



# **MASTER FACILITY AND CAPITAL PLAN**

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## **Fort McMurray Public School District #2833**

### **Facility Master Plan**

#### **Submitted:**

#### Issues/Trends

The current downturn has impacted oil sands capital expenditures but growth in operations continues over the next 5 years adding an expected 10,000 residents, see attached Nicholls Applied Management Oilsands Community Alliance Population Report, Appendix A page 2. Fort McMurray continues to have a young population with the largest cohort under 19 years of age in the 0 to 4 years old age group, see summary from 2016 Stats Canada, Appendix C. Reduced benefits to employees is causing families to make decisions as commuting is no longer affordable, with decline in housing prices families are consolidating and relocating to Fort McMurray. The economic growth is sustained by the rebuild from the May 2016 wildfire and annual maintenance shutdowns for existing plants.

2016 Stats Canada Census shows 8.4% of the urban population in Fort McMurray is ages 0 to 4 years old, 5 to 9 ages is 6.5%, 10 to 14 ages is 4.9% and 15 to 19 ages is 4.1%, Stats Canada Summary Appendix C. These demographics are supporting the growing student population in the City of Fort McMurray, especially early childhood to grade 3. If the current ECS numbers continue then Fort McMurray Public could see in 10 years a student population of 7000 students.

Other factors affecting the Fort McMurray Public School District, which need to be considered, include the following:

- ✓ District facilities are “wearing out”, the need to modernize six of fourteen facilities is needed. Modernizing these schools will require an investment from Alberta Education. Attached is FMPSD’s 7 year Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal (IMR) totaling \$23.9 million or \$3.4 million per year. (Appendix “D”). This is more than double our IMR grant allocation of \$1.5 million dollars.
- ✓ Plant Operations and Maintenance funding has been insufficient since the introduction of the Funding Framework for School Districts in 1995. The District is faced with a struggle to attract and retain staff. The COLA introduced and funded by Alberta Education in 2006 has helped mitigate but not eliminate the disparity between living and working in Fort McMurray. The elimination of RCPA grant in 2011-2012 and the Special

Education factor removed in 2013-2014 have exacerbated the deficit in Operations and Maintenance budget.

In summary, the Fort McMurray Public School District needs government understanding, support, flexibility and a proactive approach to capital funding (modernizations and IMR) within this unique and challenging community.

#### Current Challenges:

There are a number of areas, which need to be addressed regarding School District facilities. These are summarized below:

#### 1. **Walter and Gladys Hill Portable Addition**

This school's enrollment has grown very quickly with the September 12, 2017 count at 588. With 96 students in pre-kindergarten and 95 in kindergarten, the school is trending to 750 students. The District has looked at adjusting school catchment areas with the two neighbouring schools. Timberlea school has the highly successful Christian program which was relocated into that facility from a rental building this fall. Christina Gordon's September 12, 2017 enrollment is 336 students and trending towards 575 students in the next 3 - 5 years.

The next option is to move 4 modulares from Dave McNeilly. With the drop in new housing construction, Dave McNeilly September 12, 2017 enrollment is 121. It is forecasted to grow to 240 - 300 students. This allows for the relocation of 4 modulares to Walter Gladys Hill and still leaves space for growth at Dave McNeilly.

#### 2. **Ecole Dickinsfield Modernization**

The District has been requesting funding for modernization of this 40 year old facility since January 1, 2010. The existing portables are patched onto the main school and are the same age or older than the core building, they need to be replaced. The infrastructure is wearing out at this site and requires modernizing. This is a tight site and will require careful planning to meet future growth. Not modernizing this facility will impact our highly successful French Immersion and English Language programming in Ecole Dickinsfield and will cost more in the long term due to extensive maintenance and repair costs.

#### 3. **Westwood Modernization**

Westwood High School is 32 years old. A modernization will be required to ensure adequate and appropriate space is available, including decommissioning and repurposing the YMCA space in 2020.

- 4. Thickwood Heights School Modernization**  
Thickwood Heights School's 4 older portables are in very poor condition. The modernization would replace these and revitalize a tired core which is 43 years old and beyond its life expectancy.
- 5. Westview School Modernization**  
The District has been requesting funding for this project since January 1, 2010. Westview School, though having had its portables upgraded to modular classrooms, requires a modernization that would revive the aging 38 year old core and infrastructure which is beyond its life expectancy.
- 6. Beacon Hill Modernization**  
Beacon Hill School is 42 years old and requires modernization. Development is expected to start on the south side of the Athabasca River in the very near future. Infrastructure in this school is aging and in need of repair and upgrading as it is beyond its life expectancy.
- 7. Greely Road Modernization**  
The 36 year old infrastructure is at the end of its lifecycle and in need of revitalizing and is home to the highly successful Islamic Alternative Program.
- 8. New Saline Creek K-6**  
Saline Creek development for 20,000 residents was noted in the Radke Report titled "Responding to the Rapid Growth of Oil Sands Development" as a top priority to help meet the demand for housing in Fort McMurray. FMPSD is requesting a Core School. This community is isolated from other areas and the nearest school is Greely Road over capacity with 77% utilization and housing the highly successful Islamic Alternative Program.
- 9. New Parsons Creek Timberlea K-6 II Construction**  
Parsons Creek is a top priority by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. It is planned to have up to 24,000 residents when completed. The land is cleared and Phase One for 8,000 residents is under construction with 2500 residents and the first choice for those looking for new homes-
- 10. New Saline Creek 7-12**  
Saline Creek development for 20,000 residents is now underway with deep services being installed. It was noted in the Radke Report titled, "Responding to the Rapid Growth of Oil Sands Development" as a top priority to help meet the demand for housing in Fort McMurray. Additional junior/senior high school space south of the river will be required to accommodate the new students and residents of Saline Creek Plateau. Residential construction has started. New school capacity will be needed in order to accommodate the families and students

