

# FORT MCKAY MÉTIS COMMUNITY ANNUAL REPORT

2016/2017



RON QUINTAL,  
President of the Fort McKay  
Metis Community Association.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Community Members,

This past year has been our greatest year yet, we have accomplished success, through some of the most challenging time's in our community's history. As true opitimisiwuk, we dug in our heels and pushed back against a difficult economy, a community evacuation, and various adversaries. As President, it is my job to manage our Community Relations (First Nation & Metis Members), Government Relations (Regional, Provincial & Federal), and Metis Relations (Local, Regional, Provincial & Nationally). As well as manage our companies' business development and joint venture partnerships, while overseeing all community negotiations with Industry and Government. I work with many community and industry leaders, and in recent months many have turned to Fort McKay to lead the way for Metis Community Rights and Rural Rights.

I will start with **Métis Rights**, as the Fort McKay Métis are at the forefront of developing what these rights will be. In partnership with our regional Metis communities, we have been working on developing rights-based Metis Consultation framework, with the Métis Nation of Alberta. As our traditional rights to the land have never been extinguished, it has brought Government to the table to adopt a policy to deal with consultation.

Furthermore, our partnership with our regional communities, has spun off conversation about a Metis Land Claim process with Federal & Provincial Governments. We have collectively commissioned the law firm of Cassels & Brock, to begin the process of data collection and gap analysis of what information will be needed to go down this path. Due to the importance of this file, we are very fortunate to have lawyer, Thomas Isaac, oversee this process. Thomas has extensive knowledge of the Metis in Canada, as the Federal Government commissioned him to supply recommendations on how Canada should work with the Métis. From that the Isaac's Report was written, with many great recommendations that will help the Métis move forward.





# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Next, I will move to the assertion of who we are as a community. As most of you know, we have begun the process of exploring **self-government**, with the potential to develop a community constitution and declaring ourselves an independent government. This is a very exciting prospect, and would be the first of its kind for Métis in Canada. This would further our cause to stand up for our community, as well as deal with many internal community issues. As I push harder every day to move from the association model to a community government model, we will be leaning on our members to help us in writing these laws that will form our government.



There are many who want to hear our community's success story, and we have been asked to speak at the National Level, Provincial Level, and Regionally. I have met with many community leaders, who want to use Fort McKay as a blueprint of what a successful Métis community looks like. It's my belief that this is a clear indication that our community is going in the right direction.



To our people and our community. We have worked extremely hard to deliver **housing, employment, and social programs** for our people. The first step in achieving all of these goals has been to purchase all of our land. It has taken me 11 years, and negotiating with 10 different Ministers of Municipal Affairs to finalize our land purchase. Through working with Royal Bank & Alberta Treasury Branch, we have been able to structure our finances to not only purchase our land, but to also deliver other services that our community has been lacking for many years.





# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our healing center will be used to not only assist with prayer and traditional practice, but also for our youth and community members to be involved in such things as Cree/Michiff lessons, jigging, fiddling and the introduction of a music program.

# THANKS TO YOUR VOTE



McKay Metis Healing Lodge

## McKay Healing Lodge

The general objective of the McKay Healing Lodge is to re-establish healthy connections at all levels using traditional teachings, values, practices and ceremonies. The lodge will offer many cultural activities that include a variety of Métis traditions and cultural events. Our goal is to empower residents to regain their cultural identity and work towards balance, wellness and personal enlightenment.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our new pavilion site will be used to provide the Fort McKay Community and its members (Métis and First Nation) with a festival area. This site will be used to celebrate community and private events.

# THANKS TO YOUR VOTE



## McKay Metis Pavilion

Fort McKay Métis Pavilion will share information about the Métis people from a historical and contemporary perspective. The pavilion will provide visitors a Métis cultural showcase where anyone can learn about the Métis people and gain insight into the Métis culture that is alive today. The pavilion will also be host to our Fort McKay Annual Métis Day's event. This annual event commemorates the Métis culture and heritage through several traditional activities like jigging, fiddling, storytelling, cooking and singing.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Gas Station/Tim Hortons will not only service our community members, but will create employment and a revenue stream that will further our community initiatives. Although this project has come with its hurdles, the community members voted in favor of constructing this facility, and I will work tirelessly to ensure the community has this facility delivered.

# THANKS TO YOUR VOTE



## **Gas Station/Car Wash & Convenience Store Project**

The project will provide job creation and training opportunities, part time summer jobs for youth in high school and post-secondary levels, where community youth can gain workplace skills and training, provide a strategic source of gas and associated services in the area, as well as serving community needs and provide revenue for the Fort McKay Métis and sustainability to look after themselves.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We will be building a splash park for kids and parents to use in the summer. This will provide a space for families to enjoy the beautiful summer weather together while being able to stay in Fort McKay. Our splash park will be completed by Summer 2018.

# THANKS TO YOUR VOTE



## Splash Park

Our goal is to create a successful play environment for our children, and maintain a constant awareness that children are the clients, and their needs and desires must be understood and addressed as the main priority. We are also aware that almost equal importance, parents must perceive the area as a safe, enjoyable form of play for their children and a comfortable environment for themselves.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Finally, and most important, housing: We will have two units available very soon from the new 4-plex, with the basement suites ready soon after. I am also pushing to purchase between two to four mobile units; these units would be used to address some of our immediate housing needs before the end of the year. As you are aware, part of the re-financing the community members voted on, was to also finance new homes. As I indicated, we are able to build homes, plus build the new facilities, and do it before the end of the year.

