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**Fort McMurray First Nation supports Fort McKay First Nation and its Moose Lake plan.**

*Edmonton, Alberta (February 3, 2020)* After attending the Moose Lake Together Summit, on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, Chief Ron Kreutzer stated the importance of protecting traditional territories and supporting Fort McMurray First Nation in its work, over the past 20 years, to further its Moose Lake plan.

“Creating a vibrant and sustainable community is founded on protecting the environment. Preserving our land for future generations is key to protecting our culture and traditional way of life. This work has to happen for our youth and their children after them” stated Chief Kreutzer.

Also present at the Summit were representatives from the Government of Alberta, several oilsands companies, and businesses with leases for resource development in the Fort McKay traditional territory. Fort McKay First Nation Chief, Mel Grandjamb, spoke positively about the results of the day, sharing the significance of the land for the community, his family, and himself.

Chief Grandjamb said, “Development will be allowed, under appropriate conditions, to ensure acceptable impact. It is a traditional land that is sacred to Fort McKay and the last significant wilderness in the Fort McKay territory.”

In addition to sharing Fort McKay First Nation’s 43 recommendations, Chief Grandjamb announced a three-month plan, working with the Government of Alberta, to finalize *The Moose Lake 10 Kilometre Management Zone Plan* (Moose Lake Plan). The work to finalize the plan will be through monthly leadership meetings and weekly working groups to ensure success.

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