- 11. New Parsons Creek Timberlea 7-12 Construction**  
Parsons Creek is a top priority by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. It is planned to have up to 24,000 residents when completed and existing high schools in Timberlea do not have the capacity to accommodate. The land is cleared and Phase One for 8,000 residents and is 30% occupied
- 12. New Saline Creek K-6 II**  
The continued expansion and growth of the Saline Creek Plateau development for 20,000 residents will require another core elementary school to provide the local capacity and programming needed
- 13. Timberlea School Modernization in 2011.**  
Timberlea School is 31 years old with 5 additions of modulars. Modernization will ensure that this school continues to meet the needs of future generations.
- 14. New Stone Creek K – 6 - Construction (Core 420-600)**  
The continued growth and expansion in Timberlea Parcel F will require a community school. Fort McMurray Public School District has added modulars and is changing grade configuration.
- 15. Dr. Clark Modernization in 2023**  
It will be 20 years since the last modernization and it is expected that the building's core will need to be updated in order to prolong the life of the facility
- 16. Ecole McTavish Modernization in 2035.**  
It will be 25 years since the school opened and it is expected that the building's core will need to be updated
- 17. New West Growth Area K-6 Construction**  
West Growth is a top priority by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo after New Parsons Creek. It is planned to have up to 29,000 residents when completed
- 18. New Horse River K-6**  
Horse River is a future development for 14,000 residents; existing schools do not have the capacity to absorb the new students.
- 19. New K-6 Hangingstone River**  
Hangingstone is a new development for 29,000 residents, where existing schools do not have the capacity to absorb the expected increase in residents and students

**20. Urban High School**

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo has Bylaw No. 12/003 City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan a portion of which is attached in Appendix F. The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Plan on page 21 of the bylaw plans to increase the City Centre to 67,600 from 13,000. Discussions with Senior Managers and the District have confirmed a desire, not only to increase the population, but to increase the percentage of families from 11% to 18% in the City Centre. The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is proposing an Urban High School as part of the City Centre Plan. The District will need this facility and Composite High School to accommodate this tremendous growth in City Centre. The combined impact of the growth and increased family dwellings results in an 880% increase in the number of family homes in City Centre

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**RE: OSCA Population Model: 2016 Updates**

## 1. Background

OSCA has requested that Nichols generate specific population forecasts using the OSCA Population Model, taking into consideration the following factors:

- The 2016 CAPP production forecast and the latest information publicly available with respect to **status and timing for oil sands projects** located in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB).
- **Changes in regional workforce requirements** as a result of recent economic conditions **brought on by the 2015 economic recession** (e.g. lower oil prices driving a move towards operational efficiencies, automation, and decreased workforce requirements for oil sands operators, contractors, and suppliers).
- **Impacts related to the 2016 Fort McMurray wildfire** including reduced housing and service options, increased use of fly-in/fly-out workforce models (FIFO), and reduced local labour availability.

The OSCA population model estimates the timing, magnitude and distribution of employment and population impacts in the RMWB based on varying oil sands development scenarios. It is an integrated labour force and age cohort survival model, whereby in- and out-migration, driven by local economic factors, is layered over the natural rate (births/deaths) of population growth.

The following report provides an overview of preliminary projections generated using the OSCA model. These projections are based on a number of inputs and assumptions which are subject to further revision and refinement based on additional feedback or input received from OSCA and other stakeholders.

## 2. Summary of Results

### 2.1 Overview

Figure 1 provides an overview of population forecasts (2015-2030) for the Urban Service Area (i.e. Fort McMurray and Sapræe Creek, or the USA), taking into consideration the three aforementioned factors.

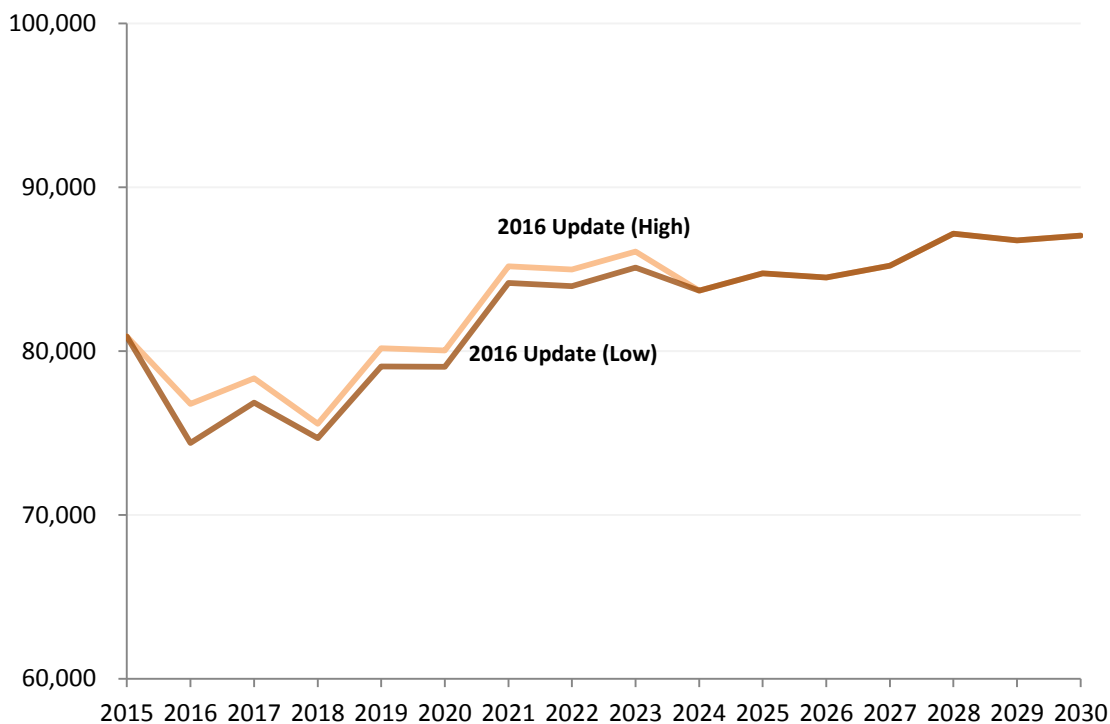
The difference between the 2016 low and high range scenarios is related to uncertainty regarding the impact of the 2016 wildfire on population levels in the community.