# THANKS TO YOUR VOTE



## Transitional Housing Program

The goal of our transitional housing programs is to help Métis families both live independently and transition into long term, permanent housing or apartments. Monies earned from our community businesses allows our community leadership to provide housing in Fort McKay.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The ability to undertake these community projects and programs is only done through proper financial management. We work hard to ensure that we operate our finances in the most accountable and transparent manor possible.

We have worked hard to establish credibility with major financial institutions, industry, and government, as we have a very rigorous auditing system. Through this hard work, we have established \$5.2 million dollars in capital assets since 2012. These assets include housing, equipment & improvements to the land. Furthermore, much of this has been made possible through the hard work of the McKay Métis Group. Since incorporation in 2009, the McKay Métis Group has contracted a total gross revenue of \$24 million dollars.

The sustainability of the community has been our number one goal; building major projects and funding programs is done through our trust fund. This money is negotiated through agreements with industry, and through hard work we have been able to negotiate \$140 million dollars in agreements to date. These funds will be paid to the community over the next 40 years.

We are only scratching the surface of what is possible for our community and I will continue down our path, to be a fully functioning financially sustainable community.

As a community, we have so much to look forward to and we are currently constructing a community master plan. This plan will be used to gauge all future projects and development, while also factoring in the cost estimates. We will be calling on the community members to finalize the development of this plan.

We have come so far as a community and I want to tell our story to the rest of the Métis Nation. I will be bringing a delegation of members to the Metis Nation of Alberta Annual General Assembly on August 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> in Peace River. We also are hoping to bring a delegation to Batoche, SK to partake in the largest Métis Gathering in Canada on July 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I want to thank the Métis Community for allowing me to represent them the last 11 years. I look forward to our community's future and I will work tirelessly for it, Hiy Hiy.



In Building our Métis Community,  
Ron Quintal, President  
Fort McKay Métis Community

