

Oil Sands Site



SafetyMoment

Stripes aren't just for zebras at Oil Sands...

In the wild, a zebra uses its stripes to help keep it out of harm's way. People at Oil Sands can do the same thing!

Zebra-striped crosswalks are strategically placed everywhere throughout Oil Sands.

Drivers, especially those in large trucks and busses, are trained to expect pedestrians at a crosswalk. Even when no vehicles are present, using the crosswalk keeps you in the habit. It's simple and it saves lives.

Don't be shy! Let another employee know when he or she fails to use the crosswalk. Let's keep the herd safe!



Clotilda Dicks assists Darcy Courville with sign-on forms on his first official day as a Transfield Asset Management Services employee.

Oil Sands Go Live Success

Transfield Asset Management Services successfully on-boarded almost 500 employees who now provide maintenance services on Suncor's Oil Sands site.

"The easiest part," said Dave Temby, Oil Sands Site Manager, "was finding people from Suncor and Transfield Asset Management Services who would do their best to make this transition a success. There was an outstanding level of dedication and commitment demonstrated by the whole team."

Spotlight: Robert Maclean

Robert Maclean was born and raised in Washabuck, a town of about 150 people in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Twenty-six years ago, he followed his brother to Fort McMurray and has since made it his home.

"The thing I like about Fort McMurray is how it's a small city in the wilderness," said Robert. "Everything is here but really you're away from it all."

Robert has a BA in Psychology and English from St. Francis Xavier University in Sydney, Nova Scotia, and now is a member of union Local 92 and works as a labourer at Oil Sands.

"I've always worked on this site and always had a steady job," he said. When he isn't working, Robert enjoys quadding, jet skiing, snowmobiling, watching movies, and relaxing at The Blackhorse, a pub in Thickwood. He also enjoys the occasional game of softball.

Every year, Robert travels back east. His Scottish heritage is reflected in his activities there. Besides visiting family, Robert attends concerts such as Natalie McMaster, Howie MacDonald, the Rankins, and the Barra McNeils, which feature predominately Scottish music.

Birthdate: March 18, 1955

Favourite TV Show: CSI Miami

Favourite Music: Kinnon Beaton (A Scottish musician local to Cape Breton) and country music

Favourite Quote: "I could have done better myself."



With a 90 per cent retention rate of employees experienced with Extraction, and a 77 per cent retention rate for employees experienced with Upgrading, Transfield Asset Management Services ensured the plant ran smoothly throughout the transition. Shift workers signed on at strategic times and orientations were staggered so employees could keep working. Training issues were resolved within 48 hours of Extraction and 24 hours of Upgrading sign-on. Suncor and the gate security team helped ensure badges were available to get people on site, on time.

More employees are joining Transfield Asset Management Services on a regular basis. Orientations for new employees will be scheduled as required. ■

Recreation Programs: Oil Sands

Whether you're a card shark or a fitness buff, the camps at Borealis and Millennium offer activities for all residents.

Starting Wednesday, October 31, 2007, regular activities will be held on eight consecutive nights every two weeks.

8:15 PM:	Poker Tuesdays:	\$20 per player. Hosted at Borealis Rec. Lounge
	Poker Thursdays:	\$20 per player. Hosted at Millennium Rec. Hall
	Crib Sundays:	(Prize TBA) Hosted at Borealis Rec. Lodge
	Pool Mondays:	\$10 per player. Millennium Rec. Hall

6:30 PM: Get fit at the Millennium Rec Hall! Come for yoga and abdominal training or Ripped 1000 Class, alternating nightly.

Seminars and motivational fitness events coming soon. For more information, please contact the camp recreation coordinators at millenniumborealisrecreation@hotmail.com ■