As shown in Figure 1, the population in Fort McMurray is expected to fluctuate over the forecast period. Specifically, the population is expected to:

- decrease in the range of 5,000 to 6,000 (7%-8%) over the 2015-2018 period, with much of this decrease happening in 2016 due to the impact of the wildfire and changing regional workforce requirements. After 2016 growth related to wildfire recovery activities is offset by impacts from continued decreases in employment by oil sands operators seeking out operational efficiencies and productivity improvements.
- increase in the range of 10,000 (15%) over the 2018-2023 timeframe due in large part to the overlap of some projects beginning and ramping up to full operations along with other projects entering construction.
- increase in the range of 1,000 to 2,000 (1%-2%) over the 2023-2030 timeframe as many oil sands projects included in the forecast will have already finished construction and entered into operations.

Over the entire forecast period (2015-2030), growth is expected, at an average annual rate of less than one percent. As noted, these projections are based on a number of inputs and assumptions which are subject to further revision and refinement.

**Figure 1: 2016 OSCA Model Population Projections (2015-2030)**



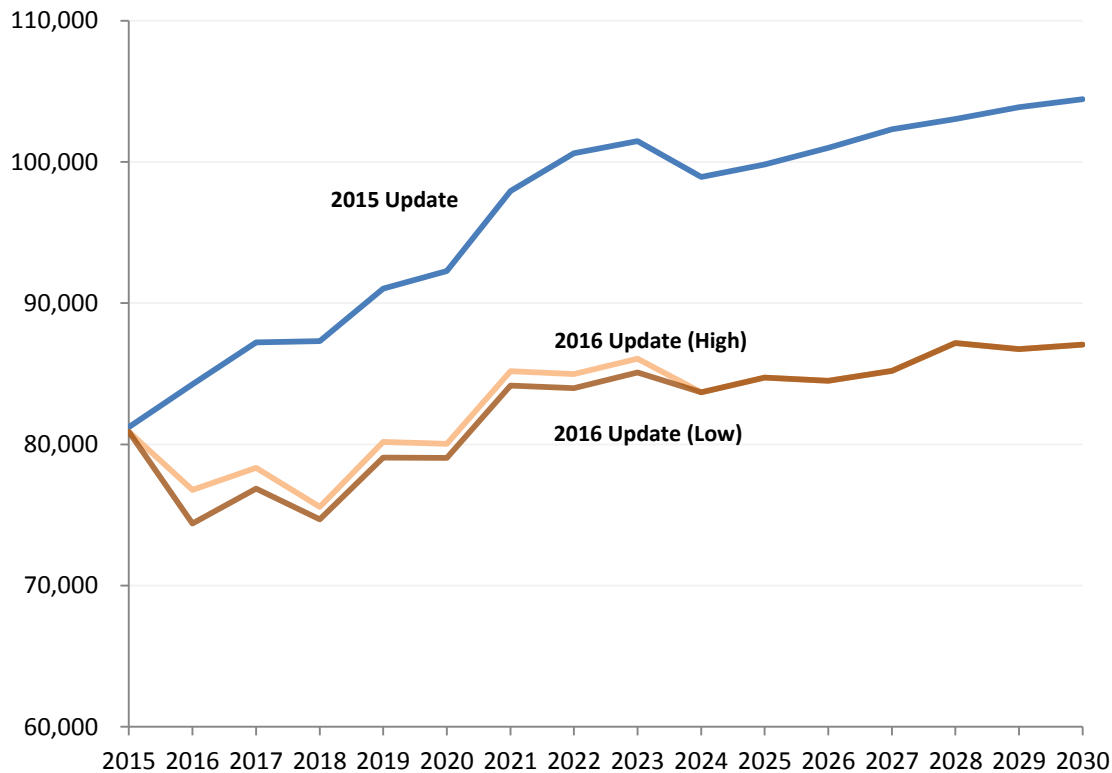
Notes: 1) Urban Service Area (USA) population

2) Difference between the 2016 low and high range scenarios is related to uncertainty regarding the impact of the 2016 wildfire on population levels in the community

## 2.2 Comparison to 2015 Projections

Figure 2 compares the 2016 population projections to an OSCA population model projection carried out in 2015. The 2016 forecast estimates a population in 2030 that is in the range of 17,000-19,000 (roughly 17%) lower than forecasted in 2015.

**Figure 2: Comparison of OSCA Model Population Projections (2015-2030)**



Note: 1) Urban Service Area (USA) population

The difference between the 2015 and 2016 OSCA model forecasts is attributable to the following factors:

- **Change in status and timing of individual oil sands projects** in the RMWB.
  - In the near-term (2015-2018), changes in project status and timing announced over the past year has reduced the population forecast, but not substantively so in comparison to other factors considered (e.g. wildfire).
  - Over the long-term, change in project status and timing is expected to have a marginal effect on population. As an example, the 2016 forecast estimates the population for the USA in 2030 will be approximately 3,000 people lower than forecasted in 2015 (see Figure 4).
- **Changes in regional workforce requirements.**
  - In both the near and long-term, changing regional workforce requirements will have a substantive impact on population growth in the region. This factor alone accounts for

roughly three-quarters of the difference between the two forecasts in 2030. This impact is discussed further in Section 3.2.

- **Impact of the 2016 Fort McMurray wildfire.**

- In the near term, the wildfire had an immediate and substantive impact on the USA population with roughly 3,700 to 6,000 residents estimated to have not returned in 2016.<sup>1</sup> In the next few years (2017-2021), much of this impact will be muted as a result of population growth related to the rebuilding process (see Figure 6).
- In the longer-term, the wildfire is not expected to have a demonstrable impact on population.

The above discussion of forecast results suggests a clear delineation of factors considered in the analysis (e.g. change in project status, change in regional workforce requirements, impact of wildfires). In actuality, these factors are inter-related and influence one another. For example, prevailing economic conditions and the potential loss of employment was likely a factor in the individual decisions of some residents to not return to Fort McMurray after the wildfire.

In addition, changes in employment and associated in/out migration is more fluid than suggested in the model results. As such, model results for any one year should be viewed as an indication of direction and magnitude, not as precise estimates.

