

# Midwives In Attawapiskat



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Hello everyone. UPDATE: Neepeshowan Midwives is in a transition phase; the founder will *postpone* retirement for another year in order to avoid closure. We are still looking for 2-3 midwives who would be interested in taking on the practice, 'splitting' the year together to best suit their personal lives. This coming year would serve to enable this transition. **More urgently**, we are looking for **one locum from mid-July to the end of August**. For a first time in Attawapiskat, a minimum of 6 weeks is necessary to orient and become comfortable with remote work, as well as for the community to begin to know you.

Neepeshowan Midwives is a remote midwifery practice located in Attawapiskat First Nation, Ontario. Attawapiskat is a Cree community in the Mushkegowuk Territory, located about 500 kms north of Timmins. Nestled by the Attawapiskat River and surrounded by 1500 square kilometres of muskeg, it is a haven for outdoor lovers! Whether canoeing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling in the winter, joining the local broom ball team, jingle-dancing group and community feasts, there is plenty to do in the community! Attawapiskat is a fly-in community with winter road access from January to March (a fun adventure!). The population is around 2000 people with a birth rate of approximately 50-60 per year; however 75% go south for birth.

Neepeshowan Midwives provide all of the prenatal/postpartum care for people in this community, including high-risk pregnancies. We hold admitting privileges with Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA). We offer the choice of community birth, and offer 24/7 call coverage for all obstetric related emergencies. Attawapiskat has a small hospital that is part of WAHA. We work in a low resource setting but in good collaboration with the hospital staff. We do not have surgical capabilities. We rely on ORNGE for medevacuations in emergency situations. We have been working with a trained Cree second birth attendant who works with us in our office, and attends all births and emergencies alongside the midwives. Our clinic is busy but the on-call reality is much gentler than in the south. Opportunity for much time off in between your times up north. In terms of housing, the practice owns a comfortable fully-furnished 3 bedroom home.

Experience in working with Indigenous people and in Indigenous communities is an asset, but not essential. Dedication to providing culturally safe care is essential. The first needed time 'up' is for June and July, but earlier if desired. Please respond before the end of February.. Meegwetch, thank you for your interest.