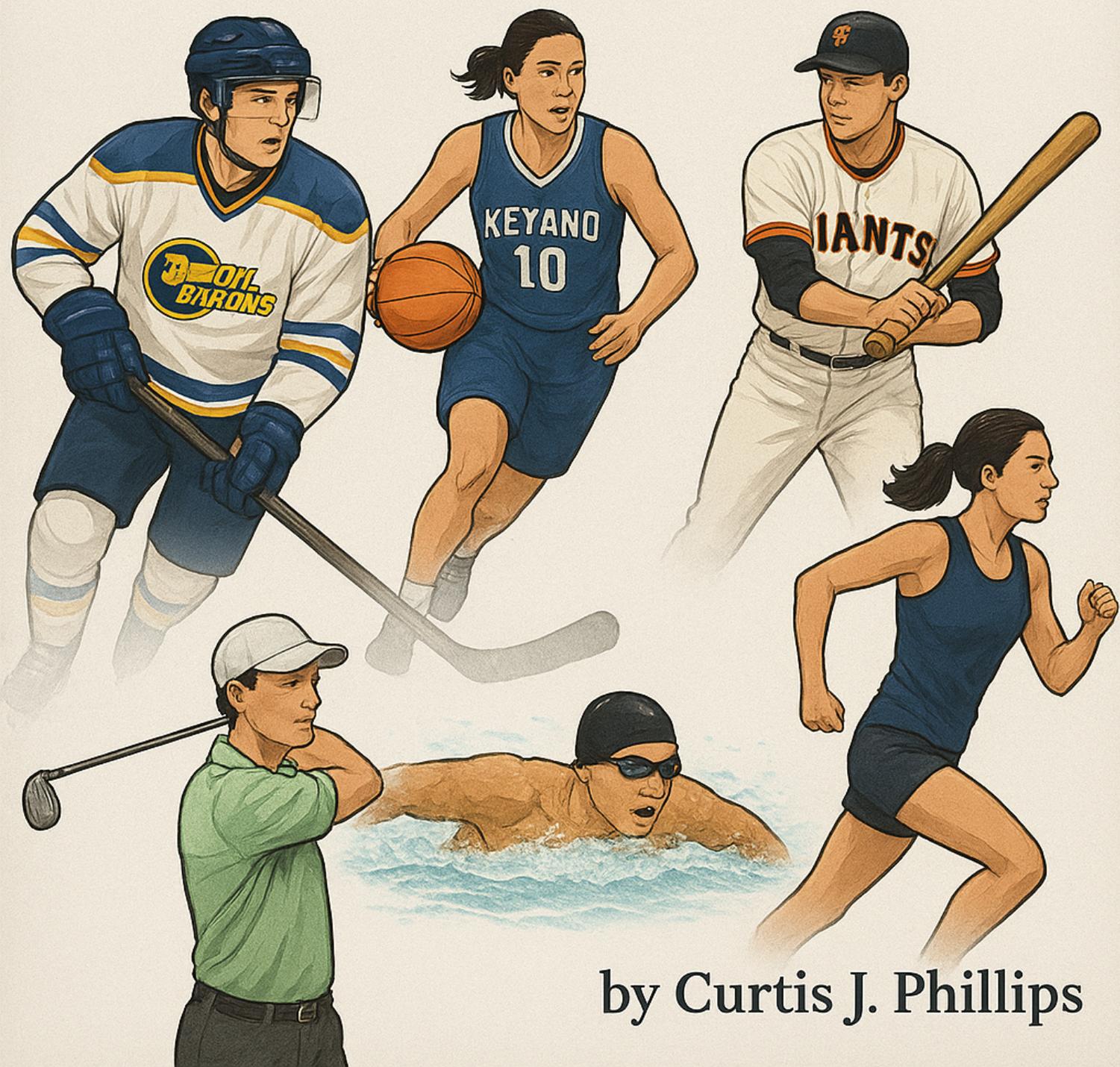


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FORT McMURRAY SPORTS TIMELINE



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The Essence of a Community

No matter where one travels in the world there is a truism irrefutable. A town is a town. The people make the difference. This is so apropos to Fort McMurray. People from across this great land and, indeed, from around the world have traveled to Fort McMurray to make it their home and earn a living. And in so doing they brought their cultures, religions and sports.

Sports is the glue that enriches a community, this community. From the 18th century into the 21st century Fort McMurray has been enriched by the people who play, support, build and enjoy the many sports that made this northern outpost into a vibrant, shining city.

Curtis J. Phillips has chronicled in detail the story of the sporting history of this community that thousands have called their hometown. CJ (as he is called) has an abiding love for The Fort. He has chosen to share this story with you dear readers.

You will discover his love of the community is your love of the community. One cannot live here and not become engaged with all it offers. This book channels the energy and love for sports in a linear composition.

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Fort McMurray TODAY Sports Editor (1980 – 1984)

This local sports timeline has been a volunteer passion for Curtis J. Phillips. If you would like to contribute to the project with additions or corrections you may e-mail him at cjphillips@shaw.ca.

Abseiling

2010

- Abseiling is offered by the local Royal Canadian Army Cadets.

Aikido

1974

- Shin Shin Toitsu Aikido taught at Good Shepherd by Ron Moore. The program relocates to the Fort McMurray YMCA in 1977.

Archery

1968

- The Fort McMurray Fish and Game Association (FMFGA) hosts regular indoor archery sessions in their basement range, offering general access and training from fall through spring.

1978

- The MIP Recreation Complex (later known as MIP Park or MIP) opens. It includes the Miskanaw Golf Club, three baseball fields, a football and soccer field, four tennis courts, cross-country ski trails, cricket pitch, archery range, and an indoor facility featuring ice rinks and a 12-sheet curling rink.

1979

- FMFGA archers bring home five medals from the Alberta Summer Games (ASG): Rafi Awjian silver in junior barebow; Kathy Byers, bronze in ladies' freestyle; Rick Quist, bronze in men's barebow; Gary Cheverier, bronze in men's barebow; and Ross Hallet, bronze in men's tackle-with-sight.

1981

- Monty Major secures provincial gold in cadet boys' archery.

1984

- Dorothy Bailey gains gold in the ladies' bow category at the Bowhunter and Alberta Archers Indoor Provincial Championships held at MIP.

1985

- Susan Sloetjes secures two gold medals in archery, dominating field archery and barebow competition. She shares that her passion for the sport began with the Boy Scouts and that she now teaches it to clubs.
- Mary Paskal captures provincial silver in ladies' freestyle, while Jeff Sandeman earns bronze in the heavy tackle no sights class with 375 points.
- Roger Marchand, age 20, bronze in senior men's freestyle archery at the Canada Summer Games in St. John's, Newfoundland.
- Ross Hallet collects gold in the Target Field and International Hunter rounds at the Alberta Provincial Archery Championships.

1986

- David Henry Todd places third in the longbow class at the indoor provincials.

1987

- Andre Hickey becomes provincial champion at the Alberta Provincial Archery Championships.

1988

- Andre Hickey places second at the Alberta Provincial Archery Championships.

1992

- Ski Archery debuts at the Alberta Winter Games (AWG).

1998

- Scott Cortes wins the Open Class at the Fort McMurray Archery Club Open Class 3D shoot.

1999

- At the Canadian Regional Archery Championships, Monique Marquis finishes second in the female cub compound division (ages 9–13), and Ambrose Fedoretz places second in the master bowhunter unlimited division (50+ years).

2000

- Monique Marquis gold in archery at the AWG.

2003

- The Clearwater Archery Club (CAC) hosts the indoor provincials, with competitors ranging in age from seven-to-87. Monique Marquis secures silver in team archery at the Western Canada Games.

- Sylvain Marquis and Alan Fenerty each attain gold medals at the Alberta Indoor Target Shooting Championships in the senior men's compound and senior bowhunter divisions, respectively.

2005

- Monique Marquis achieves five Canadian titles in her age group.

2006

- Brendan Sheridan is selected as a member of Team Canada for the Junior-Cadet Target Archery Championships in Mexico.

2009

- The 20th 3D Archery Shoot is hosted by CAC at Rotary Park.

2011

- Brendan Sheridan competes at the 2011 Universiade in the individual recurve discipline.

2013

- Brendan Sheridan sets a provincial record in Senior Recurve Archery.

2023

- Tayden Shott, age 15, wins a gold medal in archery at the North American Indigenous Games held in Nova Scotia.

Arm Wrestling

1972, 1973, 1975

- Vern Plummer becomes a World Champion in arm wrestling.

1979

- Vern Plummer is crowned North American and Carling O'Keefe World Wrist Wrestling Champion in the 185–200-pound division.

1982

- Paul Neilson places third in the 240-pound-and-over division at the World Arm Wrestling Championships. He is also a two-time Canadian champion.

1983

- Paul Neilson again finishes third at the World Arm Wrestling Championships.

1985

- Paul Neilson secures the Western Canadian Arm Wrestling heavyweight title.

1992

- Lynn Overholt wins a silver medal in women's arm wrestling at the 2nd World Firefighters Games in Las Vegas.

2005

- Lorne Roberts finishes second in the left arm, 198-pound class at Ultimate Arm Wrestling II in Las Vegas.

2012

- The Fort McMurray Arm Wrestling Association hosts its 10th annual Twist for Tots tournament, benefiting the Salvation Army's Toys for Tots campaign.

2014

- Brian Briere, standing 6-foot-2 and weighing 240 pounds, prevails with gold in both the heavyweight and unlimited weight divisions at the World Firefighters Games in Hong Kong, China. Over the years, he has also secured multiple provincial and national titles.

Arnis

1983

- Sixth-degree black belt Fidel Bonifacio establishes a club in Fort McMurray dedicated to Modern Arnis. One of his students will go on to become grand champion at the 1989 World Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation World Championships.

1987

- Grandmaster Ernesto Bresas visits Fort McMurray to provide instruction and training to local students.

1989

- Edwin Lao, then a brown belt, wins a tournament in the Philippines and earns his black belt status.

1991

- The Modern Arnis club in Fort McMurray continues to grow under the leadership of Fidel Bonifacio.

Auto Racing

1968

- Mark Donohue sets a new speed record of 111.32 miles per hour in his Sunoco Special, fueled by gasoline from the Athabasca oil sands. He defends his 12 Hours of Sebring win with Craig Fisher in a Penske Chevrolet Camaro and wins 10 of 13 races, setting a Trans-Am series record.

1976

- The Clearwater Car Club (CCC) hosts street races, with Des Dwyer winning in a topless E-Type Jaguar.

1977

- The Wood Buffalo Sports Car Club holds an autocross event at MIP Park (MIP). David Tannous is crowned King of the Hill at CCC races, driving a 1957 Chevrolet.

- An Autokhanna is organized in the Safeway parking lot, featuring slalom and iron cross events categorized by wheelbase.

- Competitive racing takes place at Popular Creek Oval.