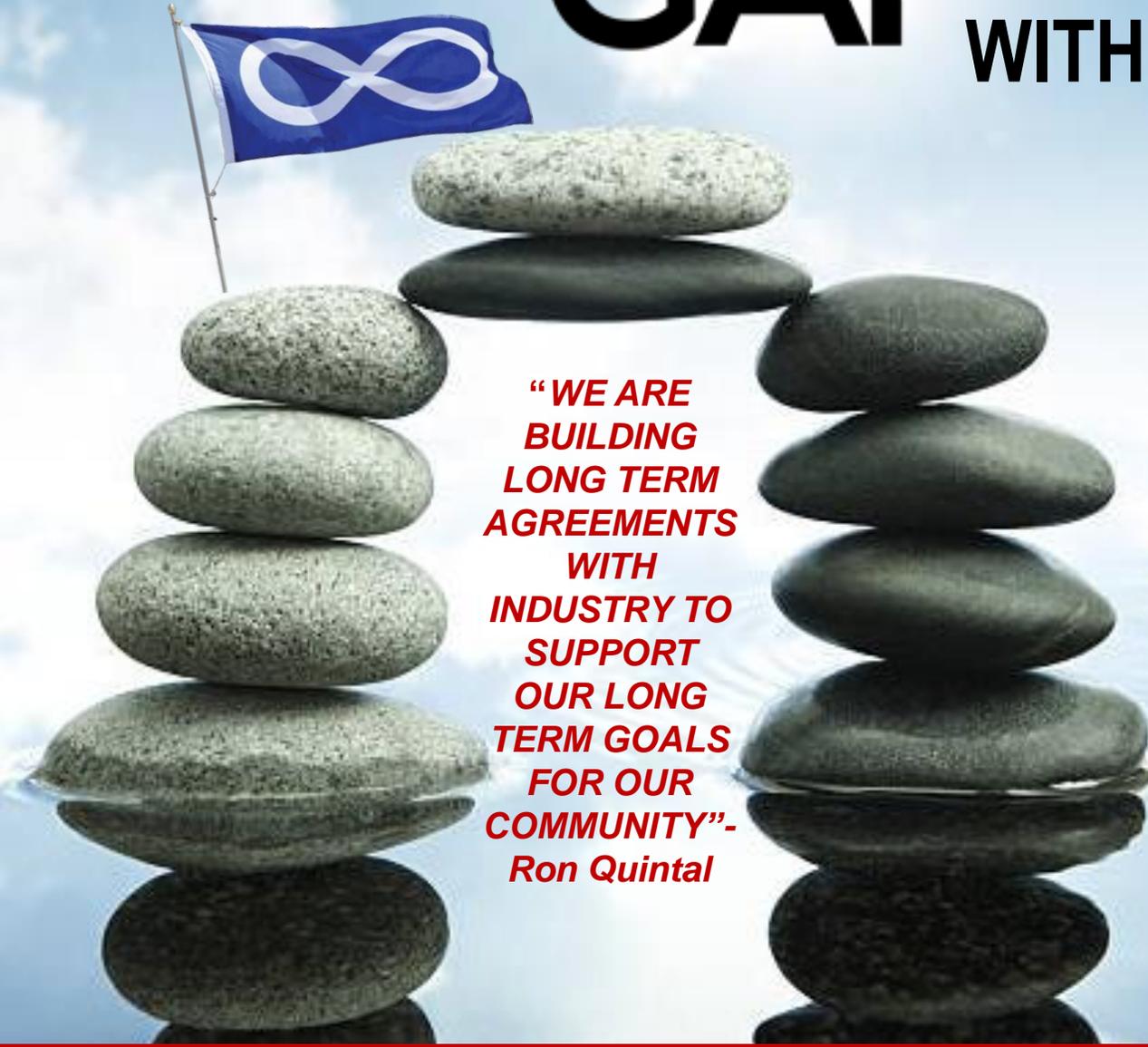


**The McKay Métis**

# BRIDGING THE GAP

WITH

# INDUSTRY



**“WE ARE BUILDING LONG TERM AGREEMENTS WITH INDUSTRY TO SUPPORT OUR LONG TERM GOALS FOR OUR COMMUNITY”- Ron Quintal**

## COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY



TOTAL

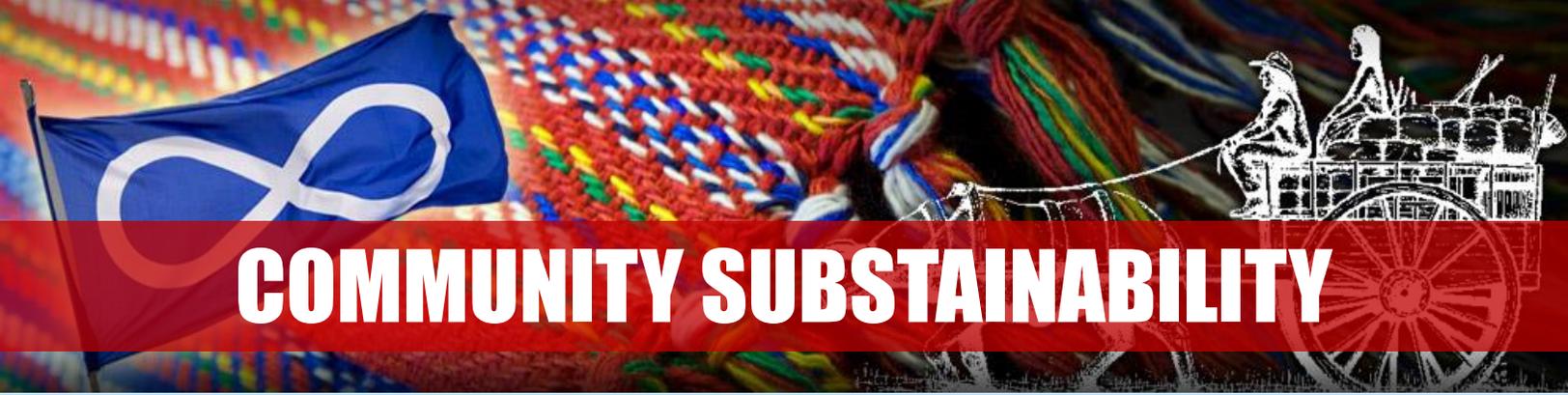


Imperial Oil

Teck

Husky Energy





# COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

## BUSINESS SUCCESS STARTS WITH GREAT RELATIONSHIP'S



The McKay **Métis**

# Teck

On Monday, January 30, Fort McKay Métis and Teck announced the signing of a participation agreement for Teck's proposed Frontier oil sands project.

The agreement identifies economic and social benefits and opportunities for the Fort McKay Métis connected with the Frontier Project, as well setting out a framework for long-term cooperation and communication on items including environmental stewardship; employment, contracting and training opportunities.



“This Agreement will provide sustainability for my community for generations to come while providing ongoing environmental oversight. We worked with Teck to ensure that best practices are engaged at every stage of this project.” - **Ron Quintal, President of the Fort McKay Métis Community.**



# BUSINESS REPORT FROM THE CEO



Dwayne Roth, L.L.B

## MCKAY MÉTIS GROUP

Growth comes from the entire company, not from any particular product or service. If you build a robust growth engine on a strong foundation, rather than seeking individual opportunities, you can be confident knowing that sustainable expansion will follow.

This is where the McKay Métis Group is sitting today. We have added a support system of distinctive capabilities, aligned with an entire portfolio of service offerings.

We can now offer new products and services to our new and existing clients that complement our existing offerings: opening up new avenues as we expand in the Wood Buffalo Region.

“Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of ***our company*** and ***our community*** working together.”



McKay **Métis** Group



# PORTFOLIO OF SERVICES



## Civil Construction & Tree Clearing

**McKay Métis Energy Services** is a fully-integrated energy services company providing leading infrastructure and access services to companies in upstream oil and gas, midstream, power, and alternative energy industries in the Fort McKay region.



## Transportation

**McKay Métis Transportation** safely transports between various oil sands/industrial companies and rural areas in the region of Wood Buffalo. We are fully licensed with the Alberta Transportation Department, with up to date Commercial Vehicle Inspections, Alberta Government Operating Authority, and an outstanding safety rating.



## Security

**Garda North** provide a full complement of services to clients seeking **security services**. We offer our customers a personalized experience that far exceeds industry standards. We are the Global leader in providing comprehensive **security**, **crisis response** and **risk management services**.



## Camp Catering

**Buffalo Métis Catering** is a partnership between Civeo and three Métis Locals from the communities of Fort McKay, Fort Chipewyan, and Conklin to provide camp catering services.

