



Fact Sheet



OIL SANDS DISCOVERY CENTRE

- Official Name:** Oil Sands Discovery Centre
- Architects:** Wayne H. Wright Architects Ltd.
- Owner:** Government of Alberta
- Minister:** The Honourable Gary Mar
Minister of Community Development
- Location:** 7 hectares, at the corner of MacKenzie Boulevard and Highway 63 in Fort McMurray, Alberta
- Building Size:** Approximately 27,000 sq. ft., or 2300 sq. m.
- Estimated Cost:** 9 million dollars
- Construction Schedule:** December 1983 - December 1984
- Opening Date:** September 6, 1985.
Newly renovated Exhibit Gallery opened in September 2002.
- Facilities:** Dr. Karl A. Clarke Exhibit Hall, Administrative Area, Children's Activity/Education Centre, Robert Fitzsimmons Theatre, Mini Theatre, Gift Shop, Meeting Rooms, Resource Room, Public washrooms, and the outdoor J. Howard Pew Industrial Garden.
- Staffing:** Facility Supervisor, Education Officer, Interpretation Officer, 2 full-time Interpreters, Administrative Support, Front Desk staff, Seasonal Interpreters, and Volunteers. (162.5 hours contributed in 2003)
- Associated Projects:** Bitumount Historic Site
- Programs:** Oil Sands Experience Demonstrations, Quest for Energy Movie, Historic Abasand Walking Tour (Summer), Special Events, Self-Guided Tours of the Exhibit Hall and Industrial Gardens, Education Programs, Badge Programs, Science Camps and Traveling Exhibits.
- Website:** www.oilsandsdiscovery.com