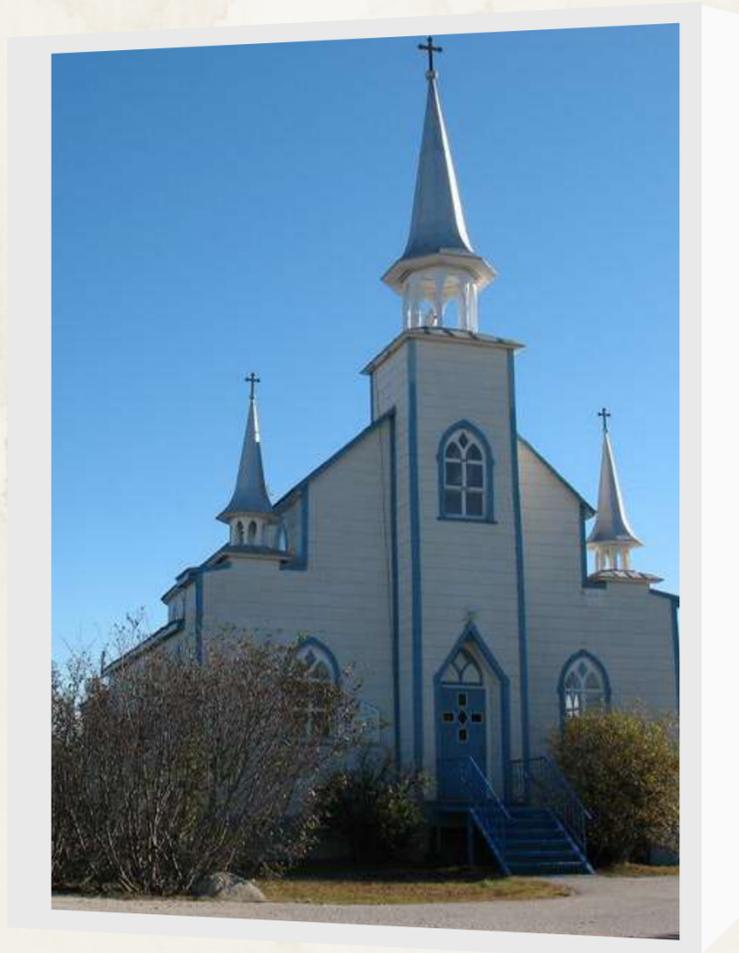
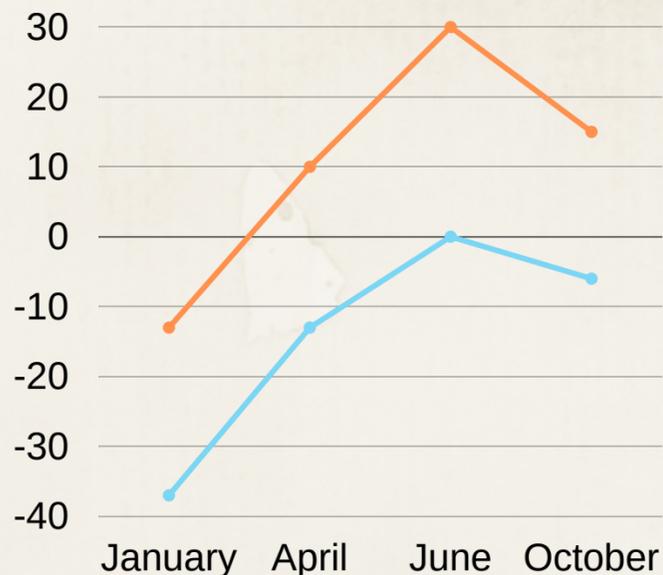


The plane serves each community of James Bay before landing in Chisasibi, you should count on 3 to 5 hours to get there.