1978

- John Broder wins the Blueberry Festival King of the Hill Soapbox Derby.

- Vic Haney sets a new speed record at the Snye Ice Oval, clocking 22.9 seconds on a quarter-mile track.

- Clearwater Car Club awards are presented to Vic Haney (Super Stocks), Stu Wiley (Hobby Stocks), Pete Coleridge (Rookie of the Year), and Brenda Lastiwka (Powder Puff champion).

1981

- Barry "The Basher" Hall achieves success at McMurray Speedway Park driving his Triple H-sponsored No. 33 car.

- Vic Haney checker flag in both the Ice Breaker and Feature races at the Clearwater Car Club.
- Eight-year-old Gene Ouellette is named King of the Hill at the Blueberry Festival Soap Box Derby.

1982

- Paul Riddell and the Castrol Daredevils attract 1,200 fans at McMurray Speedway Park.

1983

- Ray Swan secures the hobby stock class, and Vic Haney in super stock. Clearwater Car Club hosts its first invitation meet.

- A city car show draws 1,500 fans and features notable awards.

1984

- Clearwater Car Club ice racing is part of the Fort McMurray Winter Carnival, with Bob Taylor crowned main stock champion and Gail Wiley winning the Powder Puff title.

1985

- Ray "The Duck" Swan earns 28 of 29 points in the hobby class at McMurray Speedway Park.

- Pete Coleridge wins the Mini Stock Class for the second consecutive year.

1986

- At the Edmonton Plainsmen Four Wheel Drive Club Rally, Tom Tabbert wins the four-cylinder stock class and Duane Parker takes the eight-cylinder stock class.

1987

- Ray "The Duck" Swan first in the 50-lap feature race at Clearwater Car Club's invitational meet.

- Nick Polachuk tops in the hobby stock class.

1988

- Pete Logan captures the overall championship at Clearwater Car Club, while Wes Lastiwka wins the mini-stock division.

1990

- Bert Heinz leads the sprint car points at Calmar Speedway in Edmonton.

1994

- Only four cars participate in the summer events at McMurray Speedway Oval.

1995

- Local racing goes on hiatus for nearly a decade due to a shortage of racers and sponsors.

1998

- The Molson Indy champion car, a Target/Reynard/Honda, makes an appearance for fans.

1999

- Cameron Cassels competes in Legends Racing, finishing second in the semi-pro class. Legends cars are smaller versions of original NASCAR racing cars from the 1930s and 1940s.

2008

- A Monster Truck show is held at McMurray Speedway Park.

2010

- The Northern Off Road 4x4 Society takes over restoration of McMurray Speedway Park.

2011

- David Brant finishes third in drag racing at the Rocky Mountain Nationals driving his car named The Reaper, a 1977 Firebird Funny Car.

2012

- MIP donates their old softball field stands to the Northern Off Road Society for fans at McMurray Speedway Park.

2018

- The venue is renamed Supertest Speedway.

Axe Throwing

1990

- Axe throwing along with pole climbing and log sawing is a part of the West Coast Logging Show which is held in conjunction with the Blueberry Festival.

Badminton

1975

- John McAulay wins gold in men's badminton at the Northeastern Alberta Winter Games (NEAWG).

1976

- Justin Lee secures men's badminton singles; Penny Olenik and Brenda Hume win women's doubles; John McAulay and Irma Chin take gold in mixed doubles at the NEAWG.

1978

- At the NEAWG, Nancy Murphy wins gold in women's badminton; Irma Chinn and Linda Douglas win gold in women's doubles; Lawrence Chomos and John McAulay win gold in men's doubles.

1979

- Arthur Au from the Fort McMurray Composite High School Miners (FMCHS) finishes third in the C event of men's singles at the Alberta Schools Athletic Association (ASAA) badminton provincials.

1985

- Keyano Huskies participate in their first Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) badminton event in Red Deer. Coach Mathew Andrews describes it as "a learning experience."

1986

- Father Patrick Mercredi Community High School Trappers (FPMCHS) defeat FMCHS Miners in the Challenge Cup badminton.

1987

- Michelle Sutanto of Concordia achieves bronze in women's doubles at the ACAC. Lillian Au and John Forbes win gold in mixed.

1988

- Jan Brown and Loretta Mercredi earn bronze medals in doubles at the ACAC badminton championships.

1990

- Canadian National Badminton champion Wang Wen plays Pan Am Games champion John Gross in an exhibition match at FMCHS.

1991

- Sonny Lee from Westwood Community High School (WCHS) claims gold in badminton at the ASAA provincials, taking the title in boys' intermediate badminton singles.

1992

- Rima Sultan from WCHS claims bronze in singles at the ASAA championships.

1994

- Ivan Lee and Sonny Lee each win three gold medals in badminton at the Arctic Winter Games (ARWG).

1995

- Sonny Lee finishes in the semifinals for mixed doubles and men's doubles at the Canada Winter Games, winning a bronze in men's doubles. WCHS claims the Challenge Cup by winning 13 of 15 badminton events during city finals.

1996

- Ivan Lee continues his success, winning three gold medals in badminton at the ARWG in Alaska. Joyce Funk from WCHS earns a bronze medal in girls' singles at the 3A ASAA finals.

1999

- Anne-Marie Milner wins a silver medal in intermediate girls' singles at the ASAA provincial championships.

2001

- Isaac Lee smashes his way to a ASAA senior boys' singles title.

2002

- Tim Varughese wins ASAA intermediate senior boys' singles title. McMurray Junior Badminton Club was incorporated on February 27, 2002 and has been active since, focused on youth development in the region. ARWG Zone 7 banner carrier at opening ceremonies Vanessa Hang wins two medals in badminton.

2004

- Vanessa Hang wins ARWG Ulu gold in junior female singles.

2008

- FMCH Miners' Tian Suwanachan obtains ASAA provincial senior girls' singles title.

2010

- Tian Suwanachan repeats her ASAA badminton title. Jeraldine Chong Juvenile Girls Doubles Silver ARWG.

2014

- Shubham Patel Junior Boys' Doubles Silver and Singles and Mixed Doubles Bronze ARWG.

2016

- Dhruv Patel Juvenile Singles and Boys Doubles Gold, Mixed Doubles Silver ARWG.

2017

- Dhruv Patel ASAA provincial Intermediate Boys Singles Gold.

2018

- Dhruv Patel Triple Crown (3x Golds Junior) ARWG.

2019

- Darren Yee officiated at 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer, AB. He will later officiate, along with his mother Julianna, at the 2023 CWG and Pan American Games and the World Juniors in Indian.

2024

- Ved Bhowmik Juvenile Singles and Boys Doubles Gold, Mixed Doubles Silver ARWG.

Ball Hockey

1985

- Alberta Crude beats the Edmonton Nordiques 4-3 to claim the Alberta Provincial Ball Hockey Championship, with all four goals scored by Shawn Wheeler.
- The Fort McMurray Ball Hockey Association May Day tournament is captured by Alberta Crude with a 5-1 victory over Snafu. This marks Alberta Crude's third title in four years, with goals scored by Ron Foy, Darren Hutton, Shawn Wheeler, Glen Buchanan, and Jack Tobin.

1987

- Alberta Crude wins the May Day Jamboree Ball Hockey tournament for the third consecutive year, defeating the Cape Breton Bandits 11-2.

2001

- The Alberta Minor Ball Hockey Association (AMBHA) is founded on June 25, serving as the provincial governing body for youth ball hockey. Fort McMurray is represented through Wood Buffalo Ball Hockey, one of the association's original member leagues.

2013

- Members of the Keyano Ball Hockey League — Gary Frenette, Chris Nolin, and Corey Mitchell — play for the Calgary Pitbulls at the Canadian National Ball Hockey Championships.

2015

- Jack Tobin serves as head coach of the Ireland National Ball Hockey Team, which wins the silver medal in its first year at the World Ball Hockey Championships in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Blaine Rolling and Calvin Morrison serve as assistant coaches.

2022

- Fort McMurray Vullets win provincial D championship in men's action.

2023

- Hayley Runnalls named ISBHF International Women's Coach of the Year after guiding Team Canada to a gold medal in her role of assistant coach

2024

- McMurray Ball Hockey League starts and in one year grow to 24 teams across five divisions aged 7 – 16. The under 9 Fort McMurray Junior Snafu earn provincial silver.

2025

- Hayley Runnalls is part of Team Canada at the WBDHF in Buffalo and coach of the ISBHF Canadian women's silver medal team in Slovakia.

Baseball

1915

- A 16-year-old named Nabolio, despite never having played baseball before, hits a grand slam in the bottom of the ninth inning to secure a 10-6 victory for a Fort McMurray team against a group of American drillers heading to Norman Wells. The game took place amid the remnants of the original Fort McMurray.

1920

- The local Board of Trade purchases baseball equipment.

1930

- Waterways defeats Fort McMurray 22-6 in a baseball game, followed by a 9-9 tie in a later match. An all-star team combining players from Waterways and Fort McMurray wins against the Hudson Bay Company team 27-5.

1936

- The McMurray Athletic Association is formed, encompassing summer sports such as softball, hardball, and soccer. Dr. M. McCallum becomes the first president.

1943

- Pat O’Coffey, a star baseball and hockey player born and raised in Fort McMurray, dies in World War II in Sicily.

1948

- “Handy” Andy Redford pitches for the Edmonton Canadians as they capture the Northern Junior Baseball League title, beating Cadomin Legion 7-4.

1957

- Cliff Waniandy graduates from St. John School and is recruited by various provincial baseball teams to play shortstop.

1959

- Roland Harpe plays for the Edmonton Eskimos and the New York Yankees' AAA team.

1965

- The Blueberry Festival begins, with Nick Humeniuk serving as the scorekeeper for the baseball tournament.

1968

- Fort McMurray Little League Baseball plays its first game on July 11.

1971

- Top Shop Expos win the Minor Division in Little League Baseball, with Kevin Wills named MVP.

1975

- John Watson Little League Park is demolished.

1979

- The Barons win the GCOS Shift League Baseball crown with an undefeated record.

1982

- Peter Headon pitches eight innings of no-hit baseball to lead Fort McMurray Express Bantam Reps to an 11-0 victory over Athabasca at the Northeastern Alberta Bantam Baseball Championships. Headon also pitches two no-hit games at the championships, culminating in a 13-1 win over Vegreville in the final.

1983

- The St. Albert Gemini Gems win the Bantam A Boys Provincial Baseball championship.

1987

- Carlos Parra represents Team Alberta at the ASG. Four local baseball fields are dedicated to Tip Hlushak, Jim Mutton, John Lambert, and Paul MacPherson.

1988

- Fort McMurray All Canadian Movers finish second at the Bantam B Championships.

1989

- Carlos Parra trains at the Professional Baseball Institute and coaches in Italy. Greg Hundseth is part of the Alberta Junior Baseball League for the Fort Saskatchewan/Sherwood Park Red Sox. In 1990 his team would claim a silver medal and he would be named an all-star.

