



WHAPMAGOOSTUI

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It's the northernmost Cree community on James Bay territory. Its name means «where there are white whales» because of the presence of belugas nearby.



History

Also known as Kuujjuarapik, Great Whale or Grande Baleine, Whapmagoostui is a community nestled between blond sand dunes, located at the limits of the taiga and the tundra on the east coast of Hudson Bay, where James Bay ends.

The Cree and the Inuit have lived there since the 1950s, but they have coexisted for a long time in this region; the Inuit near the coast and the Cree inland. Originally, Whapmagoostui's site was a summer camp for those who came hunting belugas for their meat and oil, at the mouth of Great Whale and Little Whale rivers.

The white population of Whapmagoostui is the most important on the coast of Hudson Bay.

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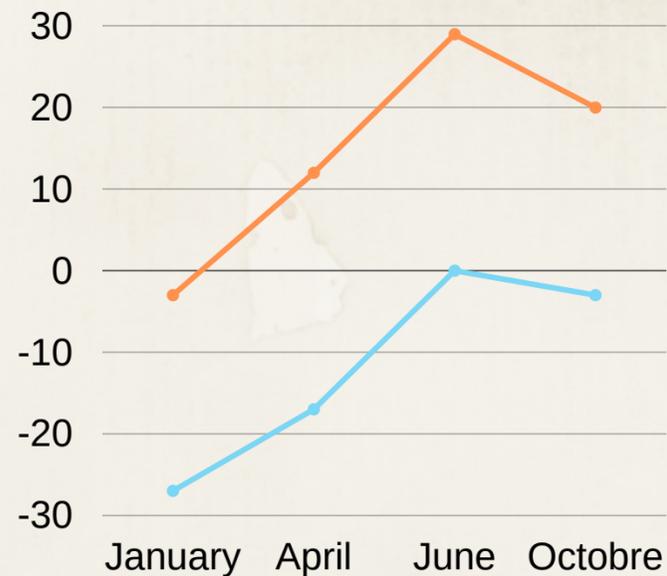
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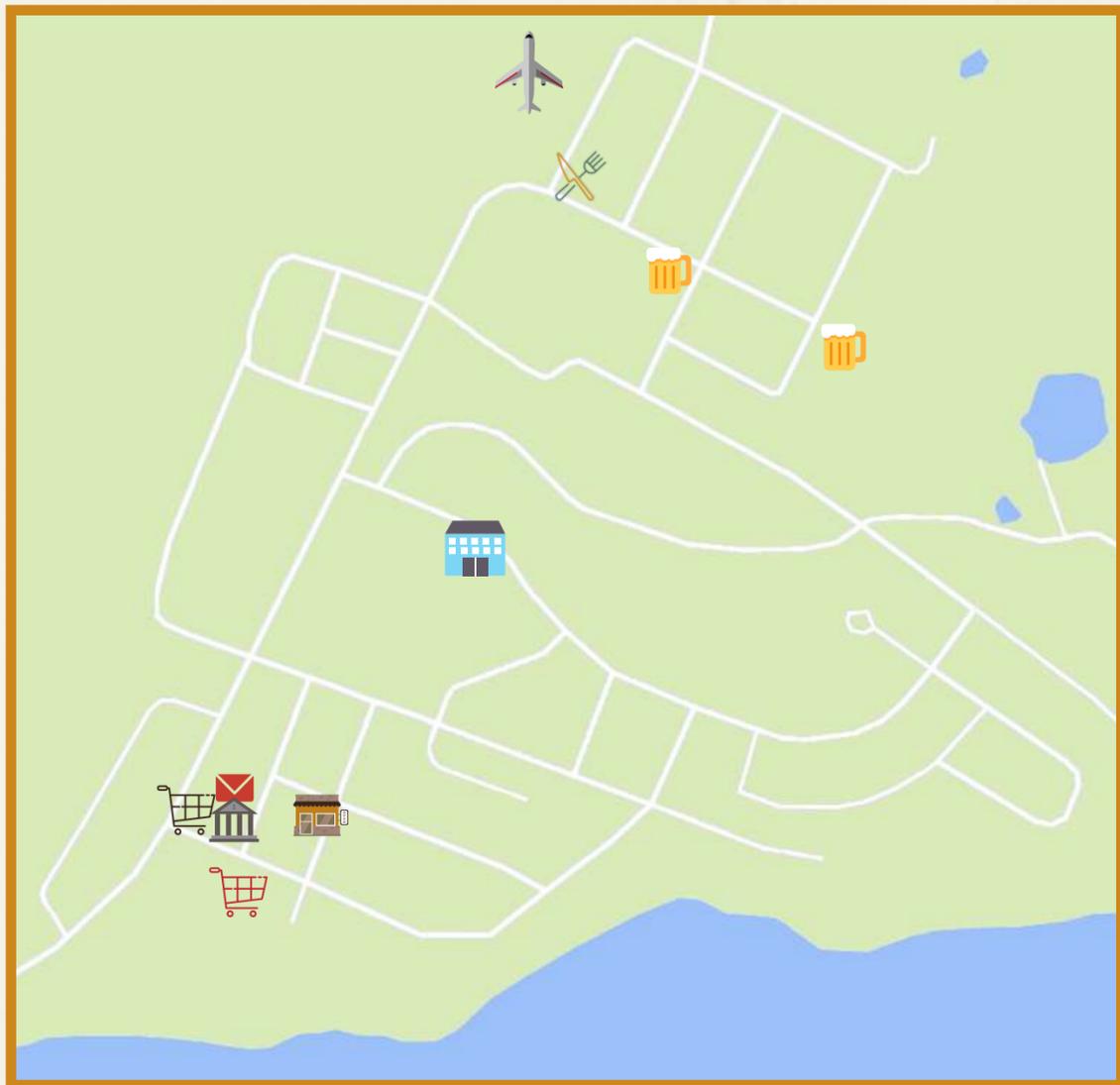
Whapmagoostui is the only Cree community that cannot be reached by road. Air service is provided by Air Creebec and Air Inuit.



