Chief Whitecap

- *Wapaha Sīkā* was Chief Whitecap’s Dakota name.
- 1819: Chief Whitecap was born.
- 1889: Chief Whitecap passed away from tuberculosis.
- Chief Whitecap had a wife and children.
- When the Canadian government forced First Nations to settle onto reserves, Chief Whitecap’s people settled at Moose Woods (Present site of Whitecap Reserve)
- Chief Whitecap built a home for orphans and widows in his community.
- Chief Whitecap’s community hunted, raised cattle, and farmed to make a living.
- 1850’s: Chief Whitecap and other Dakota make peace treaties with the Métis, Saulteaux, and Assiniboine.
- 1862: Chief Whitecap and other Dakota people return to their northern homeland.
- 1879: Chief Whitecap and his people settled on land 26 kilometres south of Saskatoon.
- 1882: Chief Whitecap led John Lake to where the city of Saskatoon would be built.
- Chief Whitecap is a co-founder of the city of Saskatoon. Some people call him the father of Saskatoon.
- 1885: Chief Whitecap asked the Métis to pass through Saskatoon peacefully on their way to Batoche.
- Settlers testified to Chief Whitecap’s honesty and loyalty.
- Chief Whitecap and his community had friendships with the European settlers.
- Chief Whitecap’s community hunted buffalo on the Saskatchewan plains with the Métis and Assiniboine.
Chief Whitecap selected reserve lands along the South Saskatchewan River.

1979: City of Saskatoon names 350 acres of land along the Saskatchewan River “Chief Whitecap Park”.

2005: bronze statue was built in Whitecap Park

2009: Highway 219 was named Chief Whitecap Trail.

2017: the school in the Stonebridge community was named after Chief Whitecap.

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