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PROSPER APPEAL GRANTED

MOOSE LAKE: THE COURT OF APPEAL CASE

On January 16, 2019 the Alberta Court of Appeal granted “permission” for Fort McKay First Nation to bring an appeal challenging the Alberta Energy Regulator’s decision last June 12th to allow the Prosper Rigel project to go ahead.

“PERMISSION TO APPEAL” – WHAT THAT MEANS.

Fort McKay First Nation brought an application for permission to appeal, and a judge of the Court of Appeal decided to grant permission. You won, and this is the first step towards winning the full appeal, but it is just the first step. Usually a decision of the Alberta Energy Regulator is final and there is no appeal. The exception is an appeal on a legal point, but even on a legal point the appeal can only be started if the Court of Appeal grants “permission” to appeal. There were three reasons why Fort McKay wanted permission to appeal, and all of those reasons were rejected by the court except for one. But one is enough, and now the appeal can go forward.

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NOTICE

NEXT QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

FORT MCKAY, AB: Tuesday, March 5th @ 6:30 PM, Father Begin Hall, Dorothy McDonald Business Centre

FORT MCMURRAY, AB: Wednesday, March 6th @ 6:30 PM, Radisson Hotel, 435 Gregoire Dr.

EDMONTON, AB: Thursday, March 7th @ 6:30 PM, Chateau Nova Hotel, 159 Airport Road

FORT MCKAY FIRST NATION STRONGLY ENCOURAGES OUR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO ATTEND.

For more information, please contact: Fort McKay First Nation Administration, Dorothy McDonald Business Centre, 780-828-4220, www.fortmckay.com

FMFN LEADERSHIP TEAM

Jim Boucher, Chief
Raymond Powder, Councillor
Crystal McDonald, Councillor
Gerald Gladue, Councillor
Peggy Lacorde, Councillor

George Arcand Jr., CEO
Chris Johnson, CFO
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ADMINISTRATION DEPT.

Dorothy McDonald Business Centre
General Delivery
Fort McKay, AB T0P 1C0
Phone: 780-828-2430

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Closed daily: 12 - 1 p.m.

SUBMISSIONS

If you have any photos, stories or ideas for the Red River Current, please contact the Communications Department
email: communications@fortmckay.com



**Happy Birthday to Elder Elsie Rolland
who's birthday was on February 11, 2018.**



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THE NARROW GROUND THAT CAN BE APPEALED.

The Court of Appeal dismissed most of Fort McKay's reasons for wanting the appeal, but allowed this one:

“Did the AER commit an error of law or jurisdiction by failing to consider the honour of the Crown and, as a result, failing to delay approval of the Project until the First Nation's negotiations with Alberta about the MLAMP are completed?”

This means that the Court of Appeal will look into the fact that the Regulator approved the Prosper Rigel project even though the Moose Lake Area Management Plan was not completed.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR PROSPER RIGEL?

Realistically, this puts the project on hold. The project is not technically on hold because of this decision, but if the Alberta cabinet decides to allow Prosper to go ahead now, we would have a stronger case to get an injunction until the appeal can be heard. As a practical matter it is unlikely that Prosper will try to go ahead because their lawyers will have advised them that they should wait for the appeal to finish. The hearing of the appeal will be several months from now. The decision on the appeal may not be ready for six months or more. Until then, the Prosper Rigel project is unlikely to proceed.

WHAT COULD HAPPEN AT THE APPEAL?

The Court of Appeal could decide either way. They could decide that because Alberta did not act honourably, the AER decision made on June 12, 2018 must be set aside, and the Prosper Rigel project is dead (for now). Or they could dismiss the appeal and say that the government of Alberta acted just fine and allow Prosper Rigel to go ahead. Or, they could do many things in between those two extremes. A possible order from the court might force the government of Alberta to finish negotiations about the Moose Lake Area Management Plan before the Regulator can consider the Prosper Rigel project a second time. This would be quite a victory, but it is not a certain result.

DOES THE APPEAL DECIDE EVERYTHING?

The appeal is only on a special question – which is whether the government of Alberta acted properly when they dropped the MLAMP negotiations. It does not stop Prosper forever, only temporarily. It does not decide anything about treaty rights. Meanwhile, Fort McKay has several other legal proceedings waiting to go to court, and any one of them could also stop the project, either temporarily or permanently. The main legal case is the treaty rights case filed on December 3, 2018. One benefit from this Court of Appeal decision is that it gives us more time to prepare for that case, if it is needed.

WHAT ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS?