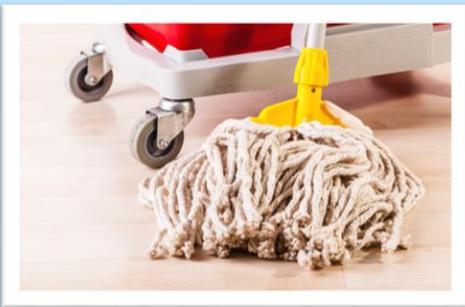


# PORTFOLIO OF SERVICES



## Industrial Medical

**McKay Métis Safety Solutions** offers a full suite of *environmental, safety and medical* solutions. We specialize in *Safety Services, Medical Services, Environmental Planning, and Forest Planning.*



## Site Amenities

**McKay Métis Contracting** provides all of your contracting services needs. As a general contractor, we can provide the crews, equipment, management and field expertise to tackle any size or type of project.



## Engineering and Design **(New)**

**CH2M HILL** is a global engineering company that provides consulting, design, construction, and operations services for corporations, and federal, and local governments



## Industrial Solutions **(New)**

**Fort McKay Industrial Solutions** provides the highest performing, yet cost effective solutions, for your unique business needs. We specialize in Chemicals, Lock Out/ Tag Out, Water Management, etc.



# PORTFOLIO OF SERVICES



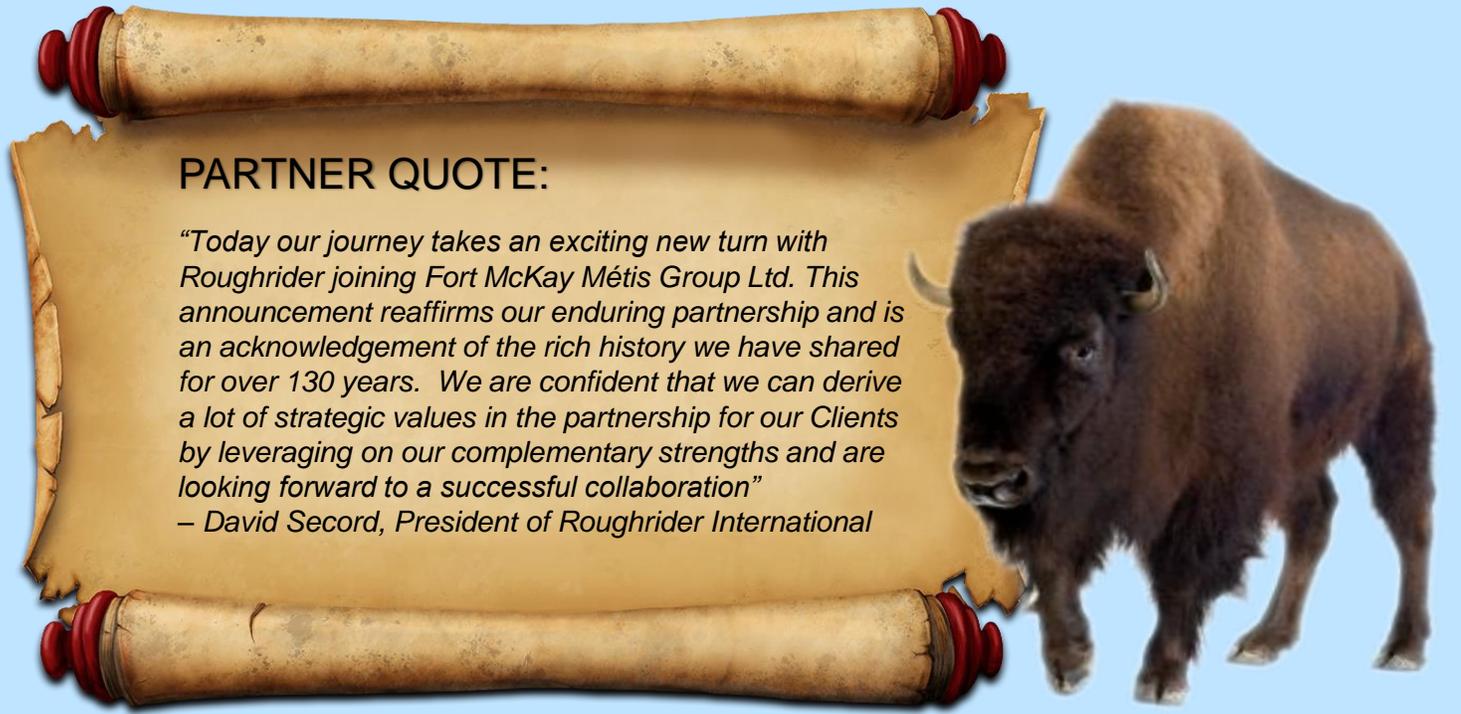
## Rig Moving (New)

**D & D Well Services Fort McKay** is an oilfield transportation company. We provide top of the line rig mobilization and oilfield equipment hauling services throughout Western Canada.



## Integrated Energy & Enviro Solutions (New)

**McKay Roughrider Resources** specializes in providing solutions that add value to our client's business. We specialize in various **Integrated Energy & Enviro Solutions** which include fuel and lube services, vac truck services, and off road specialty equipment.