1990

- Fifteen-year-old Joey Young plays for Edmonton's Confederation Park team.

1991

- Joey Young secures a spot on Team Canada, winning the World Youth Baseball Championship and achieving a 3.000 earned run average over 14 innings.

1992

- Fort McMurray Little League is awarded hosting rights for consecutive Prairie Little League Championships starting in 1993.
- Fort McMurray is considered a potential market for the Can-Am Professional Baseball League and the Global Basketball Association.

1993

- Fort McMurray is awarded hosting duties for the Prairie Little League Championships for five consecutive years beginning in 1993. June 9 is declared "Joey Young Day" by city council. Young, drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays, was the highest Blue Jays pick of a Canadian player at the time, selected in the third round, 93rd overall.

1994

- A record 57 teams participate in local Little League play.
- In June, Joey Young pitches three innings in an exhibition game where the Toronto Blue Jays lose 4-3 to the National Baseball Institute club.
- Instructors from Doyle Baseball School in Florida conduct a five-day training camp for local players aged 8 to 18 in July.

1995

- Allan Baxter umpires at the Little League World Series.
- Big League All Stars defeat the visiting Minnesota Gophers 13-3 in an exhibition game.

1996

- Big League All Stars win their second consecutive Prairie Little League Championship.
- Joey Young excels in minor league baseball, splitting the season between the Dunedin Blue Jays and Hagerstown Suns, striking out 193 batters—the third most in North American minor league baseball that year.

1997

- Fort McMurray hosts a Japanese Little League team from Sonoru, Japan.
- A new baseball park is named after Ron Morgan, honoring him as the longest-serving councilor of the New Town of Fort McMurray, the City of Fort McMurray, and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.
- Shane Dawson and Brian McConnell stand out on the mound. The 2000 Plus Warriors place second at the Big League Prairie Cup.

1998

- Fort McMurray joins the Alberta Baseball AAA Midget League.

- Chad Marchand is drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 48th round.

1999

- The Fort McMurray Big League Bartan Bullets win a silver medal at the Prairie Championships, with Terry Connors as manager.
- Joey Young is picked up by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays after recovering from previous injuries.
- Anne-Marie Connolly represents Team Alberta at the national peewee tournament.

2000

- From July 27 to August 2, the Canadian Big League Baseball Championship is held in Fort McMurray. The winner advances to the World Series in Tucson, Arizona. Fort McMurray is represented by the Bulldogs. The Fraser Valley Orioles defeat the Fort McMurray Bartan Bulldogs 3-0 in the championship held at Ron Morgan Little League Park.
- Melissa Drover and Ann Marie Connolly are part of Team Alberta, winning silver at the Western Canadian Girls Baseball Championships.

2005

- The Fort McMurray Bulldogs win the Big League Prairie Championship at Ron Morgan Little League Baseball Park.

2008

- Colin Solback (builder) is inducted into the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame for his contributions to baseball.

2009

- Vancouver sports writer K.P. Lee publishes *The Homecoming Pitcher*, a fictional novel about Shawn Henderson and his quest to become Fort McMurray's first Major League Baseball player.

2011

- Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame inductees include Stuart Anderson (Golf), Brian Shantz (Hockey), Jon Walsh (Volleyball), and Joe Young (Baseball).

2012

- Fort McMurray explores the possibility of joining the 13-team American Association of Professional Baseball.
- Shane Dawson Jr., a pitcher, is selected by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 17th round of the 2012 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.
- Curtis O'Brien wins the inaugural Big League Bomb home run hitting competition at Edmonton's TELUS Field, hitting 11 home runs on 14 pitches using the "Happy Gilmour" two-step approach.

2015

- Shane Dawson Jr. becomes the second local athlete to win a gold medal at a Pan Am, Olympic, or Commonwealth Games when Team Canada defeats Team USA 7-6 in baseball at the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto.
- On November 2, it is announced that the Western Major Baseball League will add the Fort McMurray Giants to their summer collegiate baseball ranks.

2016

- Shane Dawson Jr. is called up to the Toronto Blue Jays for a pre-season series against the Boston Red Sox. The 22-year-old pitcher is coming off a strong season with Single-A Lansing, where he posted a 3.01 ERA and a 12-4 record.

- The Fort McMurray Oil Giants are scheduled to play their inaugural Western Major Baseball League game on May 27, hosting defending champion Lethbridge Bulls at Shell Place stadium. The game is postponed due to the city's evacuation on May 3 because of the Horse River Fire, which destroyed 3,244 buildings and caused \$9.9 billion in damage. The Giants play their first home game at Edmonton's Rosedale Ballpark and return to Fort McMurray mid-season. Baseball Canada Cup Championships are hosted at MIP from August 3 to 8.

2017

- Baseball Canada 18U National Championships are held at MIP.

2018

- Baseball Canada Cup is announced to return to Fort McMurray (Shell Place, Ross Hennigar Park) for August 2020.

2019

- Sydney Barry part of Team Alberta girl's silver medal squad at Western Canadian baseball championships.

2020

- The Western Canadian Baseball League cancels its 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Former Fort McMurray Giants player Max Hewitt signs with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Hewitt, an infielder and catcher, played for the Oklahoma State Cowboys from 2018 to 2021. In 2021, he recorded 57 hits, 44 RBIs, and four home runs in 51 games. Hewitt played in Fort McMurray during the offseason in 2017 and 2019, hitting 50 hits, 33 RBIs, and two home runs in 41 games in 2019.

2021

- The Fort McMurray Giants miss Western Canadian Baseball League action for the second consecutive year as the league operates a reduced five-team schedule. The 2020 season was also canceled due to the pandemic. The Giants plan to resume play in 2022.

2022

- The CEDA 13U AA Oil Giants win provincial gold. The Fort McMurray Minor Baseball Association adds two all-girls teams, believed to be the first in the organization's history for the 9U and 13U divisions.
 - Pitcher Sydney Barry integral part of Team Alberta bronze medal performance at Canadian nationals.

2023

- Fort McMurray hosts the 18U National and 13U Western Baseball Championships, drawing over 10,000 spectators. Fort McMurray Baseball is named Provincial Organization of the Year.
- Baseball Canada announces the return of national events to Fort McMurray for the next two summers. The Fort McMurray Giants draw over 17,000 fans to Shell Place during the season.
 - Sydney Barry pitches 105 balls to secure bronze for Team Alberta in women's nationals. She is youngest player at 16. She is also the only female at the 18U National Championships playing for the host Fort McMurray Oil Giants.

2024

- Dion Barry honoured as Baseball Canada Grassroots Coach of the Year

Basketball

1931

- A ladies' basketball game, officiated by Mr. Hawkins, between Fort McMurray and Waterways ends in a 13-13 tie. This early encounter illustrates the community's engagement with the sport.

1968

- St. John's School organizes a walkathon to raise funds for basketball uniforms for both boys' and girls' teams, showcasing early efforts to promote the sport among the youth.

1975

- The Catalytic Centennials defeat the Grant MacEwan College Griffins 71-65 in an exhibition men's basketball game at Keyano College Gymnasium before 400 fans. Brent Farch shines with 33 points and is later offered a tryout with the Indiana Pacers of the American Basketball Association. He was also a member of Canada's Olympic B Team.

- The Catalytic Centennials also win the NEAWG men's basketball gold, edging Grande Centre 48-43.

1977

- Colleen Kunkel scores 26 points for the Catalytic Gals, winning the Fort McMurray Senior Women's Basketball League title 54-14 against the Producers.

- The FMCH High School Miners (FMCHS), featuring players from the Peter Pond Cowboys, secure second place in the Northeastern zone boys' basketball.

1978

- Ralph Howard leads the Harlem Comedy Kings with back-to-back 40-point games to defeat the FMCHS Miners and the Beacon Hill Ford Tar Heels in exhibition comedy basketball.

1979

- The Archbishop Jordan Scots from Edmonton win the boys' section of the Tarsands Invitational Basketball Tournament.

- The Birchwood Bears capture the St. Paul Basketball Tournament, beating Racette 44-30, with Gray Thomson scoring 21 points.

- The Fort McMurray School Athletic Association adopts standard rules for girls' sports, introducing a smaller basketball (28 inches instead of 30).

- FMCHS Miners boys' team secures the Tomahawk Classic in Grande Prairie, with Gray Thomson averaging 24 points per game.

- Catalytic Centennials finish the season with an impressive 37-1 record in the Fort McMurray Basketball Association (FMBA).

- Ron Morgan, Jr. champion at the Knights of Columbus Provincial Free Throw Competition for 14-year-old boys.

1981

- FMCHS Miners win the boys' side of the 4th Tarsands Invitational, beating Bonnyville 71-59, with 6-foot-4 Scott Avery scoring 19 points. A week later, Mark Humeniuk leads the Miners to gold at the Barrhead Invitational with 20 points.

- The Athena Deli Nationals defeat the Catalytic Centennials 59-54 to win the FMBA championship, ending the Centennials' seven-year reign as champions.

1982

- Over 150 fans attend a basketball booster night at Keyano College featuring local All-Stars against a celebrity team headed by Blake Emmons of CTV's Funny Farm.

- The 868 Rotary Sponsored Air Cadet Squadron wins senior and junior hoops at the 7th Invitational Drill and Sports Competition in Red Deer.

1983

- Parker and Ford Spectacles defeat the Calgary Celtics 100-83 to win the Western Canadian Senior B Men's Basketball Championships.
- FMBA and high school basketball games are showcased weekly on ABC Channel 10, along with the national award-winning video series The Basketball Alphabet.
- Former St. Francis Xavier graduate Chris Jones scores back-to-back 50-plus point games in FMBA action for CBS Stars.
- Archbishop Marauders and Bonnie Doon Lancers win the girls' and boys' titles at the Tarsands Basketball Tournament hosted by the FMCHS Miners.

1984

- The Fort McMurray Outdoor Basketball Association is formed.
- Catalytic Centennials win bronze at the Intermediate C Men's Basketball Provincials, with Tate MacKenzie named to the all-star team.
- Basketball Alberta Focus, a monthly television show, is broadcast on provincial community stations, featuring an opening sequence filmed at FMCHS.

1985

- Gray Thomson earns ACAC All-Star recognition as a member of the Grant MacEwan Griffins.
- FPMCHS player Harbir Bains averages 31 points over three games at the St. Paul Regional Invitational Basketball Tournament.
- Trak Enterprises women's basketball team bronze at the Lloydminster Invitational Basketball Women's Classic, led by Jeannie Tuomi's 23 points.
- Wes "Greyhound" Herbert scores a jaw-dropping 58 points in a single FMBA game.
- Canada men's national basketball team captain Eli Pasquale conducts a three-day clinic to develop local talent.