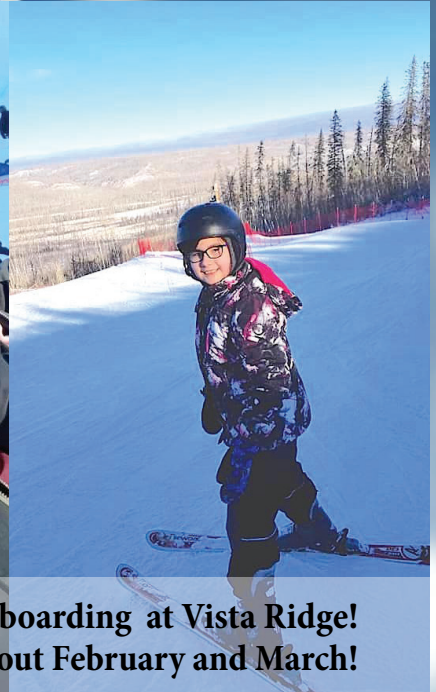
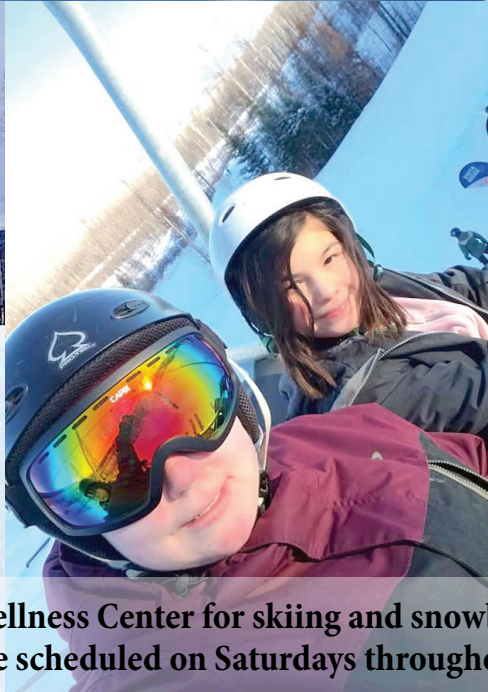
This decision gives Fort McKay First Nation an excellent bargaining position. Prosper would be wise to work with FMFN to design a project that does not threaten Moose Lake. Alberta would be wise to finish the MLAMP negotiations. Both of those things give FMFN negotiating power. The window for these negotiations is the next six months or so, until the appeal is heard and decided.

The Alberta Court of Appeal's decision is called: Fort McKay First Nation v Prosper Petroleum Ltd., 2019 ABCA 14.

A link to the decision is here: <http://canlii.ca/t/hx0kv>



A photograph showing two people skiing down a snowy slope. The person in the foreground is wearing a dark blue and black ski suit, while the person further back is wearing a colorful striped ski suit. They are surrounded by a snowy landscape with bare trees and distant hills under a clear sky.

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February 14 @ 2:00 pm
Fort McKay Elders Centre



NATIONAL ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK



National Aboriginal Addictions Awareness Week is celebrated every year in our community. The goal is to bring awareness on how to prevent addictions and substance abuse. There are many things people can do to help with addictions. NAAW provides an opportunity to talk about addictions and provide tips that can help prevent addictions in ourselves, our children and in our community.

This year NAAW was celebrated at the Fort McKay School on November 29th 2018. The event started with a prayer by George Cailou in Cree that was later translated in English by Cecile Cailou. Cecile and George then engaged the students with meaningful conversations about addictions.

Art competition participants of grade two and onwards received prizes for the creativity. ECS and grade one student were excited to receive

colouring books as gifts. The first day summed up successfully with a round dance and a yummy lunch at the school.

The next day, community members got together for a Pipe Ceremony, a Feast Round Dance and a giveaway at the band hall. A huge hand of applause to the cooks who made a delicious feast, and to Audrey Redcrow, Cultural & Special Events Lead, as well as the Drummers for keeping our culture alive!

The Family Support Centre would like to thank everyone involved! Cultural events such as this one gives an opportunity to educate our young generation and show the dangers associated to drug use. Teachers, parents and health care providers have a crucial role in educating our young people and together, can help in the prevention of drug use and addictions.





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Winter Festival 2019



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Winter Fest Schedule of Events

Friday February 08th Traditional Tea Dance

Everyone Welcome

Please join us as we kick off our Winter Fest 2019 with pride!

