

Press Release



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Willow Lake Métis Join CEMA

Fort McMurray, Alberta – The Cumulative Environmental Management Association (CEMA) has approved the Willow Lake Métis Local # 780 as its newest member. The CEMA Board voted unanimously to accept Willow Lake to join the Aboriginal Caucus. With the addition of Willow Lake Métis, CEMA’s Aboriginal Membership increases to nine.

“The Willow Lake members are pleased to once again be back in CEMA and look forward to a strong partnership in the years ahead.” stated Willow Lake Métis Local # 780, President Elaine Hurley “The improvements in CEMA over the past few years have ensured that there is stronger participation from the Métis Locals in their Aboriginal activities.”

“We welcome Willow Lake’s reengagement within CEMA.” commented Jumbo Fraser, CEMA Vice President. “The involvement of members from the Métis Local in CEMA’s Aboriginal Caucus, Traditional Environment Knowledge Advisory Committee, and Working Groups will continue to improve Aboriginal involvement in CEMA.”

CEMA current Aboriginal Membership includes Chard Métis Local # 214; Conklin Métis Local # 193; Fort Chipewyan Métis Local # 125; Fort McKay Métis Local # 63; Fort McKay First Nation; Fort McMurray Métis Local # 2020; Métis Nation of Alberta Region One; Nistawayou Association Friendship Centre and Willow Lake Métis Local # 780.

CEMA is a multi-stakeholder society that is a key advisor to the provincial and federal governments committed to respectful, inclusive dialogue to make recommendations to manage the cumulative environmental effects of regional development on air, land, water and biodiversity.

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