1986

- Team Xerox represents Fort McMurray, completing an ambitious schedule of 51 games across Western Canada. One standout player is 6-foot-8 John Randa, a former NCAA star and Eastern Washington University graduate known for his rebounding; he leaves in 1987 to play professionally in Portugal.
- FMCHS Miners place third at the ASAA 4A boys' provincials, edging Red Deer's Lindsay Thurber Raiders 65-63 in overtime, with Ray Hines leading the team with 16 points.

1987

- The Budget Cavaliers, featuring former national team members Ken Larson and Kelly Dukshire, finish second at the 6th Meraloma Invitational Basketball Tournament.
- FMCHS Miners shine at the Camrose Norseman Invitational Basketball Tournament, with Colin Vigilance and Lou Bories named to the All-Star team.
- WCHS opens their gym, nicknamed "The Abyss," hosting a Challenge Cup game and Super Slam Dunk Championship won by Wes "Greyhound" Herbert. In girls' basketball, the WCHS Trojans defeat the FMCHS Trappers 39-36, with Kerry Barwick scoring 13 points. The boys' game is a thrilling overtime win for the Trojans 80-77, with Shane Dawson scoring 24 points.

1988

- Shane Dawson leads Team Alberta to victory at the Western Canadian Juvenile Basketball Championships, defeating Manitoba and putting Fort McMurray on the basketball map.
- FMCHS Miners boys' and girls' teams both capture gold at the 8th Tarsands Invitational Basketball Tournament. Lori-Ann King is named girls' MVP.

1989

- The Intermediate B Women's Basketball team, Team Westinghouse, wins the championship, beating Concordia College 63-48, with Debbie McFarland scoring 18 points.
- FMCHS Miners earn a bronze medal at the ASAA 3A boys' basketball tournament, narrowly losing 76-75 to Willow Creek. Shane Dawson's outstanding play earns him all-star team honors.
- Wes Herbert excels playing for the ACAC Lethbridge Kodiaks, who earn a silver medal at the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) finals after losing 86-74 to the NAIT Oaks.

1990

- FMCHS Miners boys' team wins the 3A zone championship. In the final against the Grande Centre Royals, brothers Colin and Dwayne Vigilance score 38 and 24 points respectively in a 104-95 victory.
- Phillips Pacemakers win the annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament for the fourth time.
- Team Alberta at the ARWG features Jeff Readman, Dwayne Vigilance, and Shane Dawson, finishing with an 8-0 record and claiming gold after an 88-82 win over Alaska.
- TODAY sports columnist Curtis J. Phillips serves as ball boy for a Los Angeles Lakers exhibition game against the New Jersey Nets in Edmonton.

1991

- Fort McMurray is identified as an attractive location for professional sports leagues, including the Can-Am Professional Baseball League and the Global Basketball Association.
- Harbir Bains of the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns is named to the U Sports Canada West Second Team All-Star for the 1990-91 season, averaging 24.4 points per game.

1992

- At just 10 years old, Kris Huybrecht competes in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Provincial Championship.
- FMCHS players Darrin Horsman, Sam Salter, Tim Yakiwchuk, Gurpreet Sandhu, and Ryan Lobb are selected to the Alberta North team.

1993

- FMCHS Miners claim double gold at the Challenge Cup. The girls' team take a thrilling double overtime game 38-36.

1994

- FMCHS player Sam Salter, at 5-foot-11, skys high to take the slam dunk competition at the Calgary Dino Jamboree Tournament.
- FMCHS Miners secure a bronze medal at the ASAA 3A boys' basketball championships, defeating Edmonton's Austin O'Brien High School 105-90, with Salter scoring 38 points.
- Edmonton Skyhawks, a professional team, defeat the Fort McMurray Men's Basketball All-Stars 157-103.
- The Northern Lights Wheelchair team plays a friendly match against local celebrities.
- Shayne Midford represents Team Alberta North at the ARWG.

1995

- Sam Salter is an ACAC First Team Selection playing for the SAIT Trojans, averaging 16.4 points per game. He later plays for the Mount Royal Cougars (1996-1997) averaging nearly 18 points per game, and returns to the SAIT Trojans for the 2000-2001 season, averaging 23.2 points and 4.89 assists.

1996

- A new 3-on-3 men's basketball tournament is introduced.
- The WCHS Trojans boys' team wins the Tarsands Tournament, defeating the St. Albert Skyhawks 77-68.
- The WCHS senior boys' team finishes fourth in the 3A provincial rankings, with Curtis Russell as leading scorer.

1997

- Bob McCracken, longtime head coach of the FMCHS Miners boys' basketball team, ends his 16-year tenure to pursue teaching in Okotoks.
- The FMCHS Miners win the Tarsands Invitational, with the boys' team defeating Archbishop MacDonald Marauders 92-79 and the girls' team winning 44-37.

1998

- Ahmad Majed scores 35 points to lead FMCHS Miners to an 86-70 victory over Lloydminster to win the Zones. Majed later plays for the NAIT Oaks, contributing to back-to-back championships in 2000 and 2002.
- Sam Salter begins a 13-year professional basketball career in the UK, playing for teams including the Birmingham Bullets, Kingston Wildcats, London Leopards, London Towers, Manchester Magic, Reading Rockets, and Worthing Bears.

1999

- Fort McMurray hosts the Midget Provincial Basketball Championships, showcasing top young talent: Girls – Catherine Altares, Jennifer Canning, Tasha Gregoire, Terra Jackson Boys – Mazin Farhat, Adam Hiscock, Jeremiah Jones, Aidan O'Connor

2001

- The FMCHS Trappers girls defend their Challenge Cup title by defeating the FMCHS Miners 61-29. Trappers coach Guy Lanigan promises to shave his head if the team wins.

2002

- After 19 years, the Tarsands Invitational Basketball Tournament, hosted by Composite High, ends due to lack of interest.

2003

- Jace Saunders is part of Team Alberta's men's basketball bronze medal squad at the Western Canada Summer Games.
- The Frozen Hoops website, focusing on Canadian basketball content, ranks No. 2 in views.

2004

- From February 28 to March 6, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo hosts the ARWG, with six rural communities also hosting various events. Fort Chipewyan hosts basketball and Arctic Sports.
- Team Alberta North boys basketball features local players Justin Mywaart and Nick Schloendorf. The girls' team includes Ashley Bacon, Charity Dalley, Stephanie Edison, Jill Kerrigan, Mary Beth McKenna, and Shaunna Mellon.

2006

- Jace Saunders is tragically murdered after confronting a suspected car thief.

2007

- FPMCH Trapper graduate Clarence Smith leads the ACAC North in scoring at 19.83 points per game playing for the Lakeland College Rustlers. He is also named a CCAA All-Canadian.

2008

- Members of the Edmonton Chill of the International Basketball League conduct a clinic during the annual C.J. Phillips Frozen Hoops All-Star Weekend, which features boys' and girls' junior and senior high school all-star games.
- Keyano Huskies host the Alberta Colleges Athletic League basketball championships at the Syncrude Sport & Wellness Centre. Both men's and women's teams claim silver medals. The women lose 69-65 to St. Mary's Lightning, with captain Jenna Holt scoring 18 points. The men fall 92-59 to the Lightning.
- Willow Meagher leads the FMCHS Miners girls to a Challenge Cup 58-45 win over FPMCHS, scoring 13 points. The Miners boys take gold with a 66-54 victory over WCHS Trojans; Travis Chaulk scores 16 points. Miners coach Jonathan Lambert emphasizes strategy: "Rebound well, push the ball and hit the open man."

2010

- Rebecca Deloyer is part of Team Alberta's ARWG girls' gold medal squad.
- Challenge Cup champion WCHS Trojans boys defeat an all-star team from FPMCHS and FMCHS 52-49 during the C.J. Frozen Hoops All-Star Weekend. Trojan Shariq Walid is named MVP.

2011

- Keyano Huskies Louis "Kangaroo Kid" Barham earns the first of back-to-back ACAC Second Team men's basketball recognitions.
- Jesse Braverock leads the ACAC in total blocks with 54 in 19 games, repeating as league leader in 2016.
- Dwayne Vigilance, former FMCH Miners grad, is hired to coach the Keyano Huskies women's team after five years coaching semi-pro women's basketball in Australia.

2012

- Keyano Huskies' Zach Waldher is named a CCAA Men's Basketball All-Canadian, averaging 25.4 points per game and leading the ACAC with 5.74 assists per game.
- Nicholle McKenzie earns Second Team ACAC All-Star honors for the Huskies.

2013

- Keyano Huskies' Yona Berhe leads the ACAC men in total assists with 137 in 21 games.
- Coached by Mike Connolly, the Huskies win silver at the ACAC finals, advancing to the CCAA men's tournament after losing to rival Red Deer Kings.
- Jonathan Lambert is hired as Associate Athletic Director at Keyano College.

2014

- NASH: A Documentary Film about Canadian and two-time NBA MVP Steve Nash opens in theatres. The film is directed, written, and produced by Michael Hamilton, a FMCHS graduate and basketball player.
- Keyano Huskies' Blake Gallant earns ACAC First Team All-Conference selection and Rookie of the Year honors.
- Chawncy McClenan is named to the ACAC Women's Second Team for the second consecutive year, leading the league in blocks the previous season.

2015

- Syncrude Sport & Wellness Centre hosts the ACAC Men's Basketball Championships March 5-7. Keyano Huskies place fourth, losing 94-76 to the Olds College Broncos.
- Keyano Huskies' Lance Wesolowski earns ACAC First Team All-Conference and CCAA Academic All-Canadian honors.
- Vanessa Wideman receives First Team All-Conference recognition for ACAC women's basketball, with teammate Jelayne Dubielew named Second Team.

2016

- The CCAA Men's Basketball Championships are held March 17-19 at Syncrude Sport & Wellness Centre, with NAIT Ooks defeating Humber Hawks 79-74 for the title.
- Keyano Huskies' Collin Whitely earns First Team All-Conference, with Kevin Dia contributing as a second unit player.
- Kika Greenlee leads Keyano Huskies women with First Team All-Conference honors, topping the North in scoring at 21.7 points per game. Teammate Danielle MacLellan leads the North in rebounds at 7.54 per game. The Huskies claim bronze at the ACAC finals.

2017

- Moiyen Toure earns her first of three ACAC Women's First Team All-Conference honors. Danielle MacLellan is named to the ACAC Women's Second Team.
- Keyano Huskies men place two players on the ACAC Second Team: Rami Ghanem and Jonatas Michel, who leads the ACAC in rebounds per game (9.33).
- Carlos Rodriguez tops the league in blocked shots with 43.
- Terrence Crisostomo is named ACAC Rookie of the Year (North).
- Jinan Daqqa part of the Lethbridge Kodiaks women's basketball team that claims the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association title.