WHERE: FATHER BEGIN COMMUNITY HALL IN FORT MCKAY

WHEN: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 08TH, 2019

TIME: 6PM – 10PM

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

SUPPER BEGINS AT 6PM

FOX LAKE CREE TRADITIONAL TEA DANCE SINGERS START AT 7PM

GIVE AWAY

Drugs, Alcohol or Violence will not be tolerated - RCMP and Security will be on-site

Winter Festivities

Postponed to Saturday March 09th

11 AM – NOON	REGISTRATION & LUNCH
NOON – 2:00 PM	OPEN SKATE
NOON – 1:30 PM	KIDDIES OF THE NORTH
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	DUKE & DUCHESS
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	PRINCE & PRINCESS
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	SR. KING & QUEEN
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	KING & QUEEN
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	SUPPER
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	JIGGING CONTEST
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM	AWARDS

March 09th, 2019 Winterfest Registration & lunch is in the Youth Centre

All events are at the soccer field, the arena area, & the Youth Centre

Supper, jigging & the awards ceremony are in the Youth Centre

For more details Contact: Audrey Redcrow Fort McKay First Nation - Culture & Special Projects Lead 780.215.2384





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SR. KING & QUEEN OF THE NORTH

(50+ YEARS OLD ... 1ST - \$300, 2ND - \$200 & 3RD - \$100)

SNOW SNAKE, MOOSE CALLING, BANNOCK & TEA MAKING

KING & QUEEN OF THE NORTH

(18 YEARS OLD +... 1ST - \$500, 2ND - \$400 & 3RD - \$300) Sponsored by Fort McKay Group of Companies

SNOWSHOE RACE, SNOW SNAKE, SLED PULL, INDIAN LEG WRESTLE, LOG TOSS, MOOSE CALLING, BANNOCK & TEA MAKING

PRINCE & PRINCESS OF THE NORTH

(14 – 17 YEARS OLD... 1ST - \$300, 2ND - \$200 & 3RD - \$100)

SHOWSHOE RACE, SNOW SNAKE, SLED PULL, INDIAN LEG WRESTLE, LOG TOSS & MOOSE CALLING

DUKE & DUCHESS OF THE NORTH

(10 – 13 YEARS OLD... 1ST - \$150, 2ND - \$100 & 3RD - \$50)

SHOWSHOE RACE, SNOW SNAKE, SLED PULL, INDIAN LEG WRESTLE, LOG TOSS & MOOSE CALLING

KIDDIES OF THE NORTH

(5 – 9 YEARS OLD... ALL PARTICIPANTS GET RIBBONS)

SNOWSHOE RACE, SNOW SNAKE, SLED PULL & INDIAN LEG WRESTLE

JIGGING CONTEST

Sr. 55+ 1st - \$125, 2nd - \$75, & 3rd - \$50,
18-54 years old 1st - \$150, 2nd - \$100 & 3rd - \$70
14 – 17 years old 1st - \$75, 2nd - \$50 & 3rd - \$25
10 – 13 years old 1st - \$75, 2nd - \$50 & 3rd - \$25,
9 & under ...1st - \$50, 2nd - \$35, 3rd - \$20

DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR VIOLENCE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

RCMP AND SECURITY WILL BE ONSITE

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Picture This!

Fort McKay First Nation is looking to develop a database of images of our beloved community and community members of present and past, and we need your help! It's an unfortunate fact: Our aboriginal languages are dying out and our culture is in jeopardy of being lost. So, let's not let the people you knew who have passed, and those still with us, be forgotten as well.

We are asking for you to loan us your photos so that we can make digital copies. We are looking for pictures of the community and its people from the past to the present. Any pictures that you choose to share will help - So please dig through those shoe boxes, photo albums, storage boxes and cookie tins and let's keep Fort McKay's history alive!

It would be helpful if you could name the people on the back of the photos from left to right, row by row, along with the approximate date the picture was taken. You don't have to write on the photo itself, you can include the information on a separate sheet of paper.

All photographs will be handled with extreme care, copied and returned to you once processed.

To participate in this project please contact:

Communications@fortmckay.com
780-828-2442

Hiy Hiy, Merci Cho, Thank you



A FRIENDLY REMINDER

From the Fort Mckay Medical Transportation

- All medical appointments should be made in advance for prior approval (24 notice). Any last minute booking must come from the community health nurse. To avoid any delays on medical transportation services.
- Policy states that only 1 (one) medical visit to the family physician every 2 weeks, unless otherwise requested by your family physician and a medical note must be provided to the medical transportation coordinator for your file.
- Clients should be contacting the Medical Transportation Coordinator to book any transportation services, and Edmonton Referral@1-800-514-7106 for after hour services. Do not contact the medical driver for appointments.
- It is the client's responsibility to ensure confirmation of appointment letters are sent from their doctor/dental/specialist appointments to the medical transportation coordinator prior to booking Fax 780-828-4132. (PLEASE NOTE): • This is not the Medical Coordinator's responsibility•
- If requiring an escort, clients must ensure to provide the proper documentation to the Medical Transportation Coordinator.
- It is the client's responsibility to contact the Medical Transportation Coordinator if they will be cancelling the transportation services, as soon as possible. Failing to do so will flag the client's file, resulting in no access to transportation services unless the client has provided proof of attendance to the scheduled appointment.
- All after hours appointments must be called into Edmonton Referral Unit@ 1-800-514-7106
- If you have any questions and or concerns please contact the Medical Transportation Department @ 780-828-2453

ELDERS BASIC COMPUTER COURSE

February 11 -14, 9:30am-3:30pm

Learn to use the computer, practice typing, use the internet, email, set up online accounts, apply for jobs, and even social media.

