

HMECU Donates to Fort McMurray Relief Efforts

The community of Fort McMurray has been devastated by the largest fire evacuation in Alberta's history. As the wildfire has spread across northern Alberta, the Red Cross has already provided more than \$30 million in immediate financial assistance to thousands of families in need of basic items during this difficult time.

Credit Unions and Cooperatives across Canada have committed to making financial donations to help the relief efforts. HMECU is pleased to have made a donation to the Red Cross Alberta Fires Appeal which stands ready to support people as they work to rebuild their lives.

For more information on how Canadian Credit Unions and Cooperatives are helping this cause, please [click here](#) to view an article by Credit Union Central of Alberta.

How the Canadian Red Cross is Helping

- Red Cross is making direct financial deposits to individuals and families affected to help respond to the immediate needs of evacuees. Hundreds of specially trained volunteers are also providing comfort and care to those who are suffering from emotional trauma, and helping evacuees at shelters, with registration, family reunification and to help meet urgent, basic needs.
- Shelters offering warm beds and meals in Edmonton, Calgary, and Lac La Biche are being supported by Red Cross.
- A family reunification service is being offered to family members separated during the evacuation, and for worried relatives across Canada who are trying to find loved ones.
- Pre-existing stockpiles of relief supplies (water, hygiene kits, cots and blankets, and more) have been distributed at shelters and other locations.

Thank You to the First Responders

HMECU wishes to extend our deepest appreciation to all of the brave first responders across Canada who have come together to fight the wildfire in Fort McMurray. Thank you for all that you do!