2018

- Keyano Huskies' Stefan Jovic earns ACAC Rookie of the Year and begins a three-year streak as a First Team All-Conference men's basketball selection. Jonatas Michel is Second Team All-Conference.
- Augusta Kievisaite and Sarah McDonald earn ACAC First Team honors for women's basketball. Kievisaite leads the North in steals per game and was Second Team in 2019.

2019

- Keyano Huskies host the ACAC Women's Basketball Championships, claiming silver after losing to the Olds Broncos.
- Moiyen Toure leads ACAC Women's North in scoring (14.8 ppg), steals (2.63 per game), and rebounds (13.54).
- Chris Oppong earns Second Team men's ACAC honors while leading the league in assists.

2020

- FMCH Miners varsity girls' basketball team wins the Challenge Cup, defeating the Holy Trinity Knights 64-28.
- Holy Trinity Knights upset FMCH Miners boys to become the 37th boys' varsity Challenge Cup champions with a 67-51 win.
- Keyano Huskies' Jacob Simmons receives the CCAA Academic All-Canadian Award.
- Moiyen Toure again leads the ACAC in rebounds (13.88) and the North in steals (2.71).
- The Huskies women earn a silver medal, losing 64-50 to the Lakeland Rustlers.

- Ruel Altares receives the Kim Boehme Award (Ambassador of the Year) from the Fort McMurray School Athletic Association.
- Dejon Davis and Noah Horobetz Simpson earn Second Team men's ACAC honors.
- Huskies women Aliyah Johnson and Moiyan Toure are First Team selections.
- Keyano men earn bronze.

2021

- No basketball season due to COVID-19.

2022

- Keyano Huskies' Sean Michael-Clancey earns First Team ACAC All-Star honors, with teammates Ringo Dua and Omeechi Williams named to Second Team.
- Ringo Dua also receives the CCAA Academic All-Canadian Award.
- Men's basketball coach Jeremy Wielenga earns his first of three ACAC Coach of the Year (North) awards.
- Sean Michael-Clancey leads the ACAC in scoring (24.3 ppg) and steals (2.81 per game).
- The Huskies men finish the regular season undefeated at 16-0.

2023

- Seven Fort McMurray athletes and a local coach contribute to an undefeated North East Zone gold medal in U14 boys basketball at the ASG. Players include Tiago Lance, Ethan Matutu, Elliott Murphy, Emmanuel Okei, Luv Patel, Shema Rwangombwa, and Ivan Saenz, all from Northern Trailblazers Basketball program. Coach Joshua Owen leads the team.
- Keyano Huskies' Sean Michael-Clancey is named ACAC Male Basketball Player of the Year and CCAA Player of the Year, averaging 23.4 points and 3.0 steals per game.
- Keyano Huskies' Marijana Besic and Zera Lynn Panesa earn ACAC Second Team women's selections.
- Joy Victor leads the ACAC North women in steals (58 total).
- Taliik Ross makes Second Team men's ACAC.
- Holy Trinity Northern Knights win silver at the boys' 3A provincial basketball finals, losing 103-41 to St. Peter the Apostle Spartans. Notably, the Knights, seeded No. 7, upset No. 2 Strathcona Christian Academy in the quarterfinal and defeated Camrose Trojans 96-81 in the semifinals.
- WCHS Community High School partners with the Alberta Basketball Association to introduce the Canada Basketball Academy program.
- Kayla Giroux, 15, of Team Alberta's 16U female basketball team, gold at the 2023 North American Indigenous Games in Halifax.
- David Chijioke and Sai Shankar are part of Team Alberta's silver medal squad at the ARWG.

2024

- Keyano Huskies defeat St. Mary's University Lightning 94-79 in front of the largest home crowd in school history, advancing to the CCAA finals at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. (March 13-16). Head coach Jeremy Wielenga praises his team for creating their own destiny after beating Ontario's George Brown Huskies 68-55 to claim the CCAA gold medal — a first for the local college. Keenan Miller is named CCAA Tournament MVP. Keyano's DJ Haynes leads the gold medal game with 18 points; Omeechi Williams records a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds, including two three-pointers. Evan Meyer contributes 16 points and nine rebounds.
- Omeechi Williams earns CCAA All-Canadian honors.

- DJ Haynes and Williams are ACAC First Team men's selections.
- Kaylynn Tucker earns ACAC First Team women's honors, leading the North in scoring at 19.0 ppg.
- The Holy Trinity Northern Knights capture the ASAA 3A boys' basketball championship in Strathmore (March 16), avenging their previous year's loss. They rally from double-digit deficits in the final to defeat Strathmore High 85-84 in overtime. Coach Grace Lokole praises the team's hard work, defense, and composure under pressure. Key players include David Chijioke (part of last year's ARWG silver medal team), leading scorer Daniel Chijioke (35 points and 15 rebounds per game), and point guard Ezeugo Akamadu.

2025

- Holy Trinity Northern Knights defend their provincial boys basketball title before a packed gym at Holy Trinity 119-106 in overtime against Brooks. Knights are led by Daniel Chijoki.

Baton Twirling

1974

- The Cosmo Baton Twirling Club is established.
- Notable performers include Bridget Chase, Lynn Maciborski, and Leanna Heer.

1975

- The Cosmo Baton Twirlers compete in Edmonton.
- Lynn Maciborski earns a gold medal in the competition.

1976

- The Fort McMurray Majorettes Corp is founded.

1982

- The Fort McMurray Majorettes grow to 110 members.
- Training is provided by Diane Walker, Angie Tsuida, and Lynn Fedun.

Belly Flop

1988

- Brian "Slim" Maclachlan is North American Belly Flop Champion.

Biathlon

1984

- FMWC Biathlon champion is Brian Harvie.
- Biathlon team competition captured by Charlotte Smith, Wayne McKee, and Roger Rutherford.

1987

- Northern Lights Winter Sports Festival is held with Alpine skiing, bobsleigh, biathlon, Nordic combined ski jumping, speed skating, luge, and figure skating.

2002

- Will Harmer earns two gold medals in biathlon at the AWG held in Medicine Hat.

2003

- Fort McMurray Biathlon Club is ranked No. 4 in the province, thanks to the hard work of Martha Stepanuk.

2004

- Stuart Lodge Ulu gold in biathlon.

2009

- At his home World Championships in Canmore, Stuart Lodge's best result was 55th place in the sprint.

2010

- Emma Lodge gold in the sprint and bronze in the pursuit at the Canadian Junior Championships.

2011

- Emma Lodge gold in the mixed relay, silver in the pursuit, and bronze in singles and sprint at the Canadian Junior Championships.

2012

- Emma Lodge places 14th in relay, 30th in individual, 52nd in pursuit, and 56th in sprint at the World Junior Championships.

2013

- Emma Lodge wins the Alberta Summer Biathlon Championship (September 29, Canmore).

2014

- At the ARWG, Fort McMurray athletes win multiple medals in biathlon and other disciplines.

Billiards

1978

- Players Roy Church and Victor Lynch played 60 games of snooker at the Snooker Shack.
- The match lasted 25 hours and 9 minutes.
- Lynch won 36 games; Church won 24 games.

1984

- Darold Zukowski scored a 104 in pool at Cue n Cushions Billiards on September 22, and improved his score to 112 on September 24.

1995

- Stan Tourangeau won the 8-ball regular singles at the 15th International Championships in pool.

1997

- Stan Tourangeau won the Montana State Open 9-ball singles title and the Open 8-ball singles title.

2012

- Stan Tourangeau captured the U.S. Bar Table Championships (Nine Ball).

Board Games

1921

- The Women's Institute organizes whist and euchre games as a fundraiser for school path improvements.

1931

- A new division of Edmonton Arts & Crafts focuses on "Indian Work," with local winners, including Mrs. M. Cooper, recognized for their unique designs using traditional materials.

1964

- Sam Drefko achieves a perfect score in cribbage.

1976

- Wilfred Courchesne secures the high school chess trophy.

1979

- Ed Gordon establishes the Fort McMurray Stamp and Coin Club.

1980

- Cam Lockhart wins the local backgammon tournament to qualify for the 4th Plimpton Cup to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- International yo-yo champion Cesar Perez visits Fort McMurray as part of a promotional tour for Coca-Cola.

1982

- The Long Branch Tavern hosts a Pac-Man video contest.

1983

- Dave Daye becomes the inaugural champion of the Northern Alberta Backgammon title.

1988

- Fort McMurray Chess Club is formed by Ron Coulson.

1991

- A sports card show featuring 25 tables takes place, with proceeds benefiting Special Olympics.

2012

- Fort McMurray Chess Club founder Jina Burn and Ancy Chacko place second and fourth respectively at provincial final.

2013

- Alberta Women's Chess Championships are held

Bobsled

2016

- Daniel Sunderland makes his world debut in four-man bobsled in Whistler B.C.

2022

- Daniel Sunderland competes in Olympic Games in Beijing two-man (20th), four-man (23rd)

Bocce

19

- Margaret Lindenberger, Louis Dussault, Rae Little, and Clarence Little win bronze medals at the Alberta Senior Games.

Bodybuilding

1981

- Paul Cloutier, manager of Body Builders Gym, is named Mr. Alberta in the 195-pound category.

1982

- Carol Lacourciere becomes a top competitor in the middleweight category at the Canadian National Junior Women's Bodybuilding Championships.

1983

- Leo Pilotte acquires Fort McMurray Body Builders Gym.

1985

- Al Hancock secures the top position at the Alberta Centennial Challenge Cup Bodybuilding Championships in the heavyweight division.
1987
- Al Hancock places second in the light heavyweight division at the Western Canadian Bodybuilding Championships. He later earns the title of Mr. Alberta North.
1988
- Al Hancock finishes second in the heavyweight competition at the Western Canadian Bodybuilding Championships.
1989
- Natt Lineham achieves second place in the heavyweight class at the Canadian Junior Bodybuilding Championships.
1991
- Susan Shewchuk accomplishes the Alberta provincial bodybuilding title in the middleweight division.
1992
- Susan Shewchuk places third in the Western Canadian Bodybuilding Championships in the middleweight division.
1993
- Lorie Greer wins the overall title at the Northern Alberta Bodybuilding Championship.
1994
- Lorie Greer finishes second in the Alberta bodybuilding provincials in the middleweight category.
2003
- Wade Matthies places third at the Alberta Bodybuilding Championships.
- Marc Duperron places third at Musclemania Canada.
2004
- Grete Clary places second in the Alberta Bodybuilding and Fitness Championships in the women's middleweight division.
2007
- Terri Carroll wins the Alberta Bodybuilding Association Women's Figure Tier I Tall category. Her twin sister Tiffany places second.
2013
- Rachel Spirig earns the International Natural Bodybuilding and Fitness (INBF) figure tall category in the Alberta Cup

Bowling

- 1977
- Fred Borger opens McMurray Bowling and Billiards in Gregoire, reviving the local bowling scene after the 1967 closure of the Riviera Hotel lanes.
1978
- A bowl-a-thon draws 72 participants, with 67 completing all 30 games.
- Bruce Lytle averages 225 with a total of 6,812 pins for the men's high average. Jean Kozulk is the top female.
- Richard Lapointe rolls a 380 for men's high single.

