



## Developing a Prosperous and Thriving Community

Glooscap First Nation was created in the early 1980's when Rita Smith, the first Chief, requested that the area around her home in Bishopville, Nova Scotia be considered reserve land. She worked with a few local Mi'kmaq families to petition the federal government to establish the community. The land encompasses approximately 171 hectares of predominately forested-land.

In 2014 the Council established the Glooscap First Nation Economic Development Corporation, or Glooscap Ventures, to manage the community business and seek out new business opportunities. Currently, Glooscap Ventures is working on a commercial highway development off Exit 8A on highway 101. All profits from the economic development corporation go back to the community.

Major Market Canada:		
	Distance (km)	(mi)
Halifax, NS	73	45
Montreal, QC	761	473
Toronto, ON	1,247	775
Vancouver, BC	4,487	2,788

United States of America:		
	Distance (km)	(mi)
Boston, MA	665	413
Chicago, IL	1,949	1,211
New York, NY	971	603
Washington, DC	1,299	807

Europe:		
	Distance (km)	(mi)
Amsterdam, NL	4,904	3,047
London, UK	4,607	2,863

The community is located less than 60 minutes from Halifax and is served by the Halifax Stanfield International Airport and the port of Halifax.



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## Demographics and Assets, 2015

Total Population of Glooscap First Nation is 366 with only approximately 65 living on the reserve. The members are scattered across Canada and the United States. Currently there are approximately 300 members over the age of 18. There are 30 residential homes, the administrative office, a community centre, a seniors/youth centre, a health centre, store, gas bar and gaming room on the reserve.



## Major Industries, 2015

Glooscap First Nation and Glooscap Ventures together employ approximately 35 full time, part time and casual staff members.

### Administration and Health Employ: 17

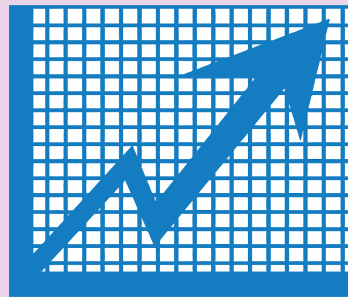
First Nations Employed: 13  
Non-First Nations Employed: 4

### Commercial Enterprises Employ: 13

First Nations Employed: 7  
Non-First Nations Employed: 6

### Glooscap Ventures Employ: 5

First Nations Employed: 3  
Non-First Nations Employed: 2



With the development of Glooscap Landing we are hoping to employ many of our members as well as a significant number of nonmembers at the various commercial entities. We hope to be an economic driver in the Annapolis Valley.



- The total population of Glooscap Nation is 366, with more than 60 living on the reserve and another 300+ members scattered across North America
- Glooscap First Nation is creating a new model for First Nation Economic Development driven by innovation, collaboration and creativity
- Glooscap First Nation Economic Development Corporation (Glooscap Ventures) established in 2014 to manage the community businesses and seek new investment
- Glooscap Landing Development Project will be an economic driver for the region, offering significant opportunities for both First Nation members and nonmembers
- Glooscap First Nation youth are educated: a high percentage of youth currently pursuing post-secondary education at universities and colleges across Canada
- Glooscap First Nation contributes to the local economy through awarding contracts such as construction and maintenance of buildings on reserve

## Education

Approximately 22 of the Glooscap First Nation youth are currently attending post-secondary education at universities and colleges across Canada in multiple disciplines. The community post-secondary rate is high and has been maintained over the past years.

