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Fort McKay First Nation Signs New Agreement with Suncor

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Edmonton, Alberta (October 24, 2025) — Today, Fort McKay First Nation (FMFN) signed a new agreement with Suncor Energy related to Reserve Land 174C, a plot of FMFN Reserve Land in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Fort McKay First Nation Traditional Territory.

The new agreement builds on the previous Memorandum of Understanding announced between Fort McKay First Nation and Suncor in March 2024. That MOU set the terms for early stage technical and commercial feasibility assessments for the prospective oil sands development opportunity on Reserve Land 174C. Reserve Land 174C was assigned to Fort McKay First Nation by the Federal Government as part of Treaty Land Entitlement for the exclusive purposes of oil sands development.

The terms of the new agreement grant Suncor permitted use of the North Block portion of Reserve Land 174C for the storage of overburden and reclamation materials from Suncor oil sands projects. In the meantime, Fort McKay First Nation and Suncor continue to explore other opportunities related to the South Block portion of Reserve Land 174C.

“At Fort McKay First Nation, we are proud of the strong relationships we’ve built with industry, rooted in trust and mutual respect,” said Raymond Powder, Chief of Fort McKay First Nation. “Thanks to those partnerships and our Nations’ commitment to hard work and innovation, we’ve built prosperity and a positive quality of life for our members. With this new step, we’re pleased to deepen our partnership with Suncor — continuing our interest in responsible resource development that supports economic reconciliation, environmental stewardship, and building a brighter future for our community.”

The new agreement builds on the history of collaborative projects between Fort McKay and Suncor, including the previous MOU, the East Tank Farm project, and numerous other business partnerships involving the Fort McKay Group of Companies’ delivery of services that support various Suncor projects in Alberta.



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About Fort McKay First Nation

Fort McKay First Nation has more than 900 band members of Dene and Cree heritage residing on the reserve and abroad. The community is located 50 kilometres north of Fort McMurray along 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 people. 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 18 entities. Business revenues are invested in infrastructure, programs, services, and directly benefit both the community of Fort McKay and individual band members. Only five per cent of FMFN's annual operating budget comes from federal or provincial governments. For more information about Fort McKay First Nation, visit our website at www.fortmckay.com, or follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

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