

Eskasoni First Nation



Location

The center of the community is 45 57' 54.43" N. 60 36' 58.36" W.

Driving 410 km east of Halifax driving or 275 km east of Halifax in a straight line.

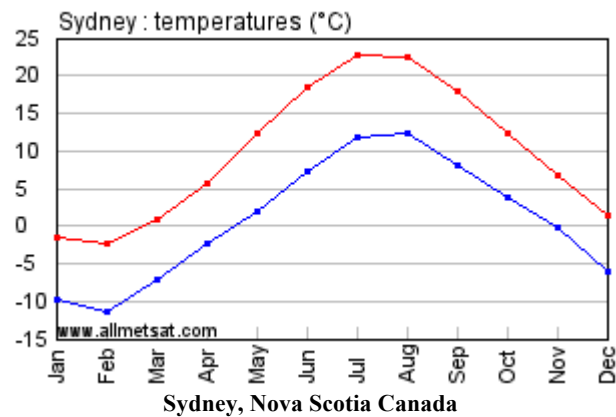
Eskasoni is located on route 216 right along the Bras d'Or Lakes. It is under the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

It has an altitude of 60m (197ft).

Climate

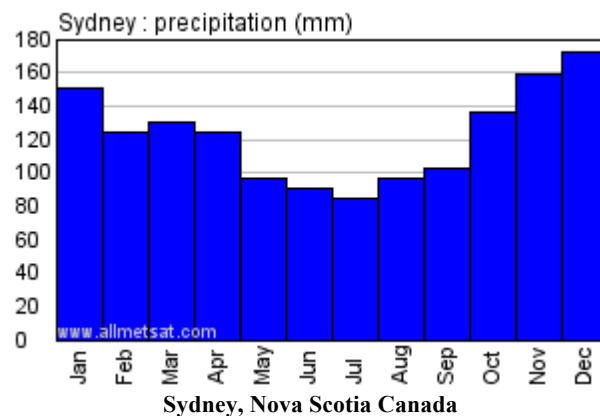
Average temperature is around 6.3 C

Yearly [Annual], Average Temperatures Graph



Warmest month would be in July and August averaging at 24 C and coldest is in February averaging -8 C.

Yearly [Annual], Average Precipitation Graph



Average precipitation would be around 1000mm and about 100mm per month.

History

The word Eskasoni is derived from a mi'kmaq word "We'kwistoqnik." Literally translated, this word means "where the fir trees are plentiful". Eskasoni was first charted by the Surveyor-General of Cape Breton in 1832. At that time, there were very few families living in the Eskasoni area, compared with the nearly 4000 residents of today. Two years later, in 1834, Eskasoni officially became a reserve, consisting of approximately 2800 acres of land.

Today, Eskasoni takes pride in who they are and how far they've gotten. Eskasoni is the largest Aboriginal community in all of Atlantic Canada. Deeply rooted within Eskasoni is the Mi'kmaq culture. Eskasoni is the largest Mi'kmaq speaking community in the world with close ties to Cape Breton Gaelic and French traditions.

Demography

Languages: Mi'kmaq and English.

Population (2012): 4100+ (3526 on reserve)

Sex distribution (2012): Male 51%, Female 49%

Age distribution (2012): 0-4 = 10%; 5-14 = 21%; 15-64 65%; 65+ = 4%

Political Organization

Chief: Leroy Denny

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| Councillors: | -Bertram (Muin) Bernard | - John F. Toney |
| | - Oliver (Sappy) Denny | - Chris Stevens |
| | - Dion Denny | - Leon Denny |
| | - Barry Francis | - Charles Blaise Young |
| | - Gerald Robert Francis | - Eldon Gould |
| | - Derek Johnson | - Allan Jeddore Sr. |

Band Manager: Gerard Francis

Finance Manager: Allan Sampson

Eskasoni Band Office: (902)379-2800;Fax (902)379-2172

<i>Band Administration: 24 Businesses and 128 employees</i>			
Economic Development	Tobacco Wholesale	ECRY	Crane Cove Seafoods
Employment and Training	Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network	Fish & Wildlife Commission	School Board / Education
Fitness Centre	Public Works	Gaming Commission	Health Centre
Lands	Housing	Youth Resource Centre	Indian Registry Administration
Crisis and Referral Centre	Sarah Denny Cultural Centre	Tui'kn Case Management / Mental	Social & Mental Health

		Wellness Team	
Tui'kn Case Residential School Survivor Team	Social Assistance / Welfare	Eskasoni Gaming Centre	Communications

Economy

Band

Commercial fishing: Crane Cove Seafoods (Fish and shellfish)

- 12 full time employees
- 150 part time employees (fishermen)

Eskasoni Foodland: (Grocery, meats, frozen food, vegetables and produce)

- 15 full time employees
- 15 part time employees

Eskasoni Gaming Center

- 16 full time employees
- 10 part time employees

Eskasoni Tobacco Shop

- 4 full time employees
- 1 part time employee

Public

Local businesses: Frenchies Canteen, Eskasoni Trading Post, Morris Pizza, SLG Pizza, Wikk Pizza, Poulette's canteen, Brenda's gift ware, Denny's Smoke shop & Denny's subs, Morris Bakery, Bubbalo's store, Sid's variety, Slicks Cash and Carry,

Fuel: Two gas stations are located in the community.

- Muin Gas and Convenience
- Sylliboy's Petro Can

Transportation

Airport: JA Douglas McCurdy Sydney Airport, NS (902)564-7720 Fax (902)564-2726

Airline services: Air Canada Express - Sydney to Halifax: Year round

Sydney to Toronto: May to October

West Jet - Sydney - Toronto direct: May - Oct

Car rentals: AVIS (902)563-2847 Budget (902)654-2615

Eskasoni to Sydney: 41km on route 216

Communication

Telephone service: Bell Aliant

Radio: CICU 94.1 FM community radio

TV: Bell express view, cable, Star satellite express

Medical/Social Services

Eskasoni Community Health Centre

- 44 Spencer's Ln
- Community Health (902)379-3200
- Primary Care Clinic (902)379-2500

Eskasoni Crisis & Referral Centre

- 4675 Shore Rd (902)379-2099

Eskasoni Pharmacy (902)379-1029

Eskasoni Social Work Service (902)379-2910

Mi'kmaw Family & Childrens Service of NS (902)379-2433

1(800)263-8300

Mi'kmaw Legal Support Network (902)379-2042

All emergency calls 9 - 1 - 1

Education

Eskasoni Middle School: Grade K - 9

- Local education
- 122 staff members including teachers
- 900+ students

Mi'kmaq immersion classes: Grade K - 3

- Classes are lectured in Mi'kmaq language only.

Allison Bernard Memorial High School: Grade 10 - 12

Unama'ki Training and Education Center (TEC): Grade 9 - 12

Eskasoni Head Start Centre: Ages 2-5

Housing

Eskasoni Housing units (2012): 1024

Recreation and Culture

Sarah Denny Memorial Cultural Center: (902)379-2298

Dan K Stevens Recreation Arena: (902)379-2344

Eskasoni Super Market: (902)379-2323

Eskasoni Gaming Centre: (902)379-1451