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*"A Sustainable, Vibrant, and Diversified Community with Opportunities for All"*

## **SUPPORT FOR FORT MCMURRAY**

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COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER, AB

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The spirit and strength of our Province has been proven once again these past weeks as individuals, businesses, organizations, and municipalities have stood beside Fort McMurray and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo as they battle devastating wildfires. The overwhelming support from all corners of our Province, and our Country, shows the determination of Albertans and Canadians to unite with a spirit of humanity in the face of such tremendous challenge.

On behalf of County of Vermilion River Council and Staff, Reeve Daryl Watt sends best wishes to everyone involved in the wildfires. "The dedication of hundreds of volunteers has been key in protecting homes, infrastructure and most importantly – lives - in the Fort McMurray area. We know if something like this were to happen here, that same support network would come to our aid. Thank you to all the local communities, individuals and businesses for your fundraising and support initiatives to assist our fellow municipalities."

**A donation of \$1 per capita (a total of \$8,116) will be made on behalf of the County of Vermilion River to the Canadian Red Cross to assist with the needs of the evacuees. As well, the County of Vermilion River remains on standby to send further emergency resources or provide other support should the need arise.**

In east central Alberta at the Alberta-Saskatchewan border you will find the County of Vermilion River, which is home to 8,116 residents, 7 unincorporated hamlets, 4 villages and 1 town. The many features, amenities and opportunities in our municipality make it **"A sustainable, vibrant and diversified community with opportunities for all"**. Our municipal operations are based out of Kitscoty, Alberta – in the heart of a prosperous agricultural region and thriving energy sector built on an innovative entrepreneurial spirit.

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