### PARTNER QUOTE:

*"Today our journey takes an exciting new turn with Roughrider joining Fort McKay Métis Group Ltd. This announcement reaffirms our enduring partnership and is an acknowledgement of the rich history we have shared for over 130 years. We are confident that we can derive a lot of strategic values in the partnership for our Clients by leveraging on our complementary strengths and are looking forward to a successful collaboration"*

*– David Secord, President of Roughrider International*



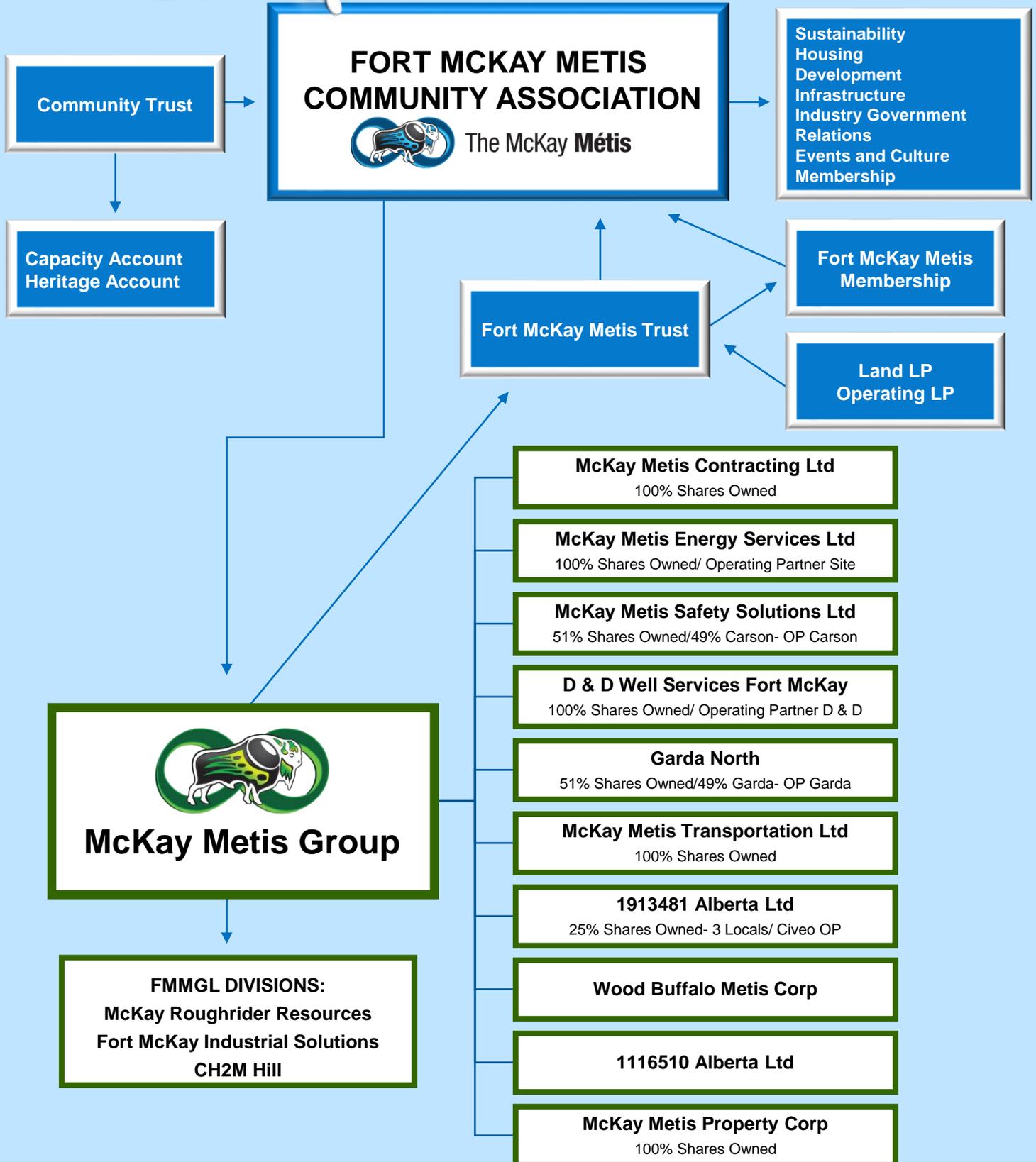
Elder and Board of Director, Margie Wood presenting our CEO, Dwayne Roth with a specially commissioned blanket.

## PARTNER QUOTE

“We are honored to work alongside Dwayne Roth & humbled to have presented him a specially commissioned blanket”. – Civeo Corp on Twitter.



# ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW





# BUSINESS GROWTH

## 2016-2017

### SHELL

Tool Crib  
Tree Clearing

### TRANSCANADA

Tree Clearing  
Site Amenities

### BRION

Medical  
Winter Access

### GIVEO

Site Amenities  
Security

### SYNCRUDE

Security

“The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.”



