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## Cold Lake First Nations Celebrates Groundbreaking of New Community Gathering Space

COLD LAKE FIRST NATIONS, AB — Cold Lake First Nations is proud to celebrate the groundbreaking of its new Community Gathering Space, a significant investment in the future of the Nation that will create opportunities for community connection, cultural celebration, economic growth, and regional partnerships.

Located between Hotel Dene and Casino Dene along Highway 28, the new facility will serve as a central gathering place for Cold Lake First Nations members and visitors alike. Designed to accommodate up to 750 guests, the Community Gathering Space will host a variety of events including community celebrations, cultural gatherings, conferences, trade shows, markets, meetings, and special events throughout the year.

Directly connecting Hotel Dene and Casino Dene buildings, the facility will strengthen Cold Lake First Nations' growing hospitality and tourism offerings while creating new opportunities for local and regional events.

The Community Gathering Space represents more than a building. It is an investment in community wellness, cultural revitalization, economic development, and self-determination. The project will support employment opportunities during construction and operations while enhancing the Nation's ability to host larger events within the community.

The project follows extensive planning and feasibility work that confirmed the need for a modern gathering facility capable of supporting both community and business activities while contributing to the long-term sustainability of Cold Lake First Nations-owned enterprises.

As construction begins, Cold Lake First Nations remains committed to maximizing opportunities for Nation members and supporting local participation throughout the project.

Cold Lake First Nations looks forward to sharing updates with community members as construction progresses.

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