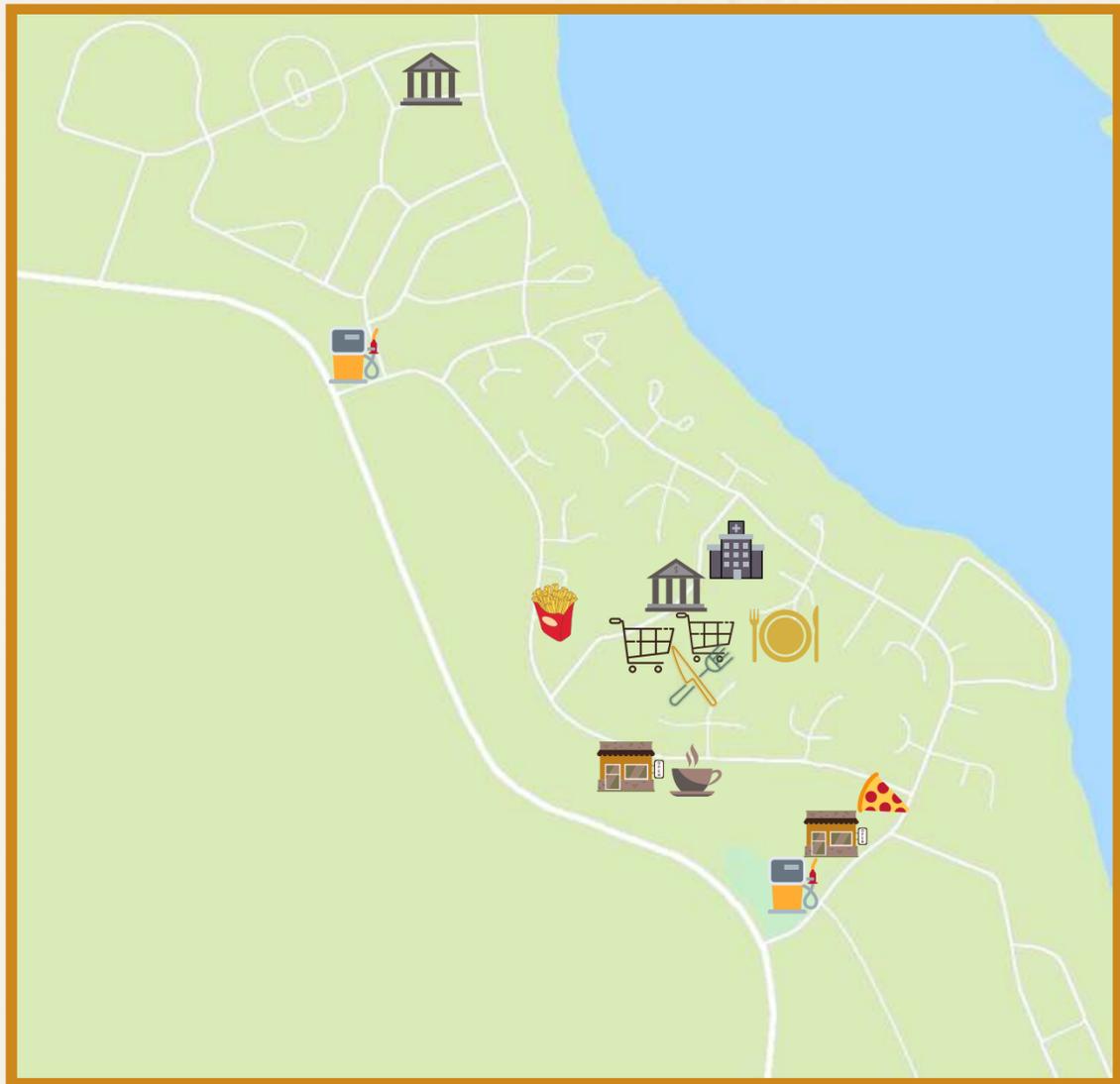


If you travel by car, plan your journey carefully. At some point, you will no longer have access to gas stations and roads will be less used. Make sure to have a survival kit including food, something to keep you warm and light a fire. In case of trouble, always stay in or near your vehicle, never venture into unknown areas.