### RMWB

Transit Service

### IMPERIAL

Tree Clearing  
Winter Access

### TOTAL

Water  
Management

### SUNCOR

Right Away  
Freeze Down

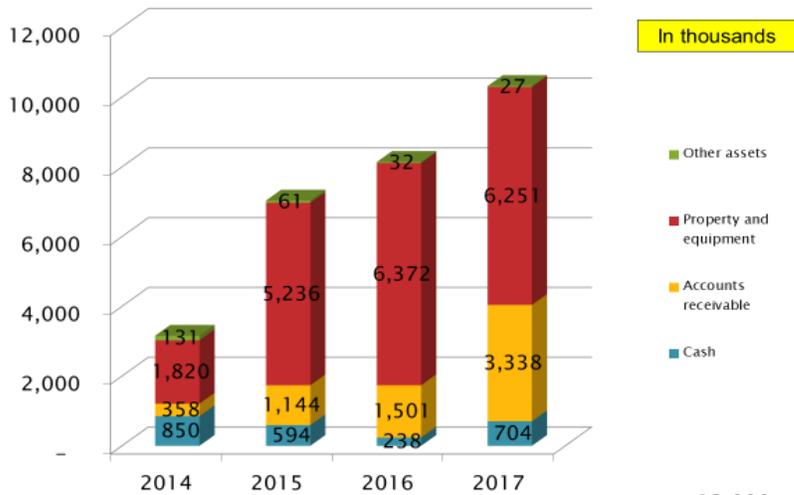
### HUSKY

Civil Earth  
Works

# FINANCIAL GROWTH 2014-2017

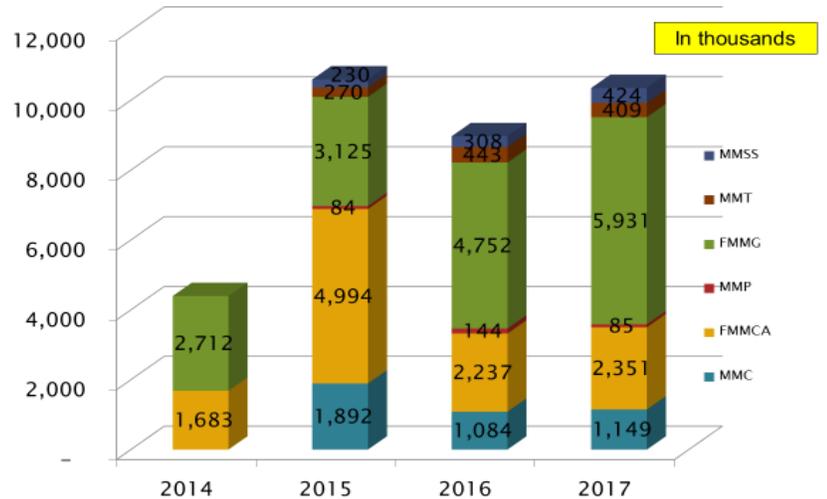


### Assets

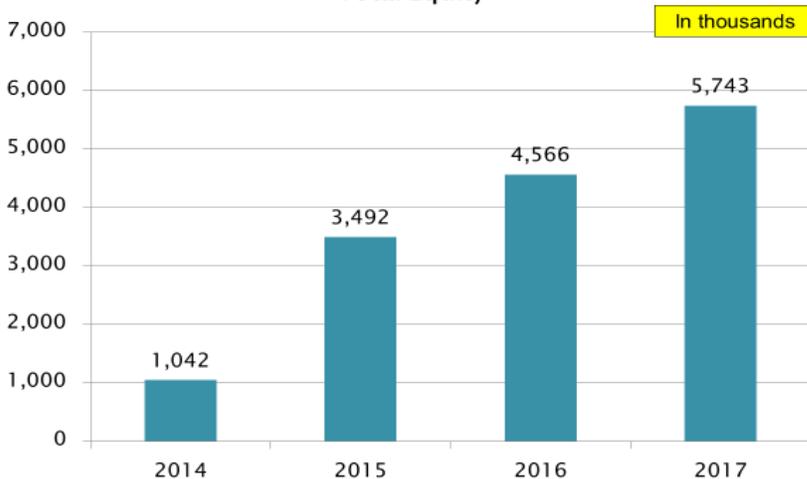


Look how  
we have  
**GROWN!!!**

### Summary of Revenue



### Total Equity



# the 2017 BUSINESS SHOWCASE

Spring Showcase Calgary



“working with  
**INDUSTRY**  
to create a better  
future for our  
**COMMUNITY.**”

**BRINGING JOB OPPORTUNITIES  
TO OUR COMMUNITY**

**FORT MCKAY METIS**

**We Are**

**HIRING**



**JOB FAIR  
2017**



# MESSAGE FROM OUR CONTROLLER

On behalf of the Fort McKay Métis Community Association and its subsidiaries, I am pleased to report that the 2016/2017 fiscal year was successful for modest growth, despite the economic downturn and evacuation. Our Management team made critical and difficult decisions which included financial reconstructing for the continued health of the organizations.

One of our financial goals is for our organization to serve as a living model of a well-run organization - consistent with the skills, tools, and frameworks to do so. Achieving this goal starts with accountability and transparency and continues with hard work and integrity of the accounting staff.

**Our team is confident the financial information contained in the preliminary financial statements following, fairly represents the organizations financial position and results of operations. FMMCA and its subsidiaries frequently share financial reports with government, financial institutions and industry to comply with regulations and signed agreements.**

(MNP LLP) Meyers Norris Penny, through its Aboriginal Services Division, has been our independent external auditor for the past 4 years. Our statements are highly scrutinized by this independent national accounting firm and conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). MNP have full and unrestricted access to our financial records for auditing purposes and to discuss their audit and related findings. They are currently performing an independent audit of our financial statements which will be available at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Fort McKay Metis Community is blazing new trails that will be a model for other Metis organizations and communities to follow in years to come. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to utilize my 30+ years of experience in the accounting field to assist in the development of this unique organizational portfolio.