## 2.3 Comparison to Previous RMWB Forecasts

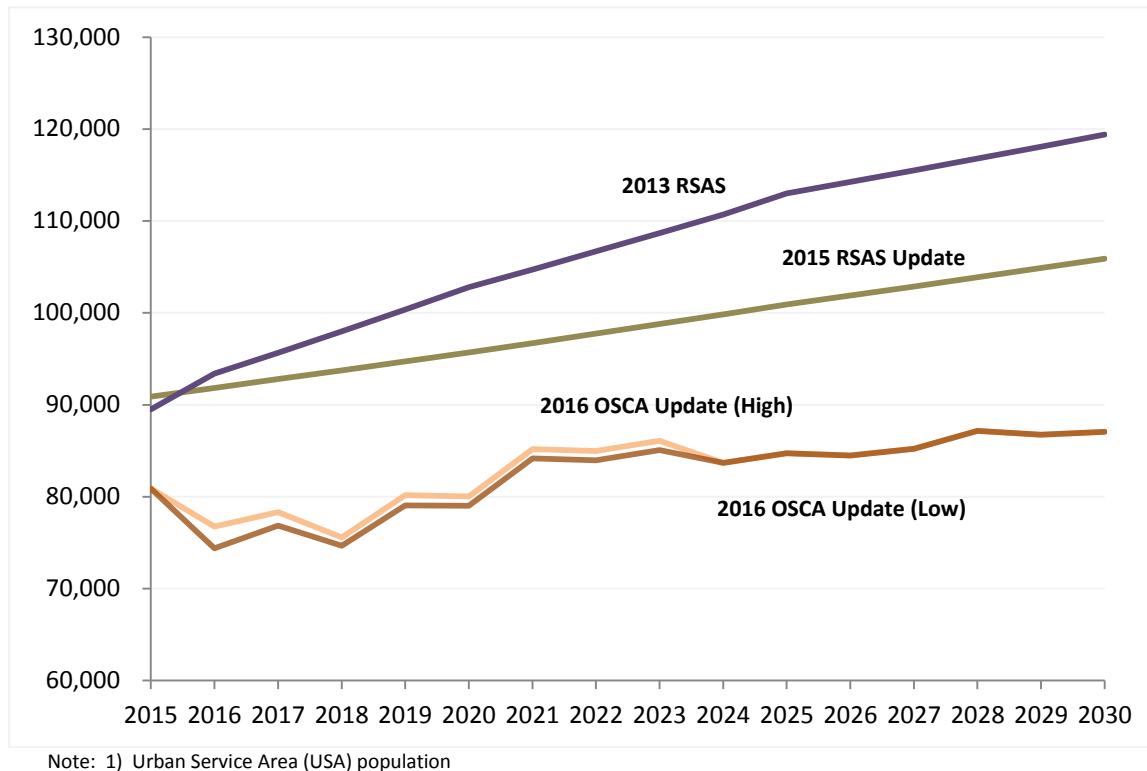
Figure 3 provides a comparison of the 2016 OSCA model results to population projections developed on behalf of the RMWB in support of the Regional Structure Action Strategy (RSAS). Although different models and methodological approaches were taken, the comparison illustrates the changing circumstances surrounding population growth in the USA. For example, respectively compared to the 2015 and 2013 RSAS projections, the 2016 OSCA Population Model projections are:

- lower by roughly 15,000 and 18,000 people in 2017 (15% and 20%), and
- lower by roughly 20,000 and 35,000 people in 2030 (20% and 30%).

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<sup>1</sup> As noted previously, even without the impact of the wildfire a drop in population was anticipated in 2016 resulting from changes in economic conditions. It is expected that some of those who have not returned to Fort McMurray are also ones who will have lost their jobs in 2016.

**Figure 3: Comparison of RSAS and OSCA Population Projections (2015-2030)**



The following sections provide additional detail on the approach and findings underlying the OSCA Population Model 2016 forecast.

### 3. Detailed Approach and Findings

The 2016 OSCA population model update considered the impact of three separate factors:

- change in status and timing of individual oil sands projects
- adjustment to regional workforce requirements
- estimated impact of 2016 wildfire

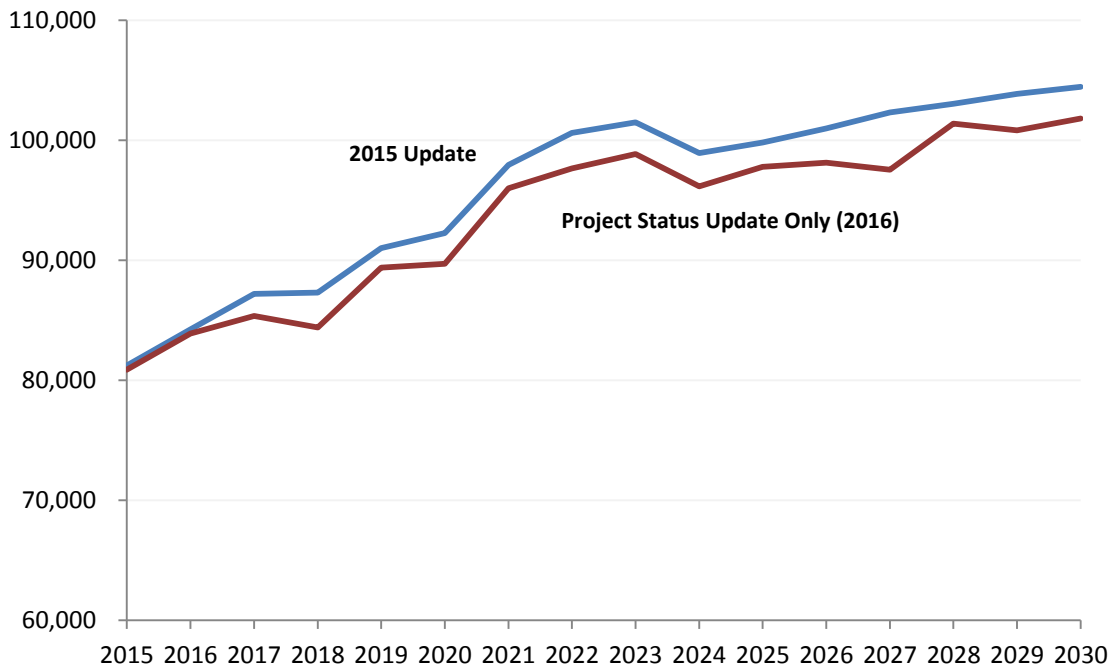
The following sections discuss the relative impact of each of these factors.

