



Media Release

Cold Lake First Nations Welcomes the Alberta Budget 2017

March 21, 2017 (Cold Lake First Nation, Treaty No. 6 Territory, Alberta) – Cold Lake First Nations congratulates Premier Rachel Notley, her Cabinet, and the Government of Alberta for tabling the Alberta budget on March 16, 2017, that is compassionate to the needs of real Albertans in difficult economic circumstances, while putting forward a positive vision for the future relationship of the province of Alberta with First Nations in Alberta.

“Cold Lake First Nations congratulates Premier Notley, her Cabinet, and the Government of Alberta for putting forward a budget that is compassionate towards Albertans struggling in our economic downturn, while at the same time announcing innovative and necessary new investments towards First Nations in Alberta that will assist us in meeting basic needs and services for our citizens that all other Albertans can take for granted,” says Chief Bernice Martial.

“Cold Lake First Nations looks forward to meeting with the province of Alberta as soon as possible to discuss the needs and our plan for new and necessary investments in infrastructure that will bring clean drinking water to our people and secure water for the Casino Dene, which is provincially licensed and a large portion of the revenue from it flows directly to Alberta. We know what our needs are and have a plan that is shovel ready for new investment,” said Councillor Dwayne Nest.

“The federal government has a responsibility to the ownership of the current water line and the federal LeGoff School on Cold Lake First Nation,” added Councillor Dwayne Nest.

“Cold Lake First Nation welcomes the vision put forward by the government of Alberta to make new investments in our community and we welcome Alberta as a partner in finding solutions to our water, housing, roads, fiscal and economic needs which will make life better for our people, spur new investments and create new jobs,” said Councillor Dean Janvier.

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