Temperatures



Services



-  Clinic
-  Bank FNBC (member of TD)
-  Nunagear convenience store
-  Post office
-  Northern grocery store with KFC and Tim Hortons
-  Coop grocery store
-  Airport restaurant
-  Bar
-  Airport

Other services:

Arena, radio, hotel, fitness centre, swimming-pool, Multi Services Day Centre (MSDC)

Population

Inhabitants: 980 Crees, 680 Inuits
Houses: 275
Languages spoken: Cree, Inuktitut, English, French

Economic activities:
Arts and crafts, businesses and services,
trapping, tourism, outfitters



Activities and attractions

Sports

- Cross-country skiing, kayak, mountain bike
- Cree annual hockey tournament for men and women during hockey season. Crees and Inuit from several communities participate.



Fishing

Richmond Gulf, north of Whapmagoostui, is a famous fishing location.



Nature

- Great beauty of the surrounding nature
- Mindoonik islands (Manitouneuk islands for the Inuit): remarkable landscapes with cuestas and abundant fauna
- Amitapanuch Falls



Culture

- In the old church, a fresco made by Eddy Weetaluktuk
- Superb collection of Inuit engravings and paintings (at the school)
- A Cree gathering is organized each winter to promote traditional activities.



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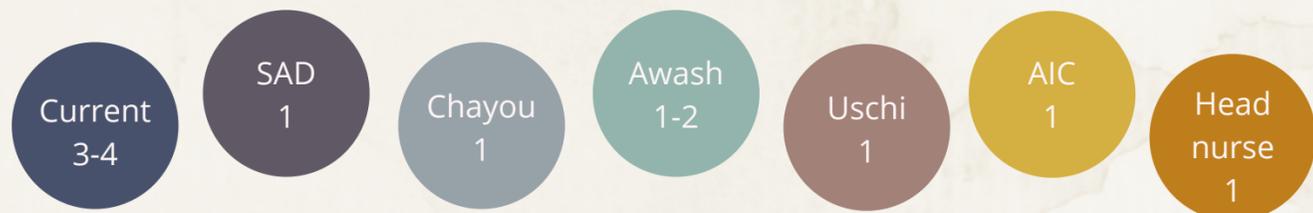
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The clinic

The CLSC is divided into two, one side for the Cree and the other for the Inuit.

Nursing staff: 10



Hours: CLSC open from Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm
On-call services for emergency in the evening, night and weekends

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

Pharmacy: In the clinic, shared with the Inuit side.

Main services

- Emergency services: the emergency room is shared with the Inuit side. If there is more than one emergency, there is only one stretcher in the ER.
- Medical consultations
- Community health (infant follow-up, immunization, women health, pre and postnatal, chronic diseases)

Resources

Doctor: 1 to 2, rotation with the Inuit side

Police: yes, Cree and Inuit

Firefighters: yes, Cree and Inuit

First responders: yes, Cree and Inuit

Social worker: yes, Cree and Inuit

Other health professionals: psychologist, dentist and other specialists (visits)

Interpreter: 2

Other amenities: waiting room, xray room, observation room, social services

On-call duty



On-call duty is shared by the clinic nurses. When the clinic is closed, even on lunch break, there is always a 1st person on call and a 2nd.

At weekends, on-call shifts end/start at noon.



Accommodation



You will be staying in a transit. Most of the time they are individual but you may share it with other health professionals during busy periods (maximum 3).



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



Cable TV, micro-wave and super freezer.

Enjoy your assignment!