- Dave McCormack scores a perfect 400.

1979

- John Taylor and Marvel Bardwell are named Male and Female Bowlers of the Year.

1980

- Mark Jamieson is named the top Senior Boys Bowler in Alberta.

1982

- At the NEAWG Bowling Championships, Fort McMurray is represented by John Paye, Gary Moore, Fred Plumridge, Ron Frayer, Fred Ford, Allan St. James, Jerry Bussieres, Harold Baron, Darlene Granter, Francis Kuzmak, Dianne Frazer, Karen Fleischacker, Vie Eles, Alda St. James, Sharan Gillowski, Karen Hightbody, Tim Ford, and Doug South.

1984

- Hector Lachance wins the Edmonton Masters 10-pin men's title.
- Robert Ducharme places third in junior boys' singles at the Youth Bowling Council Zones.

1986

- The Keyano Huskies mixed bowling team bronze at the ACAC tournament.
- Team members include Linda Lays, Alex Gordon, Loren Humeny, and Cindy Bursey.
- McMurray Bowl hosts the Carling O'Keefe Five Pin Open Alberta Provincials, where the Edmonton team wins four of five events.

1990

- The team of Betty White, Sonja Skjonsberg, Linda Mosher, Dianne Blair, and Sylvia Mathison wins the Royal Canadian Legion Alberta/NWT five-pin bowling title.
- Marge Nickel and Jakov Mijic win gold at the O'Keefe Bowling Championships.

1992

- Tom Keating qualifies for the Hiram Walker Special Old Pins Game on TSN, one of only two Albertans to do so.

1995

- Terry Malone places second at the 10-pin provincials with 2,029 pins over 10 games.
- Eleven-year-old Trevor Boyce finishes fourth at provincials.

1999

- Fort McMurray captures the junior boys provincial title for the second straight year.
- The team includes Eric Vilenuve, Shawn Cooper, Matt Eigner, Thomas Whitford, and Eddie Dilney.

2000

- Edna Bacon and Albert Menard win gold at the Seniors Mini Summer Games.

2003

- Bowl for Kids raises \$25,000 for Big Brothers, with Curtis J. Phillips serving as honorary chairman.

2004

- At the Senior Mini Summer Games, Fort McMurray earns medals in snooker, golf, cycling, shuffleboard, bocce, and bowling.

2005

- Kari Anderson wins two gold medals at the Canadian Masters Championships in Red Deer.

2020

- Special Olympics returns to the region with a local bowling event.

Boxing

1934

- On July 21, Art Bryan, champion boxer of Western Canada, visits Fort McMurray and is challenged by Royal Military Academy graduate Lyman Skinner.
- In Fort Chipewyan, unable to find an opponent, Bryan entertains locals with an Irish jig.

1942

- Tom Morimoto silver in the bantamweight division at the Canadian Armed Forces Boxing Championships.

1945

- In Holland, over 3,000 Canadian and British soldiers witness Fort McMurray's Tommy Morimoto face Jack Billings of St. Mary's, Ontario in a bantamweight title bout held by the 1st Canadian Army. Billings wins the title.

1963

- Joe Harpe ends his amateur middleweight boxing career with a perfect 42-0 record. He fought entirely within Prince Albert Penitentiary, where he served 2.5 years for theft. He returns to Fort McMurray and becomes a respected boxing official, refereeing nearly 1,000 amateur bouts.

1968

- Mike Woodward starts the Clearwater Amateur Boxing Club (CABC).

1969

- Ken Hicks, 19, scores the Canadian Amateur Boxing Association's 125-pound division in St. Catharines, Ontario with a third-round KO.
- The Gordon G. White Trophy is created in memory of Fort McMurray boxer and U.S. Marine Gordon G. White, killed in Vietnam on March 12.
- Alberta Silver Gloves belts are won by Lambert Lindstrom (55 pounds), Bobby Brooks (80 pounds), Curtis Hodgson (90 pounds), and Clifford Powder (100 pounds).
- At the Alberta Golden Gloves in Edmonton, Dwayne Loitz wins the 147-pound novice belt.
- Ken Hicks defeats Larry Couetorille of Fort Chipewyan in the 125-pound novice final.

1970

- CABC hosts an amateur boxing event at Peter Pond School gym featuring local and Janvier boxers.

1971

- CABC's Bobby Brooks wins the Alberta Silver Glove, Diamond Belt, and Golden Gloves.

1972

- At the Alberta Native Provincial Boxing Championships, CABC's Dwayne Loitz narrowly loses to a three-time Canadian champion. Gold is won by Riel Webb (80 pounds), Robert Powder (119 pounds), and Robert Cardinal (125 pounds).

1973

- Wayne Bourque defeats Frankie Pruden for the 80-pound title at the Alberta Native Championships.
- Riel Webb, Robert Powder, Robert Cardinal, and Bobby Brooks represent Fort McMurray at the Western Canada Native Games.
- At the National Junior Boxing Olympics in Edmonton, Wayne Dalueg (80 pounds), Wayne Bourque (84 pounds), and Dean Phillips (85 pounds) all win gold.

1975

- Randy Gullison and Wayne Bourque win gold at the Canadian Junior Boxing Olympics in Montreal.
- Seven Alberta boxers tour Europe, managed by NFBC's Rex Clews. Flyweight Riel Webb loses a controversial decision to Ireland's Damien Bell.
- Riel Webb gold at the Alberta Golden Gloves intermediate flyweight title.
- Wayne Bourque (105 pounds) and Dean Phillips (90 pounds) also win titles.
- Wayne Bourque gold at the Alberta Silver Gloves 100-pound class, and Randy Gullison wins the 95-pound class.

1976

- CABC hosts a boxing card against a visiting team from Norway.
- Tim Daniels (70 pounds) and Roland Chapin (80 pounds) win gold at the Alberta Provincials.
- Randy Gullison is named Athlete of the Year at the Miskanaw Golf and Country Club Sportsman's Dinner.
- A closed-circuit viewing of the Joe Frazier vs. George Foreman fight is held at the Townsite Arena.
- Dean Phillips is posthumously named Male Athlete of the Year following his accidental death.

1977

- Randy Gullison, Darren Bourque, and Riel Webb make Team Alberta.
- Olympian Dale Anderson, 24, trains out of CABC.

1980

- Wayne Bourque, Bobby Jarrett, Kevin Smallwood, and Dennis Lacoursiere win at a tournament in Regina.
- Richard Phillips wins the junior 115-pound title at the Alberta Provincials.
- Darren Bourque secures bronze in the 139-pound class at the Canadian International Intermediate Championships.
- Tommy Walling (95 pounds) and George Davis (80 pounds) win at the Alberta Bronze Gloves.
- Doug Webb earns bronze at the ARWG.

1981

- Alberta Bronze Gloves winners include Chris Poole (senior light heavyweight), Mario Bergeron (80 pounds), Dean Wood (110 pounds), and Billy Cook (95 pounds).

1984

- Danny Finch (75 pounds), Brett Marchand (85 pounds), and Aroldo Villeda (106 pounds) win Alberta Golden Gloves titles.
- Dan Donnelly defeats Alvin Badman in the 147-pound intermediate class at the AWG.

1985

- Fred MacDonald and Matt Noble establish the Fort McMurray Native Boys Boxing Club (FMNBC).
- At the Alberta Junior Provincials, Brett Marchand (85 pounds), Randy Bennett (80 pounds), and Danny Finch (70 pounds) win gold.

1986

- Rex Clews transitions from CABC to coach at the Nistawoyou Friendship Amateur Boxing Club after 20 years.
- A benefit event titled Brother-versus-Brother Boxing raises \$3,500 and features 10 sibling bouts.

- Randy Bennett, Garth Snyder, and Brett Marchand win gold at the Junior C Provincial Championships. Marchand captures the national title in the 119-pound class.

- Dennis Lacoursiere and Randy Snider begin coaching at the Nistawoyou Friendship Centre.

- Keith Jacobs secures the provincial intermediate novice light heavyweight championship in Medicine Hat.

- Rex Clews is inducted into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame. Later that year, he is charged with multiple counts of sexual assault and indecent assault and is removed from his role with the junior national team. Rex Clews is sentenced for 15 sexual offences in 1987.

1987

- CABC moves to a new location near the Snye.

1988

- Robert Kavanagh and Garth Snider earn gold and silver at the AWG.

1989

- Cliff "Gun" Powder competes at the Flurry in McMurray event. He claims an amateur record of 366 bouts with 190 knockouts and a pro record of 4-1. He defeats Mike Kip Peacemaker with a TKO at 2:41 of the third round.

- Ken Lakusta defeats Randy "King Kong" Kellar by seventh-round KO in the Flurry in McMurray main event.

1990

- Garth Snider loses a split decision to C. Saunders in Wales at the Daelic Youth Boxing Tournament in the Junior C 125-pound class. He wins the Alberta Provincial Junior C title in the same weight class with a 4-1 decision over Shawn Ready. Snider competes at the Western Canada Summer Games and boxes to a silver medal at the Canadian Junior Championships.

1991

- Garth Snider bronze in the boxing 60-kg class at the Canada Winter Games.

1992

- Garth Snider injures his shoulder in his first match at the World Championships.

1995

- A pro boxing event, Battle of the Dome, is held in the FLLY Dome. Willard Lewis wins his eighth straight pro fight in the light heavyweight category, defeating Tim Cooper. Lewis would later contend for the WBO World Cruiserweight and NABO Cruiserweight titles, finishing his career with 17 wins, 23 losses, and 3 draws. Roberto Duran was scheduled to headline the Battle of the Dome.

1996

- Mickey Weibel bronze at the Golden Gloves and Dan Forbister claims gold at the Silver Gloves by defeating Edmonton's Bernie St. Pierre.

- Cree boxer Willard Lewis receives the name "Red Thunder Rock" from his grandfather during a Sweat Lodge ceremony.

1997

- Chris Ladouceur wins the provincial middleweight boxing title.

2009

- Cory Pye opens Sweet Science Boxing Inc.

2012

- Wayne Bourque (Boxing) is inducted into the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame (WBSHF) as an Athlete. Other inductees include Darren Gibbs (Hockey Official), Sandy Bowman (MMA Builder), and Bob Campbell (All-Around Builder).

2013

- The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo passes a Combative Sports Commission Bylaw, formally regulating boxing, MMA, kickboxing, and related sports at both amateur and professional levels.

2014

- Blake McPhee claims the Alberta Provincial Boxing Championship belt in the 140-pound division.

Boxing Profile: Edgar Davis Jr.

1984

- Silver at the Canadian Junior National Boxing Championships in the 85-pound division by defeating Nova Scotia's Norman Tyne.

- Takes gold at the Alberta Junior Boxing Championships.

