Canada has publicly apologized for relocating the Sayisi Dene in the 1950s and 1960s. The apology flows from a settlement concluded with the Sayisi Dene First Nation.

Looking Back: History of the Relocation

**1956:** Without proper planning/consultation, Canada relocated Sayisi Dene from their traditional territory to unfamiliar lands (where there was no adequate shelter, supplies or game to hunt).

**1959-1967:** Sayisi Dene relocated to Churchill, where they suffered harm, death and other losses and lived in deplorable conditions at Camp 10 (w/o heat, hydro, running water or proper sanitation) and near cemetery (bad omen).

**1967:** Community relocated again to Dene Village (where conditions were no better, with continuing hunger, despair and hardship).

**1973:** Members moved back to their traditional territory.

**1981:** Reserve established at Tadoule Lake.

For centuries, the Sayisi Dene hunted caribou in what is now northern Manitoba, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. Their thriving culture and economy were closely tied to this traditional way of life.
Timeline:
Resolution process between Canada and Sayisi Dene

Sayisi Dene have long sought a resolution, filing their relocation claim with Canada in 1999.

**Exploratory talks**
2009

**Settlement discussions begin**
2012

**Members approve settlement**
Mar. 2016

**Canada signs settlement**
July 2016

**Federal Apology**
Aug. 2016

**2010:** Manitoba apologized for its part in 1956 relocation and offered provincial Crown land to the First Nation

**2016:** Canada apologizes to Sayisi Dene for relocation at ceremony marking 60th anniversary of relocation and conclusion of a settlement

Settlement includes:
- $33.6 million from Canada (paid into a Trust for benefit of current/future generations)
- 13,000 acres of prov. Crown land to be added to First Nation’s reserve

816 Sayisi Dene members (313 on reserve and 503 off reserve)

97% of First Nation members who voted approved the settlement

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