Regards,  
Jessica Sweetman  
Controller





Fort McKay Metis Community Association  
Statement of Financial Position  
(preliminary as sent to MNP for audit)  
As at March 31, 2017

ASSETS

Current Assets

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Cash                | 575,736      |
| Accounts Receivable | 362,867      |
| Prepaid Expenses    | <u>9,204</u> |

Total Current Assets 947,807

Total Fixed Assets 4,970,464

Investment in Fort McKay Metis Group 1,277,541

TOTAL ASSETS 7,195,813

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Accounts Payable                   | 43,347         |
| Accrued and government liabilities | 40,758         |
| RBC Line of credit                 | 85,000         |
| Deferred Funding                   | <u>499,336</u> |

Total Current Liabilities 668,441

Total Long-Term Debt 2,062,429

Total Liabilities 2,730,870

NET ASSETS

Investment in capital assets 2,843,284

Unrestricted 1,073,013

Excess of revenue over expenses 548,646

Total Equity 4,464,943

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 7,195,813

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**Fort McKay Metis Community Association  
Statement of Operations  
(preliminary as sent to MNP for audit)  
For the year ended March 31, 2017**

**REVENUE**

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Trust revenue          | 1,090,244               |
| Sustainability funding | 770,364                 |
| Other revenues         | <u>676,046</u>          |
| <b>Total Income</b>    | <b><u>2,536,654</u></b> |

**Expenses**

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| Trust eligible expenses  | 943,265                 |
| Sustainability department expenses                                     | 588,730                 |
| Salaries, wages and benefits   | 286,409                 |
| Honorariums  | 251,468                 |
| Amortization expense   | 207,521                 |
| Community expenses   | 77,112                  |
| Travel   | 50,888                  |
| Vehicle  | 31,009                  |
| Advertising and promotion  | 29,716                  |
| Bank charges and interest  | 8,914                   |
| Meals, entertainment, meetings   | 5,923                   |
| Insurance  | 2,970                   |
| <b>Total Expense</b>   | <b><u>2,483,924</u></b> |
| <b>Excess of revenue over expenses before other items</b>              | <b><u>52,730</u></b>    |
| <b>Earnings from Investment in Fort McKay Metis Group of Companies</b> | <b>495,916</b>          |
| <b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>                                 | <b><u>548,646</u></b>   |

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**NOTE TO STATEMENT:**

Trust eligible expenses as noted above include non-capital items including staff salaries, operational expenses, professional fees, housing repairs, social and cultural events, etc.

Sustainability department expenses as noted above include non-capital items including salaries, operational expenses, professional and consulting fees, honoraria etc



# McKay Métis Group

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**Fort McKay Group of Companies**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheet**  
(preliminary as sent to MNP for audit)  
As of March 31, 2017

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Cash                | 128,672   |
| Accounts Receivable | 2,241,484 |
| Prepaid Expenses    | 86,533    |
| Inventory           | 51,837    |
| Unbilled Revenue    | 218,130   |
| Loans/advances      | 23,193    |

**Total Current Assets** 2,749,849

**Total Fixed Assets** 1,282,706

**TOTAL ASSETS** **4,032,556**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Current Liabilities**

|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Accounts Payable                   | 790,278        |
| Accrued and government liabilities | 1,132,680      |
| Corporate taxes payable            | 69,041         |
| RBC Line of credit                 | <u>525,000</u> |

**Total Current Liabilities** 2,516,998

Inter-company accounts 36,950

**Total Long Term Debt and Capital Leases** 352,579

Shareholder Loans 1,563

**Total Liabilities** 2,908,091

**Equity**

Share capital 350

Retained Earnings 628,199

Net Income - current year 495,916

**Total Equity** 1,124,465

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** **4,032,556**

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Consolidated statements for the following corporations:

Fort McKay Métis Group Ltd, McKay Métis Contracting Ltd, McKay Métis Transportation Ltd, McKay Métis Property Corporation

**Fort McKay Métis Group Ltd.**

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**McKay Métis Group**

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**Fort McKay Metis Group Ltd.**  
**Profit & Loss Statement**  
 (preliminary as sent to MNP for audit)  
 For the year ending March 31, 2017

|                                     |                                  |                       |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                       |                                  |                       |
|                                     | Revenue                          | <u>5,727,573</u>      |
| <b>Total Income</b>                 |                                  | <b>5,727,573</b>      |
| <b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>           |                                  |                       |
|                                     | NCP - Direct Costs               | 2,045,035             |
|                                     | Wages Expense                    | 40,695                |
|                                     | Equipment Expenses               | 226,641               |
|                                     | Subcontracting Expenses          | 357,108               |
|                                     | Other Direct Expenses            | <u>226,227</u>        |
| <b>Total COGS</b>                   |                                  | <u>2,895,706</u>      |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>                 |                                  | 2,831,868             |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>           |                                  |                       |
|                                     | Salaries and Wages               | 1,094,654             |
|                                     | Professional Fees                | 407,251               |
|                                     | Amortization expense             | 268,327               |
|                                     | Office Supplies and other        | 62,586                |
|                                     | Travel                           | 50,200                |
|                                     | Advertising and Promotions       | 67,077                |
|                                     | Bank Charges and Interest        | 38,204                |
|                                     | Service Vehicle expenses         | 59,763                |
|                                     | Evacuation expense payouts       | 40,685                |
|                                     | Utilities and rent               | 43,437                |
|                                     | Telecommunications               | 18,663                |
|                                     | Meals and entertainment          | 11,512                |
|                                     | Insurance - business/directors   | <u>7,991</u>          |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                |                                  | 2,170,350             |
| <b>Equity pickups</b>               |                                  |                       |
|                                     | MMC profit                       | 66,488                |
|                                     | MMT profit                       | 21,086                |
|                                     | MMP loss                         | (12,993)              |
|                                     | MMSS profit                      | 30,793                |
|                                     | MMES profit                      | <u>1,039</u>          |
|                                     |                                  | 106,413               |
| <b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>         |                                  | <b>767,931</b>        |
| <b>Other Revenues</b>               |                                  |                       |
|                                     | Partnership income (Civeo/Akita) | <u>449,307</u>        |
|                                     |                                  | 449,307               |
| <b>Other Expenses</b>               |                                  |                       |
|                                     | Board Salaries/Honorariums etc   | 575,190               |
|                                     | Community Bonus                  | 64,500                |
|                                     | Loss on sale of Asset            | 23,003                |
|                                     | Provision for income taxes       | <u>58,629</u>         |
|                                     |                                  | <u>721,322</u>        |
| <b>NET PROFIT AFTER OTHER ITEMS</b> |                                  | <u><b>495,916</b></u> |