Call Shannon or Jessica at: 780-828-4433 for more details!



CREATING YOUR OWN DIRECTION

**Have you been impacted by family violence?
Are you looking for support and ways to cope in a
safe environment?**

Be part of Creating Your Own Direction.

Program includes a total of 12 groups divided into 4 different themes

*Each theme includes 3
weeks (1 session/ week)



**Group starts Wednesday, February 13th, 2019, from 1-3 @
the Fort McKay Family Support Centre (780-828-4048)**

For Program completion, themes must be completed in order 1-4

Refreshments included.
Transportation available.
Registration & Intake required



**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL
LAVINIA AT 587-646-5566 OR
LINDSAY AT 587-646-1171**



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IMMUNIZATIONS

EVERY WEDNESDAY BEGINNING
FEBRUARY 6, 2019. EXCEPT THE
LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH
MONTH.

Get Immunized, get updated on your shots.

"By being vaccinated, you prevent viruses and bacteria from reaching those who cannot be vaccinated against them, such as babies too young to be vaccinated and adults with weak immune systems".

Please call the Fort McKay Health Centre and book your appointment @780-828-2450 or for further information contact Claudia Simpson, BSCN, RN



Vaccination can also be called immunization, shots, or needles. These words mean the same thing.

The word immunization comes from immune-which means protected from the disease.

Make an appointment

It is safe, simple and it works!

FORT MCKAY HEALTH
CENTRE

c/o Claudia Simpson
bscn.rn

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Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H-
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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

WELLNESS CENTER 780-828-2412

Mondays

Young Chefs (Ages 8+) 6-8 pm
Youth Choice (Ages 10+) 8-9 pm

Tuesdays

Homework Help (Ages 6+) 6-7 pm
Youth Choice (Ages 10+) 8-9 pm

Wednesdays

Games Tournament (8+) 6-8 pm
Youth Choice (Ages 10+) 8-9 pm

Thursdays

Culture Club (Ages 8+) 6-8 pm
Youth Choice (Ages 10+) 8-9 pm

Fridays

Open 9:00am-5:00pm

Field Trips

Feb. 8: Mac Island, (Ages 6-12)
Feb. 15: Oilsands Discovery Centre (5-12)
Permission Slip Required
Bus Leaves at 10:30am
Bus Returns at 2:30pm

Saturdays

*not available Feb. 9 & 16
Skiing/Snowboarding (Ages 9+)
*Permission slip required
Bus leaves at 9 am and returns at 5 pm

Pre-Teen Night

movies (ages 8-11)
Permission Slip Required
Bus Leaves at 5:30pm
Bus Returns at 10:00pm

Teachers Convention Town Schools

Open 8:30am-6:00pm
*We will be accepting children who are 5 years old and in ECS to join us for the week to get introduced to the Wellness Center and our activities. Parents MUST fill out a registration form. Only intended for children who have no school!

ELDERS CENTRE 780-742-5015

Elders Lunch: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Chair Yoga @ Riverside 1-2 PM (Feb. 11)
Women's Beauty Afternoon (Feb. 12)
Elders Walmart Outing (Feb. 13)
Hair Cut Day (Feb. 20)
Bingo After Lunch (Feb. 21 & 28, 1-3pm)
Radio Bingo at Center—Bring your own cards.
Doors Open 5 pm (Feb. 23)
Fish Place Dinner (Feb. 25)

*Please call Rosita for registration of outings
780-742-5015*

FORT MCKAY REC CENTRE 780-714-7094

LADIES NIGHT

Boxing + smoothing (in town)
Feb 5, 19 ,26 & 29
6-7:30pm

ZUMBA CLASS!

February 6
6-7pm
Band Hall (18 YRS +)

PAINT NITE

February 22nd
3:30pm-5:30pm
Band Hall
18 yrs+

ART CAMP

February 25 & 27
1-4pm
Youth Centre
7-12yrs old

Please note that registration is mandatory in order to participate in all of these classes. Please contact 780-7147094 to register or for more information.

