

# ASKI BOYZ

in Thames First Nation



OTTAWA RIVER

North Bay

Ottawa

## Kids, Did you know:

- The community is on the north bank of the Thames River approximately 20 km southwest of London, Ontario
- The population is 1,420 registered band members and 896 live on reserve
- The language is Ojibway, which is a band of the Algonquin language family who originally migrated to the Great Lakes area from the north-eastern region of North America
- The traditional territories of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation included a river which flows for over 273 kilometres
- People in the community used this river for transportation, food, and ceremonies
- The Chippewa called the river Deshkan Ziibiing or Antler River because it refers to the antlers or horns of the water serpent believed to live in the river
- The river is home to 94 fish species like the small and large mouth bass, perch, and walleye
- They have many birds like the kingfishers and bald eagles as well as a wide range of mammals from flying squirrels to white-tailed deer

## History:

In 1763, Chief Seckas of the Thames River brought 170 warriors to the siege of Detroit during Pontiac's uprising (an uprising against the British postwar policies governing the Great Lakes region). The reserve was established in 1819. In 1840 the Chippewas reached an agreement with the Munsee-Delaware Nation to share the reserve. The Chippewa people are also known as Anishinaabe peoples and the Chippewa, Odawa and Pottawatami Nations are part of the Three Fires Confederacy. The Chippewas of the Thames fought in the War of 1812 to protect their land from the Americans; many First Nations fought to save Canada during the American invasion.

## Important Links:

- <http://antlerriver.ca/aboutantlerriver.asp>
- <http://cottfn.com>
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chippewas\\_of\\_the\\_Thames\\_First\\_Nation\\_42](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chippewas_of_the_Thames_First_Nation_42)
- <http://antlerriver.ca/aboutantlerriver.asp>
- <https://www.facebook.com/chippewa.thunderbird>

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