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# LETTER FROM RBC TRUST



**Wealth Management**  
Estate & Trust Services

**Royal Trust Corporation of Canada**

Aboriginal Trust Services  
2300, 335 8th Avenue SW  
Calgary, AB T2P 1C9

Dear Members of Fort McKay Metis Community Association;

Re: Fort McKay Metis Community Trust

We write to you in our capacity as Trustee of both a bare trust established by the Fort McKay First Nation and the Fort McKay Metis Community Association (the "Association") to receive and allocate payments from various industry stakeholders (the "Bare Trust"), and the Fort McKay Metis Community Trust (the "Community Trust") which receives distributions from the Bare Trust on behalf of the Association. The beneficiaries of the Community Trust are the Association and the Fort McKay Community Foundation.

We are pleased to advise that no areas of concern were noted by the Trustee, that the Association's Board of Directors has fulfilled its responsibilities and reporting requirements as set out in the trust agreement, and that there have been no material breaches of the Community Trust Agreement in 2016. During the year, the Community Trust distributed \$1,206,373.06 for permitted purposes including to support:

- Housing & Infrastructure
- Sustainability Department
- Professional & Consulting Fees
- Metis Day Celebration
- Operational Expenses

Under the Community Trust Agreement, the Association's Board directs funds to be deposited into a Heritage Account or a Capacity Building Account. Funds in the Heritage Account may only be used to make authorized investments, pay authorized expenses, or to transfer to the Fort McKay Metis Community Foundation to be spent in accordance with the terms of the Community Trust Agreement. Funds in the Capacity Building Account may be used to make authorized investments, to secure or finance loans, and/or to transfer to the Association for expenditure on those types of programs or projects permitted by the Community Trust Agreement.

The Board must also undertake additional planning, assessment and budgeting in relation to each of the proposed projects/programs, and maintain all source documents and accounting records, and to designate a General Ledger account number for each project/program funded by the Community Trust. The Association's audited financial statements must include a separate schedule accounting for the funds deposited into the Capacity Building Account and the auditor must make a note explaining any material variation in expenditure.

We are honored to have been chosen as the Trustee of the Bare Trust and Community Trust and look forward to working with Fort McKay Metis and its vision for the future for many years to come.

AMWright



# LETTER FROM ATB

atb.com

ATB

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Fort McKay Metis Community Association  
Fort McKay, Alberta

Attn: Honorable members of the Fort McKay Metis Community Association

Honorable Members;

**Re: Opportunity to Establish a Relationship with the Community and its Members**

As per the opportunity presented to us to establish and develop a relationship with the community and its members, we just wanted to take a moment to express our sincere appreciation.

ATB is the Alberta bank. As such we are here to help Albertans; help them grow, meet their goals and realize their dreams. It is with this in mind that we are genuinely excited at the opportunity to be more involved, both formally and informally, with the members and their community.

It would be difficult to overstate how much the members of that community have achieved in recent years and we look forward to the opportunity to be a part of the many future successes yet to come. More than this, we genuinely look forward to the opportunity to work with the community and its members.

As we continue to do all we can to seek ways to best serve Albertans, ATB is in the early stages of building an Indigenous Relations Strategy adding further strength in terms of recruitment, procurement, business partnerships, and community relationships

Be it with the Fort McKay Metis Group, the Community Association or individual members, we are strong believers in the power and value of relationships. Only through building genuine relationships are we able to truly help build stronger communities and help individuals meet their goals and dreams.

The relationship we have established with members of the community and operational staff from the McKay Metis group of companies have certainly given us confidence in terms of the community's abilities to continue to achieve their aspirations and goals.

We look forward to continuing to build upon these relationships: assisting with business ventures through advice and financing, supporting community ventures through sponsorship and engagement, and, most importantly, ensuring we are present and accountable for your individual members. We will seek to ensure the community has access to a bank and associates that genuinely seek to make banking work for people rather than the other way round.

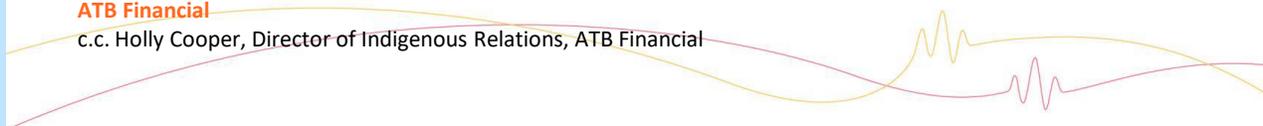
Sincerely,

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