



# FORT MCKAY

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## News Release

### Fort McKay First Nation opens urban office in Edmonton

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Fort McKay First Nation (FMFN) has opened its first urban office in Edmonton, Alberta. This will serve as the location for FMFN's urban member services and government relations.

A programs coordinator will help connect urban FMFN members with training and employment resources, Indigenous social agencies, cultural supports, and more. The Edmonton Office will also enhance Fort McKay First Nation's presence in Alberta's capital and provide opportunities for business diversification and government relations.

"It's important for all our members to feel connected to and supported by our Nation, wherever they live. Our Edmonton Office will increase access for our urban members, and enhance Fort McKay First Nation's presence in the business community and political landscape."

- Chief Mel Grandjamb, Fort McKay First Nation

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NOTE: During this wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, the office is offering services virtually or in-person by appointment only.

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## **Background**

Fort McKay First Nation has nearly 900 band members of Cree and Dene heritage, with approximately 450 living in the on-reserve section of the community of Fort McKay (located 60 kilometres north of Fort McMurray, on the shores of the Athabasca River). In addition to the Fort McKay community, FMFN has reserves 174A at Gardiner (Moose) Lake and 174B at Namur (Buffalo) Lake, approximately 65 kilometres northwest of Fort McKay. Moose Lake is the traditional home of what is now the Fort McKay First Nation. A signatory to Treaty 8, Fort McKay First Nation's mission is to assert Treaty rights, revitalize culture and language, promote education, build economic capacity, and support wellness to create opportunities for our Nation's healthy and sustainable future.

The Nation also manages a business portfolio of 14. Business revenues are invested in infrastructure, programs, services, and directly benefits both the community of Fort McKay and individual band members. Only 5-10% of FMFN's annual operating budget comes from federal or provincial governments.

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