**La Loche Historical Scan**

**2010 to present**

October 2016 Robert St. Pierre elected as mayor

Summer 2016 Poplar Point Paved

Summer 2016 DTEP Starts

Spring 2016 New Friendship Centre Opens

January 22, 2016 School shooting (2 killed at home, 2 in school, and 7 wounded at school)

November 2015 Boys 4A Provincial Volleyball Championship

October 2015 Georgina Jolibois elected MP – first one from La Loche

2015 Centre Point Grocery & Convenience store opens

2014 Girls 4A Provincial Volleyball Championships

2014 Women’s Wellness Group formed

2011 Family Support program Begins

March 2010 Hosted Northern Lights Jr. Games

Priests Father John Zunti, Father Suesi (2 weeks), Father Gaspar Sarvarmutha, Father Robert Maria (2015)

**2000 to 2009**

2009 Some municipal streets paved

2007 Daycare opens in Dene High

2007 Dene Empowerment Centre Opens

2006 Old Church rectory torn down

2005 Dene High School expansion (new classrooms, entrance, library, staff room, community school room – massive interior renovations). Work began in 2004.

2004 Dene High hosts 4A provincial Volleyball Championships. First time in the North. Girls won bronze.

October 2003 Georgina Jolibois elected as Mayor

2003 Cell service comes to La Loche

2002 Cluff Lake Mine closed

2001 New Health Centre opened in La Loche

Priests Bishop Murray Chatlain and Father Ron Zimmer

**1990 to 1999**

1999 Dene High and Ducharme Elementary combined to become La Loche Community School

1999 Garson Lake Road Completed

October 30, 1997 Plane crashes near West La Loche – 3 survive and 3 killed

1990/91 Jet causes sonic boom over La Loche

1990 Chester Fried Chicken Opens

Father Joe, Father Mark, Father Nester, and Father John McDonald

**1980 to 1989**

1989 Daycare established in the annex behind Dene High

1989 The Bay becomes the North West Company

1988 Bernine Herman becomes first RCMP member from La Loche

1988 Father Megret and Father Joe Jacek

1987 Figure skating club established

1987 Father Matthew left La Loche

1980 to 1983 Curfew officers in La Loche

1980/81 Fine Option program starts in La Loche with Annette Montgrand

1980(?) highway 155 Pavement reaches La Loche

1980 Old airport (behind Methy compound) was used fro sports and recreation. Ball diamonds, soccer fields and swimming in the creek.

1980 Big “C” band moves to present location 7 km north of La Loche

1980 First student to graduate was Diane Herman

1980’s Fun Run started

**1970 to 1979**

1979-80 First graduating class at Dene High

1979-80 Liquor store opened where Tower Manor is

1979 Dene High School completed and opened

1978 Robbie Fontaine Memorial Arena Opens

1978 Native Women’s group formed in La Loche

1976 Television came to La Loche

1976 Greg Hatch moved to La Loche

1975 Social Services office established in La Loche

1974 First movie theatre

1974 Hydro-electric power comes to La Loche

1972 Bull Whip Restaurant opens in La Loche

1972 Archeologist Don Steer created map of locations and dates of 7 fur trade posts

1972 First time Father Matthew opened the AA meeting

1970s Cluff Lake road constructed

1970s Mile 9 Sawmill

**1960 to 1969**

1967/68 RCMP establishes station in La Loche (Bill Harrison and Big John are first members to serve).

1963 Highway 155 reaches La Loche (Ferry crossing at Buffalo)

1963 Laurent Lemaigre and Arsene Fontaine purchase first ski-doos in La Loche

1961 Local Community Authority (LCA) established

1960s 4 children (Pierre and Flora’s) die in house fire

1960s Robbie Fontaine bought the first vehicle in La Loche

1960 Residents from La Loche with T.B. removed to a sanatorium in Fort Qu’appelle

1960 4H club in La Loche

**1950 to 1959**

1959(? Trainer Jet CF104 crashes in Lac La Loche in January. Student pilot “Moose” killed. (another thought it was 1963)

1958/59 Coop store opened by Bobbly Clarke and Ernest Herman. (Present location of Reg’s)

1958 First power plant built

1953 RC Mission Church built

1952 First pool hall in La Loche owned by Robbie Fontaine

1950 C&M Airways founded. (Sea planes)

1950 Father Mathieu arrived in La Loche

1950s Gardens common amongst people

**1940 to 1949**

1949 First air strip built

1949 Hospital completed

1947 Sawmill built

1946 Brother Vachon arrives

1944 John “JJ” Janvier born

1944 the hospital was built

1943/44 Grey nuns arrive

1942 First School – first teacher Alex Sapowki

1940 Hudson Bay Store built

**1930 to 1939**

1936 Trade post in West La Loche destroyed by fire

1936 Influenza and measles epidemic

1936 (?) Post Office established

**1900 to 1929**

1929 First plane landed in La Loche (piloted by Mencil)

1926 Post office opened. Post Master is Thas Batchelor

1923 Batise Fontaine bought first outboard motor (Evinrude)

1922 Father Jean-Baptist Ducharme OMI wrote that there were 500 people in the La Loche Mission area

1920 Cat train used to haul freight

1920 New church is built

1919 10 people died of the influenza

1918 Franklin Kitto Expedition writing, “Row after row of teepees lined the beach clustered about the few buildings of the post (Revillon Freres)

1911 200 people living in La Loche

1906 Four or five villages on shore of Lac La Loche. West La Loche was the largest settlement

1906 Revillon Freres post established in La Loche

1905? Marshall Montgrand built the first house in La Loche

**1850 to 1900**

1899 Treaty 8 signed. Were based in Garson but moved to what is now CRDN

1895 Beauval residential school opened

1895 First priest in La Loche – Father Bernard

Population was reported to be 100 people

West La Loche had 60 to 70 people

1880 Hudson Bay store built in West La Loche

1877 First church built in La Loche

1870 Post re-located to West La Loche

1857 Permanent trading post built on south end of portage

1850 Francis Montgrand built the first house in La Loche

**1750 to 1849**

1845 Missionary Priests visit La Loche

1819 to 1891 North West Company Post on South West side of Lake

1819 Hudson’s Bay had 3 posts

1780 to 1819 Hudson’s Bay had 4 posts

1789 to 1791 North West Company called “Big Point”

1778 Fur Trade posts built on Lac La Loche

1776 Peter Pond crosses Methy Portage