#### 3.1 Change in Status and Timing of Individual Oil Sands Projects

The OSCA population model relies on individual oil sands projects inputs to generate population forecasts. To build different scenarios, individual projects can either be included or excluded from the model based on their anticipated construction and operation start dates. With that taken into consideration, Nichols updated its existing project list to first align the underlying production curve associated with projects in the OSCA population model with the CAPP 2016 forecast. Recognizing that the CAPP 2016 production forecast is developed based on inputs gathered in early 2016, Nichols took the additional step of updating the status and timing of individual oil sands projects to reflect the latest publicly available information as of September 2016.

As illustrated in Figure 4, the impact of updating changes in project status and timing over the past year is relatively small. The population for the USA in 2030 is forecasted to be approximately 3,000 people lower. The average annual growth rate over the 2015-2030 timeframe varies only marginally between the two forecasts.

**Figure 4: Change in Population Forecast Based on Updated Project Status and Timing**



Note: 1) Urban Service Area (USA) population

### 3.2 Adjustment to Regional Workforce Requirements

The oil sands sector has shifted from a period of significant expansion to a period focused on operational efficiency, productivity improvements, and significant cost-cutting. This change in focus is leading industrial operators to reduce their operations-related workforce requirements and to compel direct industry suppliers (e.g. contractors) to follow suit.

The OSCA Population Model specifically drives its oil sands employment forecast by estimating the number of person-years associated with exploration, construction, operations, and sustaining capital work based on worker-to-barrel ratios. This employment then drives further employment among suppliers to the oil sands and across the broader economy. The worker-to-barrel (i.e. employment) ratios used for oil sands projects were developed based on the collection and analysis of workforce data for existing and proposed projects. The last update was in 2015 and drew on input provided by oil sands operators in the region via one-on-one interviews and data submissions.

In order to produce the 2016 update, these ratios were revisited to reflect changes in industry workforce requirements as a response to recent and forecasted economic conditions. To carry out this update, Nichols interviewed selected industry and commercial representatives in the region. Topics of discussion included current and future workforce requirements in response to the current recession, as well as relevant changes in workforce transportation and accommodation strategies. Nichols carried out eight one-on-one interviews. These included representatives of major oil sands operators, collectively

representing roughly two-thirds of the direct operational workforce in the region, as well as representatives of industry suppliers and other commercial operations in the region. Where oil sands operators provided specific workforce-related information (e.g. size, accommodation), this information was cross-checked with existing model data and assumptions and updated where necessary.

Based on the preceding information sources, a reduction was applied to **employment ratios** related to direct operations and sustaining capital employment. Specifically:

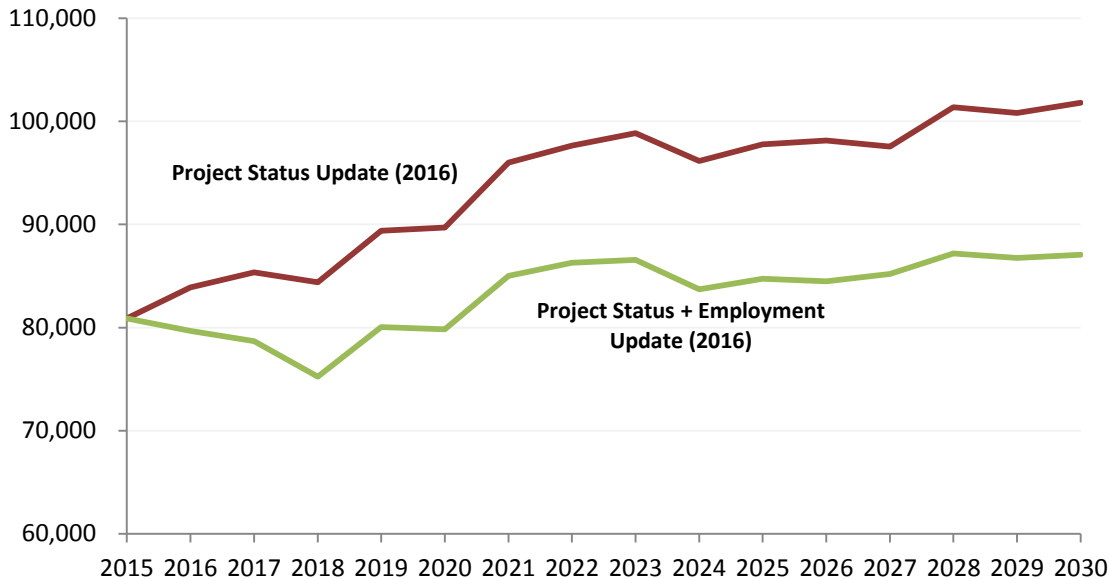
- Over the recent (2015-2016) timeframe, a 10% reduction for both mine and large in-situ (40,000 bpd or more) projects, 5% for medium-sized in-situ projects (20,000 to 40,000 bpd), and 2.5% for small in-situ projects (less than 20,000 bpd). The varying percentages are a reflection of the expectation that larger gains in operational efficiencies and associated reduction in workforce-to-production ratios are more likely to be realized by larger projects.
- Over the longer-term (2017-2030), industrial proponents have signaled their intention to continue seeking operational efficiencies and productivity improvements. To reflect these ongoing endeavors an average annual reduction of 1% to 2% in workforce requirements against existing levels was applied to all projects. This reduction is higher in earlier years (e.g. 3% in 2017).

These reductions in industrial workforce requirements drive corresponding reductions in other areas of the economy. These reductions are reflected in the OSCA Population Model estimates. Further, it is assumed that the preceding operational efficiencies (i.e. worker-to-barrel ratios) are incorporated industry-wide and will have ‘staying power’ over the longer-term.

Employment ratios for construction activities, last updated with industry input in 2015 have not been adjusted for this update. Based on input from industry, it is not immediately clear what adjustments, if any, have been made with respect to construction-related workforce requirements in 2016. With the increasing availability of labour and decreasing input costs, the influence on construction workforce requirements for major capital projects is unknown at this time.

Figure 5 demonstrates the impact of these adjustments on the OSCA Population Model forecast for the USA. In the near term (2015-2018), changes in regional workforce requirements, excluding wildfire impacts, would have decreased the USA population by roughly 5,000 before rebounding in the 2018-2020 timeframe and then growing marginally over the longer-term (2021-2030). As compared to the 2015 forecast, the updated 2016 forecast which takes into account the impact of the reduced workforce requirements is approximately 15,000 people lower in 2030, from 102,000 to 87,000. This scenario represents what some are referring to as ‘the new normal’ for oil sands operations (pre-fire).

