## 2009 COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER ENOCH CREE NATION, AB



Enoch Cree Nation (ECN) has been a leader in the gaming industry of First Nations as well as in Alberta. The Enoch Cree Nation Economic Development's Department mission is to actively seek, promote and secure economic initiatives that will enhance the quality of life for a prosperous First Nation's community.

The Enoch Cree Nation (Enoch) is a Sovereign Government pursuant to Treaty 6, which was signed

by Cree leaders in 1876 and 1877, and has traditionally used and occupied lands in and around what is known today as the Central Alberta Region.

The Enoch Government is recognized by the Federal Government of Canada under the authority given to Enoch through the Treaty, the Canadian Constitution, and the Indian Act. The Enoch Cree Nation today consists or 12,933.5 acres, or 20.21 square miles, located west of Edmonton. The current Enoch population includes 1,776 members, with approximately 1,400 living on the reserve and the remaining members living off (primarily in Edmonton).