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Cold Lake First Nations Responds to Federal Announcement on Major Projects List

Cold Lake First Nations (CLFN) acknowledges today's announcement by Prime Minister Carney of projects designated under the "Fast Track" list of the *One Canadian Economy Act*, as well as those referred to the new Major Projects Office for future consideration.

Among these, the Pathways+ Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage project was highlighted as a priority for the next wave of projects to be announced in November.

The Prime Minister promised in July to directly consult with affected Nations - including CLFN - before any decisions on Pathways were made. Despite repeated outreach, that commitment has not been honoured. We call on him to meet immediately with CLFN and our Treaty 6 neighbours, whose reserve lands are directly affected by the proposed CO₂ injection hub.

Pathways is a \$16.5-billion mega-project involving facilities, pipelines, and a waste storage hub beneath our territory. The federal government is presenting Pathways as a key decarbonization initiative, now explicitly paired with the prospect of a new oil pipeline to enable expanded oil production in Alberta.

CLFN has serious concerns. Pathways is already being rushed through provincial regulatory processes that fail to meaningfully include First Nations. Our members have raised risks of CO₂ pipeline leaks, seismic events from injection, lack of transparency about storage locations, and broader environmental damage.

CLFN and other Nations have requested designation of the project under the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA) to ensure cumulative impacts, Treaty rights, and environmental risks are assessed holistically. Without this process, there is no guarantee of accountability, transparency, or protection for our rights.

Meanwhile, industry continues to seek piecemeal approvals while lobbying for billions in provincial and federal taxpayer subsidies - up to 75% of project costs - without the inclusion of affected Nations at the table.

We are not opposed to development, But it must be done the right way – with Treaty rights respected, risks managed, and benefits guaranteed. If Pathways Plus+ is to proceed as part of Canada's energy and decarbonization strategy, then CLFN must be at the table from the start - not as an afterthought.

Cold Lake First Nations will continue to advocate strongly for our Treaty rights, for proper accommodation, and for a fair deal that ensures our people share in the benefits – not just the burdens – of resource development.

Sincerely,
Chief Kelsey Jacko
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