1985

- Increases amateur record to 53-5 with a December bout in Montana.

- 95-pound title at the Canadian National Jr. Olympic Boxing Championships in Quebec by defeating Danny Larouche.

- Defeats U.S. Junior Olympic champion Pat McNabb of Idaho by referee stoppage in the 90-pound class.

- Needs only 50 seconds to beat Kelly Crowell by referee stoppage in the Junior C 95-pound event at the Alberta Junior Provincials.

1986

- Earns bronze at the Canadian National Intermediate Boxing Championships in the 112-pound class.

1987

- Bantamweight gold at the Canada Summer Games.

- Places ninth at the Junior World Amateur Boxing Championships in the -54 kg division.

- Named Best Intermediate Boxer in Alberta with a record of 68-7.

- Loses to a Cuban boxer at the World Cup in Havana.

1988

- Named Best All-Around Boxer at the Alberta Provincial Amateur Championships.

- Bantamweight gold at the Canada Winter Games by defeating Trevor Earle.

- Falls to Marc Menard in the Canadian Olympic Trials.

1989

- Western Canadian Golden Gloves title by defeating former national champion Jeff Hill in the 60-kg class.

1998

- Portrays bareknuckle boxer Joe Choynski (active 1888–1904) in the Showtime series Dead Man's Gun, Season 2, Episode 4: Winner Takes All. Choynski fought 86 bouts, winning 59.

Boxing Profile: Danny Lindstrom (Danny Stonewalker)

- Born 1960, Danny Lindstrom began boxing at age 10. He was a trailblazer for Indigenous athletes in the sport.

1972

- Competes in his first major event, losing a close decision to a three-time Canadian champion.
- Wins alongside Riel Webb in a CABC event.

1976

- Named Best Intermediate Fighter at the Alberta Golden Gloves.

1981

- Alberta Silver Gloves light heavyweight title despite a weight disadvantage.

1982

- Injuries prevent him from competing at the Commonwealth Games Trials, though ranked sixth in the world.
- Joins Canada's National B Team and travels to Finland.
- Defeats the Idaho State Champion at a 13-bout card held at MIRC.
- Meets Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip as part of a Team Canada delegation.

1983

- Honoured at the Alberta Achievement Awards and celebrated at a roast hosted by Olympian Billy Mills.
- Retains the Canadian Light Heavyweight Amateur Boxing title.
- Secures a place on Canada's Pan-Am team by defeating Ken Johnson.
- Records his 70th amateur win during a Canada vs USA event.

1984

- Competes in the USA-Canada Pre-Olympic Challenge, losing a close decision to Orbit Pugh.
- Turns professional prior to the Olympics.

1985

- Trains at Golden Gloves Boxing Club in Las Vegas under Stan Tischler.
- Wins his pro debut by first-round stoppage against James "Crazy Horse" Mitchell in Calgary.
- Wins his second pro fight with a fifth-round TKO over Willie Maybarry in Hobbema.
- His brother Lambert Lindstrom dies in a car crash the same night.
- Victorious in his third pro fight with a Round 1 TKO against Curtis Starling in Las Vegas.

1986

- Suffers his first pro loss to Ron Daniels by unanimous decision in Las Vegas.
- Wins against Young Cal Lewis in a bout that required 16 stitches under his right eye.
- Record improves to 5-1-1.

1987

- Adopts the name Danny Stonewalker in a Sweat Lodge ceremony.
- Loses a unanimous decision to Willie Featherstone for the Canadian and Commonwealth Light Heavyweight titles in Toronto.

1988

- Defeated by TKO by IBF No. 1 contender Joe Lasisi in Bismarck, North Dakota.

1989

- Banned for life by the Alberta Amateur Boxing Association for attempting to bribe an official.
- Scheduled to fight Willy Featherstone on the undercard of Tyson vs Bowe; fight is cancelled due to Tyson's illness.

1990

- Wins the vacant Canadian Light Heavyweight title by unanimous decision over Dave Fiddler.
- Successfully defends his title on the undercard of George Foreman vs Ken Lakusta.
- Voted Canadian Fighter of the Decade (second time).
- Challenges Michael Moorer for the WBO Light Heavyweight title in Pittsburgh, losing by eighth-round TKO. Becomes the first Canadian Indigenous and Albertan to fight for a world title.

1991

- Loses Canadian Light Heavyweight title to Drake Thadzi via eighth-round stoppage in Moncton.

1992

- Wins Canadian Heavyweight title with a sixth-round TKO over George McFall in Winnipeg, becoming the first man to hold both Canadian pro light heavyweight and heavyweight titles.
- Loses to Michael Dokes by eighth-round stoppage.

1993

- Signs to fight Larry Holmes, but Holmes cancels.
- Stripped of title following a 90-day jail sentence for assault, impaired driving, and failure to appear in court.
- Loses to Ken Lakusta by seventh-round TKO.

1995

- Retires from boxing.

2018

- Passes away in 2018 at the age of 57.

Breakdancing

1985

- Fort McMurray's Seventh Wonder secures the breakdancing competition at the ASG. They also place second at the Western Canadian Championships.

Broomball

1978

- The Pop Shop Red Devils share the gold medal with Lloydminster in men's broomball at the NEAWG after a scoreless tie.

1979

- The Fort McMurray Broomball League has six men's teams and aims to create a women's division.
- R. Angus wins the Army Navy and Air Force tournament, defeating Miller Transport 1–0 in overtime, with Emilie Neynens scoring the winning goal.

1980

- The Heist Hustlers finish second in the Edmonton Carling O'Keeffe Midnight Madness tournament.
- Garry's Gals win the women's title in Fort McMurray's broomball league.
- ATA Teachers, led by Clark Albers, win a popular tournament at FMWC.

1981

- Pontiac Flyers narrowly defeat Clowns 1–0 in a match at FMWC.

- Sean's Angels capture the women's championship in Fort McMurray, overcoming Irv's Esso and Sign Ship Sparklers with a goal from Nicole Beaupre.

- Baaco Pizza Barons beat the Heist Hustlers 2–1.

1983

- Fort McMurray Merchants claim victory at the Provincial Senior Broomball Championships, shutting out Edmonton Charters 2–0 with goals from Steve Gauthier and Patty George.

1984

- Alberta Crude finishes the season in the Fort McMurray Broomball Association with an impressive 18 wins. Ron Foy leads with 28 goals and 17 assists.

1985

- The Fort McMurray Broomball Association hosts the Alberta Provincial Broomball Championships with 24 teams across three divisions. The tournament honors former league president Gerry Van Currick, who passed away from cancer.

1986

- Cedar Reactor is Broomball A Division championship at FMWC, defeating Ball Busters 1–0.

1995

- Randy Reid and Gary McClennon help the Cold Lake Wolves capture the Provincial A Division men's title, beating the Calgary Blazers 1–0 with a goal by Reid.

1998

- Randy Reid travels to Italy for the World Broomball Championships as part of the Lethbridge Panthers team, representing Western Canada and winning a silver medal. He scores 4 goals and provides 5 assists, finishing second in team scoring.

2010

- At the World Broomball Championships in Austria, Randy Reid and Sheldon Alexander each medaled for their respective teams. Reid, playing for the Lethbridge Panthers, takes gold for the masters division outscoring opponents 26-1 Alexander, a member of the Calgary Cowboys, is part of the bronze medal team in the men's challenge division.

Canoeing & Kayaking

1977

- The Tarsands Canoe and Kayak Club paddles to Fort MacKay in a home-built 16-foot Open Canadian canoe.

1985

- Future two-time Canadian Olympian Christine Nordhagen competes in canoeing and later becomes a world-class wrestler with six world titles.

1984

- Anita Lorenzino formed the Fort McMurray Canoe and Kayak Club in 1984.

1989

- Elizabeth Jolly won four gold medals in the women's 40-45 age group at the World Masters Games in 1989.

1997

- Keyano College wins the men's relay in Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) canoeing.

Cheerleading

1977

- The Fort McMurray Cheerleading Club is formed.

1987

- FMCH High School Miners place third at the provincial cheerleading competition.

Cricket

1865

- William McMurray presents a cricket bat for the opening game of cricket at Lower Fort Garry in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

1913

- John Hornby, son of legendary British cricketer and rugby star A.N. Hornby, arrives in Fort McMurray, where he lives in the wild until his death in 1927.

1978

- The sport of cricket is introduced to the community.

1979

- Ice cricket is played on the Snye.
- The winning side, the Roses, is composed of local Yorkshiremen and Lancashiremen.

1980

- Fort McMurray Merryman fall to Edmonton's Victoria Park Club 113–78. Fort McMurray Stars defeat Victoria Park in the second match.

1984

- The McMurray Cricket Club edges the Northern Lights Cricket Club 112–108 after 10 wickets. The game is called due to darkness as the outdoor lights go out.

1997

- James "Puss" Parris, who played international cricket for Barbados from 1925 to 1947, dies at age 91.

2001

- The Fort McMurray Cricket Club Association is formed.

2006

- The Fort McMurray Cricket Club Association becomes an official member of the Alberta Cricket Association.

2014

- The Fort McMurray Hindu Cultural Society organizes cricket matches for women at Heritage Park.

2019

- Keyano College debuts its men's and women's cricket teams with wins at the Canada Day Cup. Coach Irfan Bangash leads recruitment both internationally and locally.

2022

- In July, the Keyano Huskies women's team wins the Canada Day Cup, defeating the Alberta Strikers by 13 runs.

- Fort McMurray's cricket team provincial champion in Red Deer. In their first game, they beat the host team 282/5 to 157/10. Raheel Joseph, coach of the team and president of the Northern Alberta Cricket Association, calls the score record-breaking.

Cross Country Skiing

1975

- Fort McMurray Cross Country Ski Club is formed.

1978

- The Over the Hill Squad cross-country skis from Fort Chip to Fort McMurray, a 350 km journey in 8 days. The group includes Vic Heming, Mike Horrocks, Gerry Wills, Roland Woodward, Terry Langis, and Bill MacDonald.

1979

- The Loppet ski race up the Athabasca features 20 km, 12 km, and 6 km events. Winners include Gerry Breneman, Patti Lebedynski, Knut Finstad, Rory Coulombre, Udo Spitzer, Marilyn Breneman, Mark Woodhouse, and Peter Finstad.

1980

- Fort McMurray's lone gold medal at the AWG is earned by Bun Griffith in the 9.5 km cross-country ski race for senior men 50 and over with a time of 51:37.

1982

- NEAWG cross-country skiing gold medalists include Colin Earl, Kristine Finstad, Bill Nielson Jr., Rene Krekoski, Eddie Groothrysen, Anne Sarrely, Walter Scott, Jan Scott, and Walter Dietz.

