



# News Release

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## **WBHDC to build Community Campus at Willow Square**

*Fort McMurray*—The Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation announces today the launch of its much anticipated Community Campus project at Willow Square.

The Government of Alberta has completed a purchase agreement with the Canada Housing and Mortgage Corporation that consolidates the entire building site that has now, with the explicit endorsement of Regional Council, been transferred to the WBHDC.

“The Community Campus will be a world-class, inclusive, multi-purpose development in downtown Fort McMurray that addresses several of the very unique needs in this community,” said Bryan Lutes, President/CEO.

The Willow Square project will combine a wide range of market, affordable, subsidized and social apartment and condominium housing options that will enable current and new residents of Fort McMurray to better establish themselves as members of this growing community. Willow Square will also include a range of housing options for independent seniors that will allow them to stay in this community that is their home in comfort and with access to appropriate services

The project will also include significant street-front retail and commercial space, much needed new office space, and below-market cost office space to be dedicated to Fort McMurray non-profits that lately have been forced to settle for sub-standard space because they cannot afford market rents in this community.

This important redevelopment project will be designed with significant public input to ensure most appropriate project configuration and optimal land use for this very important site, which is on major transit routes and across the street from the Northern Lights Health Centre, existing retail shopping, and schools.

The Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation will launch a comprehensive community engagement program before Christmas to ensure that all residents of Wood Buffalo have an opportunity to contribute to the success of this project.

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