**Figure 5: Change in Population Forecast Resulting from Shifting Workforce Requirements**



Note: 1) Urban Service Area (USA) population

These estimates are subject to further revision based on feedback provided by OSCA industry representatives regarding the underlying employment ratio assumptions.

### 3.3 Estimated Impact of 2016 Wildfire

Although the wildfire occurred roughly five months ago, the situation in Fort McMurray remains dynamic, with the social and economic impacts of the fire not yet fully known. Clean-up and rebuild efforts are underway and government and other response agencies have shifted to developing longer-term plans for reconstructing affected portions of the community.

Recognizing the fluidity of the situation, the following is an order-of-magnitude estimate of the potential population impacts associated with the wildfire. These estimates are subject to further discussion, inputs, and updates as more detailed and accurate information becomes available.

The following approach was taken to estimating the potential population impact of the 2016 wildfire on Fort McMurray:

- Step 1: Determine approximately how many people lost their residences as a result of the fire. Sources of information drawn on to develop this estimate included:
  - The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation's (CMHC's) *Housing Market Insight (Alberta)*. This report estimated the number of new housing starts needed as a result of the fire at roughly 2,500.<sup>2</sup> This is roughly in line with other publicly reported estimates that approximately 1,800 stand-alone homes and 600 condos, apartments and duplex units (2,400 total) were destroyed.<sup>3</sup> Applying the average number of people per

<sup>2</sup> Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). *Housing Market Insight (Alberta)*. July 2016.

<sup>3</sup> Financial Post. *A whopping 3.58 billion: Fort McMurray fires the costliest event ever for Canadian insurers*. July 2016.

dwelling (2.95) from the most recent municipal census (2015) indicates that roughly 7,100 to 7,400 people are without homes.

- The RMWB Interim Housing Needs Survey. As of August 2016, the number of residents registered with the Red Cross whose homes are known to be destroyed or damaged beyond habitation was 2,316. Assuming each registered individual represents a household, and then applying the average number of people per dwelling from the 2015 municipal census, the number of people without homes can be roughly estimated at 6,800.
- Industry and employer interview findings. Based on the results of these interviews, the percentage of local workers who lost their homes is estimated at roughly 10%-15% of the local workforce. Applying this percentage to the larger Fort McMurray resident population as estimated in the 2015 Municipal Census (80,428) would suggest that between 8,000 and 12,100 of the permanent population lost their homes in the fire.

The preceding sources suggest a range of 6,800 to 12,100 residents who might have been impacted by the loss of their home from the wildfire. Recognizing that not all residents who lost their residence in the fire would have registered with the Red Cross, we have narrowed that range further to roughly 7,500 to 12,000 residents.

- Step 2: Estimate how many residents have returned to the community and are making use of other accommodation options including rentals, hotel or motel, RVs, or staying with family or friends in the region. Drawing on results from the RMWB Interim Housing Needs Survey and findings from the industry and employer interviews, it is estimated that roughly half of those who had lost their residence have not returned to the community. Applying this to the estimated 7,500 to 12,000 residents who have lost their homes suggests that between 3,700 and 6,000 residents have not returned.

As noted previously, even without the impact of the wildfire a drop in population was anticipated in 2016 resulting from changes in economic conditions. It is expected that some of those who have not returned to Fort McMurray are also ones who will have lost their jobs in 2016. In the absence of employment profile information for those who've left Fort McMurray on account of the wildfire, we have assumed in our model that roughly half of those who will have lost their jobs in 2016 are among those who have not returned to the community post-fire.

Taking into consideration both the wildfire and decreases in employment, the decrease in population in Fort McMurray in 2016 is estimated to be in the range of 4,300 to 6,600 (see Table 1). This represents a 5% to 8% drop in urban resident population as compared to the 2015 municipal census estimates.

**Table 1 Fort McMurray Population Change (2015-2016)**

	<b>High-Range Estimate</b>	<b>Low-Range Estimate</b>
Impact of Wildfire	-3,700	-6,000
Net Impact of Current Economic Conditions (i.e. change in employment) <sup>1</sup>	-600	-600
Total Population Decrease	-4,300	-6,600
Total Impact as a % of 2015 Municipal Census Resident Population Count	-5%	-8%

Notes: 1) 50% of the anticipated impact from job losses in 2016. It is assumed that there is overlap between employees who will have lost their job in 2016 and those who have not returned to the community.

These results were cross-checked against school enrolment estimates provided by the Fort McMurray Catholic School District (FMCSD).<sup>4</sup> The FMCSD indicated that school enrolment for the 2016/17 school year was approximately 6% lower than the previous year (2015/16). This is in line with the lower-range estimate provided in Table 1. The overall population decrease is potentially higher than the 6% drop in school enrolment because there is a strong probability that former residents who have left and not returned are more likely to skew towards those without children (i.e. individuals or couples without children), or commuting workers with families that already resided outside the region.<sup>5</sup>

### Looking Ahead

Looking forward, it is expected that the impact of the Fort McMurray wildfire will drive population growth, at least in the medium-term (i.e. next three to five years) related to the rebuilding process. Much of this growth will likely be non-permanent in nature, based on construction crews rotating through the region. The anticipated need for 2,500 housing starts and associated local commercial services (e.g. local strip mall, grocery store) to replace fire-destroyed housing stock is expected to generate over 6,000 person-years (PYs) of construction-related employment in the coming years. This level of employment has been factored into the model.

The timing and speed with which this rebuild activity will take place is currently unclear. For the purposes of this analysis, the population impact of housing construction has been averaged out over five years (2017-2021). The actual pace of this development will depend considerably on the timing and nature of government planning processes, the settlement of insurance claims, and the capacity of the local construction industry. Over the past five years, Fort McMurray has averaged roughly 600 housing starts annually. That said, the construction industry in Fort McMurray has shown considerable capacity in the past to respond to rising demand. Between 2005 and 2010, housing starts averaged nearly 1,400 annually, peaking at 2,175 in 2007.

