



FORT MCKAY

FIRST NATION

November 1, 2019

Honourable Jason Kenney
Premier of Alberta, President of Executive Council
Office of the Premier
Executive Branch
307 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB
Canada T5K 2B6

Sent via e-mail to: premier@gov.ab.ca

Re: Moose Lake Together Summit

Dear Premier Kenney:

I would like to begin by thanking you for your September 4, 2019 visit to the Fort McKay First Nation. I particularly appreciated our discussion on the Moose Lake 10-Kilometre Zone Access Management Plan — the Moose Lake Plan.

As we discussed, the Moose Lake Plan is a ready-made solution that will enable Alberta to fulfill the Honour of the Crown and protect Treaty rights while enabling responsible oil sands industry growth. This plan was developed following more than 15 years of discussion and collaboration with the Government of Alberta and industry. The current unapproved draft of the Moose Lake Plan includes a fair response to the concerns raised by the energy and forestry sectors that will ensure the protection of the Moose Lake area and also enable the responsible recovery of bitumen resources.

The Fort McKay First Nation is currently surrounded by oil sands development. Seventy percent of our traditional territory has been allocated to oil sands leases. Our Moose Lake reserves, on the other hand, located 65 km northwest of Fort McKay, have for many years been at some remove from development. Now, unfortunately, *in-situ* projects are encroaching upon them, too. The Moose Lake area is the last refuge for our community members to meaningfully exercise our Treaty rights and traditional land uses. Fort McKay



FORT MCKAY
FIRST NATION

P.O. Box 5360 • Fort McMurray, AB • T9H 3G4 • www.fortmckay.com

firmly believes that Moose Lake can be protected and preserved while the bitumen resource is developed responsibly.

It is unfortunate that the Fort McKay First Nation has had to take court action to protect our Treaty rights and keep legal options available to us. Nonetheless, we are hopeful that, as Alberta's new Premier, you will succeed where your predecessors fell short. You and your Cabinet have the power to approve the Moose Lake Plan so that government, industry and the Fort McKay First Nation can get back to working together, as we've done for over 30 years, without compromising the ecological and cultural integrity of an area that is sacred to us.

The Moose Lake Plan serves as a powerful example to the rest of the world that energy development can be a tool for reconciliation and a way to bring prosperity to Indigenous communities.

To facilitate the approval of the Moose Lake Plan, Fort McKay First Nation is planning to host the *Moose Lake Together Summit* in early 2020. We invite you, appropriate Ministers and stakeholders to join us for an update on the improvements that have been made to the draft Moose Lake Plan and to share those with the oil sands industry. We believe this is a valuable opportunity for you, as Premier, to reaffirm your Government's commitment to ensuring the voices of Indigenous communities are heard in support of responsible energy development.

We will write soon with more details. Until then, we look forward to seeing you at the *Moose Lake Together Summit* and, shortly thereafter, arranging for the formal adoption of the Moose Lake Plan.

Sincerely,

Chief Mel Grandjamb
FORT MCKAY FIRST NATION

Cc: Jason Nixon; Sonya Savage; Rick Wilson; Riley Braun; Jamie Huckabay; Pam Livingston; Andrea Smotra; Katy Merrfield; Christine Myatt; Ted Bauer; George Arcand Jr.; Alvaro Pinto; Alvaro Pinto; George Arcand Jr.; Councillor David Bouchier; Councillor Crystal McDonald; Councillor Raymond Powder; Councillor Melinda Stewart

P.O. Box 5360 • Fort McMurray, AB • T9H 3G4 • www.fortmckay.com