Temperatures



Services



-  Hospital (clinic is next to it)
-  Gas station
-  Bank (CIBC, TD)
-  Convenience store
-  Northern, Co-op grocery stores

-  Miichiwaap Restaurant
-  Pash-Moar Pizza
-  Chez Asiipi
-  Retro Daze Café
-  Kathleen's take out

Other services: post office, clothing store, sports store, hardware store, museum, arena, gym, baseball field, swimming-pool, hotel, B&B, Catholic and Anglican churches

Population

Inhabitants: 5000
Houses: 900
Languages spoken: Cree, English, French

Economic activities:
Businesses and services, construction, trapping, tourism, outfitters, transport, arts and crafts, festivities.

Events

Major place of gathering and festivities, Fort George Island welcomes the Mamoweedow each year: a big traditional pow-wow with dancers and special guests, which everyone can attend. Do not miss the activities!

Dams

It is possible to visit dams LG-1 and LG-2. Hydro-Québec organises guided tours, especially during summer at weekends and during the week all year round. It is worth doing it at least once. For opening hours, call 1-800-291-8486.

Activities and attractions



Sports

- Summer: camping, hiking, mountain biking, sea kayaking
- Winter: crosscountry skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, hockey
- All year round, in the school's premises: badminton, soccer, cosom hockey, volleyball...
- Fishing: with a Quebec fishing license, it is possible to fish alone, a guide is not necessary. Lake Sakami is very popular (about 2 hours 30 by car), during the period allowed. Otherwise, to fish in the reserve, you can buy a license in Chisasibi. It is thus possible to fish La Grande River.



Sites worth seeing

- Long point, km 0, the bay, the landfill to observe bears in summer! It takes a car, but lots of people go there.
- Radisson is worth visiting too. There is a grocery story, a souvenir shop and 2 bars. This city is about 125 km away from Chisasibi.

The hospital

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Beds: 32 beds, including 20 for short term and 12 for long term

Nursing staff: 24

Coordinator: Annie Dumontier

Nurse in charge of training: Christine Nault

Hours

Day, evening and nights shift on rotation. Their duration is 7.5 hours with 1-hour break for meals. The schedule is made monthly.

Therapeutic Guide

Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay's therapeutic guide

Amenities

The department of general medicine is in charge of obstetrics (low risk deliveries), outpatient clinic, emergency, pediatrics, hemodialysis. Specialized medicine services are provided by a network of visiting specialized doctors and doctors specialized in obstetrics, surgery, pediatrics, orthopedics, internal medicine, ophthalmology, oto-rhino-laryngology and psychiatry. They are available by phone at all times.

Resources

Doctor: teams of 7 doctors

Police: 100, rue Whapinuutacch 1-819-855-2882

Firefighters: 1-819-855-2444

Social worker: yes ("community workers")

Psychologist: visits according to defined periods during the year, as for the other specialists

Nutritionist: 2 (1 at the hospital and 1 in community health)

Dentist: 2 dentists and 2 dental hygienists, at the hospital

Interpret: Cree co-workers or family members depending to the situation

Other professionals: laboratory and x-ray technicians, 2 physiotherapists, ergotherapist

On-call duty

At the hospital, the nurse is on call about once or twice a week. On call periods are generally designed to do medevacs and to help in case of emergency. Nurses are rarely required to come to the clinic.

Transfers: Medevacs are done from Chisasibi to Montreal, by plane. A nurse may have to accompany a patient on a regular flight if it is not an emergency.



Community health

Community health is a department detached from the hospital. There are 4 specialties: Awash, Chayou, Uschi and homecare. Homecare visits are done by taxi.

3 Cree CHR (Community Health Representative) have medical training and handle some of the follow-ups with us (diabetes, breastfeeding). Their knowledge of the language and the culture is an asset for these follow-ups.

Accommodation



All the transits are within a walking distance from the hospital. It is possible to have access to the internet in every transit. You will be staying in a transit that you may share with other health professionals.



Smoking in the transit and bringing your spouse is forbidden.
Animals are not allowed.



Taxi: There are some drivers in the village to accommodate the population. You can use their services, for example to go to the airport or to go to the grocery store. It is also possible to use their services if you work night shifts or during on call periods, according to your transit's location in the village.

Enjoy your assignment!