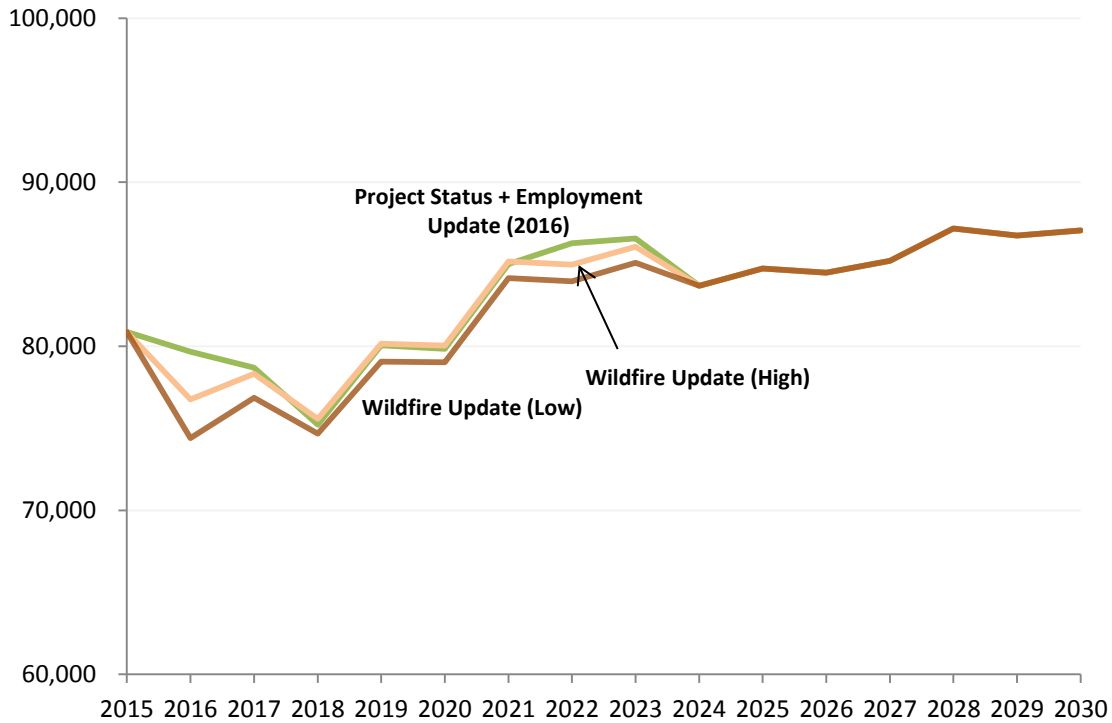
Figure 6 illustrates the potential population impact of the Fort McMurray wildfire based on the preceding assumptions and analysis. Although the wildfires have led to a sizeable population decrease in 2016, this effect will be somewhat muted in the medium-term (2017-2021), partly as a result of population growth related to the rebuilding process. Over the longer-term, the wildfire is not expected to have a demonstrable impact on population.

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<sup>4</sup> Nichols has attempted several times to make contact with the Fort McMurray School District (FMPSD) to obtain similar enrolment statistics; still awaiting a response as of October 14, 2016. At the beginning of September it was publicly reported that the FMPSD was anticipating an enrolment drop in the range of 10%.

<sup>5</sup> The preceding analysis does not include the temporary population increase related to wildfire cleanup activities taking place in the community in 2016.

**Figure 6: Change in Population Forecast Resulting from Impact of 2016 Wildfires**

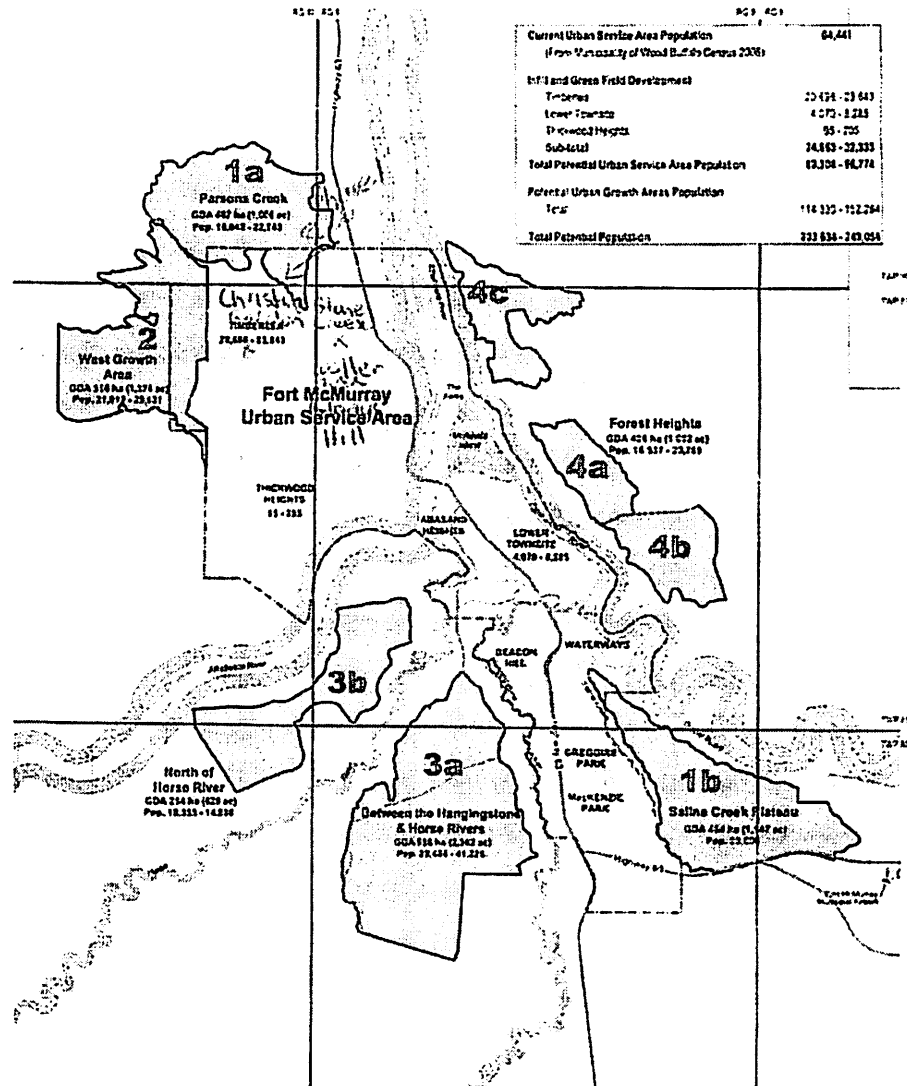


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Additional activity is also expected in the region in the near future in order to rebuild community infrastructure beyond housing (e.g. roads, utilities, sidewalks, and other community assets). The temporary population impact associated with these rebuild activities has not been included in this modeling exercise as the scope and nature of this rebuild is currently unknown. This decision can be revisited once details on the rebuilding process are better understood.

# APPENDIX "B"

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**Legend**

Urban Growth Areas  
 (Per - Environmental Assessment)

**2a** Sequence of Development

Urban Service Area

Highway

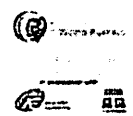
Resource Road

Unimproved Road

Water Courses

**NOTE:** GDA = Gross Developable Area

**Figure 8-1**  
Recommended Growth Strategy



Fringe Area Development Assessment  
 Urban Service Area

**Fort McMurray  
Alberta  
[Population centre]**

Data quality, Fort McMurray [Population

Change geography1

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Population and dwellings</b>			
<u>Population, 2016</u> Census data <u>footnote1</u>	66,573	not applicabl	not applicabl
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<u>Population, 2011</u> Census data <u>footnote1</u>	60,555 revised. The 2011 count for this area has been revised. r	not applicabl e ...	not applicabl e ...
Population percentage change, 2011 to 2016	9.9	not applicabl e ...	not applicabl e ...
<u>Total private dwellings</u> Census <u>data footnote2</u>	28,567	not applicabl e ...	not applicabl e ...
<u>Private dwellings occupied by usual residents</u> Census data <u>footnote3</u>	23,937	not applicabl e ...	not applicabl e ...
Population density per square kilometre	1,285.40	not applicabl e ...	not applicabl e ...
Land area in square kilometres	51.79	not applicabl e ...	not applicabl e ...
<b>Age characteristics</b>			
<u>Total - Age groups and average age of the population - 100%</u> <u>data</u> Census data <u>footnote4</u>	66,575	35,920	30,655
0 to 14 years	13,140	6,775	6,365
0 to 4 years	5,585	2,900	2,685
5 to 9 years	4,295	2,175	2,120
10 to 14 years	3,265	1,700	1,565
15 to 64 years	51,720	28,200	23,520
15 to 19 years	3,140	1,685	1,450
20 to 24 years	4,250	2,200	2,050
25 to 29 years	7,340	3,770	3,575
30 to 34 years	8,365	4,475	3,895

35 to 39 years	6,720	3,590	3,130
40 to 44 years	5,525	3,085	2,435
45 to 49 years	5,005	2,765	2,230
50 to 54 years	4,980	2,820	2,160
55 to 59 years	4,170	2,460	1,710
60 to 64 years	2,230	1,335	890
65 years and over	1,710	945	765
65 to 69 years	955	570	385
70 to 74 years	365	200	165
75 to 79 years	205	105	100
80 to 84 years	120	40	85
85 years and over	75	35	35
85 to 89 years	65	30	30
90 to 94 years	5	0	5
95 to 99 years	5	5	5
100 years and over	0	0	0
Total - Distribution (%) of the population by broad age groups - 100% data	100	100	100
0 to 14 years	19.7	18.9	20.8
15 to 64 years	77.7	78.5	76.7
65 years and over	2.6	2.6	2.5
85 years and over	0.1	0.1	0.1
Average age of the population	33	33.7	32.2
Median age of the population	33.1	33.8	32.3

# APPENDIX "D"

Fort McMurray Public School District						Updated: Mar. 2/17
7 Year IMR						
Description	BH	CHS	DR. C	EDF	McT	GR
HVAC Equipment	\$ 875,000		\$ 200,000	\$ 845,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 950,000
HVAC Distribution Systems	\$ 200,000		\$ -	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
Plumbing Equipment	\$ 80,000			\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000
Plumbing Distribution Systems	\$ 265,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 375,000	\$ -	\$ 265,000
Electrical Equipment	\$ 200,000		\$ 15,000	\$ 325,000	\$ -	\$ 320,000
Electrical Distribution Systems	\$ 95,000		\$ 7,500	\$ 77,500	\$ 200,000	\$ 87,500
Roofing	\$ 403,000		\$ 180,000	\$ 290,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
Envelope, Ext. Doors & windows	\$ 205,000		\$ 230,000	\$ 700,000	\$ -	\$ 330,000
Interior doors, ceilings, floors & finishes	\$ 185,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 575,000	\$ -	\$ 450,000
Site	\$ 395,000			\$ 595,000		\$ 395,000
Totals	\$ 2,903,000	\$ -	\$ 732,500	\$ 4,207,500	\$ 300,000	\$ 3,572,500
Description	FS	THW	TL	WV	WWHS	Totals:
HVAC Equipment		\$ 925,000	\$ 915,000	\$ 935,000	\$ 3,300,000	\$ 5,745,000
HVAC Distribution Systems		\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 545,000	\$ 1,350,000
Plumbing Equipment		\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 455,000
Plumbing Distribution Systems		\$ 265,000	\$ 265,000	\$ 265,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 1,750,000
Electrical Equipment		\$ 365,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 635,000	\$ 1,990,000
Electrical Distribution Systems	\$ 30,000	\$ 87,500	\$ 77,500	\$ 77,500	\$ 220,000	\$ 740,000
Roofing		\$ 140,000	\$ 420,000	\$ 385,000	\$ 1,908,000	\$ 2,318,000
Envelope, Ext. Doors & windows		\$ 805,000	\$ 525,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 625,000	\$ 3,445,000
Interior doors, ceilings, floors & finishes	\$ 50,000	\$ 850,000	\$ 525,000	\$ 515,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 3,200,000
Site	\$ 20,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 695,000	\$ 645,000		\$ 2,870,000
Totals	\$ 100,000	\$ 3,837,500	\$ 4,072,500	\$ 4,137,500	\$ 8,083,000	\$ 23,863,000
7 year average					\$ 3,409,000	