1984

- Frank Cortes places first in the Seneca Run.
- Spruce Valley Ski Society opens Spruce Valley Ski Hill on January 28 with more than 350 skiers attending.
- Fort Chipewyan cross-country skiers win 4 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze medals at the Northeastern AWG.
- Gold medalists include Georgie Gladue, John Stephansson, and the 15 km relay team.
- Jon Stefanson of Fort Chipewyan secures two gold medals in the 5 km and 10 km cross-country ski events.

1985

- Greg Inkster gold in the men's 10 km and 15 km events at the Alberta Provincial Cross Country Skiing Championships.

1986

- Kelly Leitch and Treena Lee carry the Zone 7 flag during the opening ceremonies of the AWG in Edson.
- Fort McMurray athletes win 18 medals at the Games.

1987

- Northern Lights Winter Sports Festival is held with Alpine skiing, bobsleigh, biathlon, Nordic combined ski jumping, speed skating, luge, and figure skating.
- At the ARWG, Fort McMurray athletes win multiple medals in biathlon and other disciplines.
- Gerry Breneman wins the 15 km traditional style race in Masters 2 at the Alberta Cup. His son Jared gold in the peewee Division 1 km race.

1993

- At the Jasper Junior Olympics, Shawn Langille wins two gold medals in the 8-year-old boys category. Catherine Mullen wins a gold and a bronze medal.
- Jared Breneman finishes third in the 10 km classic at the Junior National Cross Country Skiing Championships.

1995

- Ptarmigan Nordic Ski Club finishes third at the Athabasca Loppet.
- Olympic gold medalist Jean-Luc Brassard speaks at the Mayor's Youth Summit.

1998

- Casey Dyck wins the midget boys' cross-country skiing title.

1999

- Casey Dyck places fifth at the Junior National Nordic Ski Championships.

2002

- Martin Schrama of the Ptarmigan Ski Club gold in the 2 km skate and classic events at the Alberta Championships.
- Casey Dyck, 17, competes in the 10 km skate at the Cross Country Junior Championships.

2006

- Casey Dyck finishes 11th in the 10 km freestyle at the FIS.

2009

- Ptarmigan Nordic Ski Club receives Governor General Group Spirit of Community Leadership Award.

2014

- Graeme Killick places 28th in the 50 km skate at the Sochi Olympic Winter Games.

2016

- Graeme Killick silver in the 50 km classic-ski event at the Canadian Cross-Country Skiing Championships.

2018

- Graeme Killick finishes 27th in the classic-style mass start and 45th in the skiathlon at the Pyeong Chang Olympics.
- Shannon-Ogbani Abeda, born in Fort McMurray, qualifies for the 2018 Winter Olympics representing Eritrea in cross-country skiing. He finishes 61st in the giant slalom.

2023

- Leah Reitz finishes fourth in the 50 km race at the Canadian National Cross Country Skiing Championships.

Curling

1936

- With two rinks now in Fort McMurray, there is a keen rivalry with the David Hill Memorial Cup and the Canadian Propane Mix Challenge Cup.

1946

- Waterways Curling Club is formed and during the summer a one-sheet curling rink is constructed on land owned by the Salt Plant Dominion Tar & Chemical Co. Ltd.

1948

- McMurray constructs a one-sheet curling rink during the summer.
- John Buck is elected president of the McMurray Curling Club.
- Hugh Stroud, a resident since 1921, recalls curling on the one-sheeter: “When it was 35 below it got foggy, so you couldn’t see the other end of the ice.”

1949

- Mixed curling starts in Fort McMurray.

1951

- N.P. Sidor is the director for high school curling.
- Angus Sutherland, a resident since 1918 and one of the district’s original curlers, dies. He was honorary president of both the Waterways and McMurray Curling Clubs.

1957

- The Jack Simpson rink of Fort McMurray captures the inaugural Prairie Oilmen’s Bonspiel in Regina. They defeat Regina’s John Howard 11-9 in the final and are the only undefeated rink among 107 entries.
- Waterways Curling Club demolishes its one-sheet rink to reconstruct a two-sheet facility on the same land.
- The McMurray Curling Club mixed bonspiel is won by D. Roberts with J. Kreutzer, W. McLary and J. Woodward.

1958

- McMurray Canadian Legion hosts a 21-team mixed bonspiel.
- The K. Cochrane rink wins, with the A. Goodwin rink finishing second.
- St. John's School hosts an 11-rink bonspiel for the Penhorwood Trophy, won by the Cliff Waniandy rink.
- Waterways Curling Club’s Mixed Bonspiel sees 22 teams, with a Simpson rink taking the title.
- McMurray Curling Rink’s mixed bonspiel features 31 rinks, with the W. Roberts rink claiming the championship.
- The McMurray Curling Club championship is won by the G. McKinnon rink.

1959

- Roy Hawkins, Len Down, Ricky Hawkins and Par Hawkins defeat the Bruce McIntosh rink for the McMurray Curling Club championship.
- Club president William Mann, at age 77, is the town’s oldest active curler.

1960

- The Tri-City Drilling Co. rink, skipped by G. Simpson, wins the inaugural Oilmen’s Bonspiel with 19 rinks competing.

1961

- Winners of the Tarsands Bonspiel—Jackie Kreutzer, David Brooks, Stan Pawelek and Art Giroux—each receive a lot on Gordon Avenue near Main Street as prizes.

1962

- The G. Simpson rink wins the grand aggregate at the mixed bonspiel, also claiming the Athabasca and Draper events among 23 rinks.

1964

- Ken Cochrane wins the B final at the Royal Canadian Legion District 2 curling bonspiel playdowns in Barrhead.

1965

- Great Canadian Oil Sands agrees to sponsor the Oil Sands Bonspiel. Jerry Bussieres' rink defeats Harry Brown for the title. First prize is an electric razor.
- With increasing population, the McMurray and Waterways clubs amalgamate to form the Oil Sands Curling Club.
- A new four-sheet rink is constructed on King Street near the future Keyano College parking lot.
- The 1966 Oil Sands Bonspiel is held in the new facility.

1971

- John Copeland's rink secures the local Mixed Bonspiel.

1972

- For the third consecutive year, the Wes Hobbs rink wins the Fellowship Trophy at the Kinsmen Zone 2 Bonspiel in Athabasca.

1975

- Mary Murowchuk wins local championships in both curling and softball.
- The Lys Clifford rink captures the Ladies Open, beating out 36 other rinks.
- The Hill Drugs Ltd. rink, skipped by Dave Gerlach, wins the 64-rink Visitors Aggregate Bonspiel.

1976

- The Master Mechanical rink from Edmonton defeats the John Copeland rink to win the Fort McMurray Men's Open Bonspiel.
- Wes Sinclair's rink wins the Oil Sands Curling Club windup bonspiel.

1977

- The Riviera Hotel Rink, skipped by Paul Steinle, wins the Glendon Open.

1978

- Wes Sinclair's rink wins the Zone 13 men's curling playdowns.
- The Tri Cat Rink of Jim and Sherry Henderson and Gordon and Louise Harlow win the Ice Breaker Mixed Bonspiel—the first held at MIP Recreation Centre (MIRC).

1979

- Wes Sinclair's Marian Realty rink defeats Harvey Perkins' rink 7-3 to win the Open Mixed Bonspiel with Val Sinclair, Paul Steinke and Yvonne Steinke.
- Sam Watts, Jane Agnew, Keith Agnew and Corrine Watts win the 80-rink Mixed Bonspiel at MIP.

1980

- Maureen Lee's rink, sponsored by Fort McMurray Today, beats 5-0's Welding to win the Suncor A Event among 304 women's curlers.
- Monday Night Men's curling champions are Glen Rubuliak, Wayne Campbell, Wayne Chako and Ron MacEachern.
- Mixed league playoff winners are Bob Horseman, Bev Horseman, Sandy Montpetit and Cliff Montpetit.

1981

- Farrell Rice's rink wins the fourth event at the Heart Spiel in Cold Lake.
- Glen Rubuliak begins writing a curling column in Fort McMurray Today titled "In the Four Foot."
- Jerry Bussieres' rink wins the Men's Grey Cup Bonspiel.
- Maureen Lee's rink captures Zone 13 playdowns.
- Sonny Clark's rink wins the Fort McMurray Men's Open Bonspiel, also previously winning in 1972 and 1979.

1982

- Maureen Lee's rink wins the MIP Ladies Bonspiel.
- John and Rick Forbes, Tom and Tim Kratchmer compete in Scotland's Highland Week of International Curling, placing 9th out of 40 teams.
- The Provincial Firefighters Curling Championships are held at MIRC, with Calgary's Don Nelson winning.

1983

- Lee Mask writes the Fort McMurray Today column "Extra Ends."
- Wes Sinclair's rink wins the Zone 13 men's curling playdowns.

1984

- The Gerry Stroshein rink wins the A Event at the 6th Open Mixed Bonspiel, defeating Tom Wild 5-0.

1985

- Jackie Martschuk writes "On the Button" for Fort McMurray Today.
- The Western Canadian Blind Curling Championships are held at MIRC. Regina's Francis Gartner rink wins among 40 curlers ranging from 15 to 79 years old.

1986

- The Keyano Huskies rink beats Kevin Martin's NAIT team 10-9, then loses to SAIT 11-7 in the ACAC curling final. Team members were Gary Mohninger, Joe Desrocher, Brent Potvin and Tim Zahara. Mohninger also wins \$1,000 at the MIRC cash bonspiel.
- FMCH High School's Scott Hill, Don Rae, Brent Jans and Gary Flood win the B event at ASAA provincials.

1987

- David and John Forbes, along with Terri and Jean Ellert, win silver at ASAA mixed curling provincials.

1988

- Maureen Lee, Jane Agnew, Mary Murowchuk and Lisa Shushack win the Ladies Bonspiel Open at MIRC.
- Bob Nabholz and Wes Sinclair win the B and C events at the Oilmen's Bonspiel.

1989

- Jean Ellert's rink, with Rhonada Sinclair, Kerri Mohninger and Paula Martin, finishes third at the Northern Alberta Junior Districts.

1990

- The same above team loses in the C event quarterfinals at the Alberta Junior Women's Curling Championships.
- Paul Cyprien's rink from Fort Chipewyan wins the Alberta Native Curling Championships.

1992

- Rhonda Sinclair, Jody Lee, Lori Olson, Kary Anne Kjeshus and coach Randy Olson win the provincial junior women's title and silver at the ARWG.
- Randy Olson's rink loses to Brier champ Kevin Martin in Northern Alberta playdowns.

1994

- The Fort McMurray Oilmen's Bonspiel attracts 112 teams. Randy Olson's rink wins.

1995

- The Lee rink—Jody Lee, Lori Olson, Kary Anne Kjeshus, Diane Lee, coached by Randy Olson—wins the provincial junior women's championship and posts a 5-6 record at nationals.
- Val Sinclair is honoured with a certificate of merit for 24 years in curling.

1996

- Jon Forbes' rink wins the Zone 13 men's playdowns.

1997

- Bill Bowie's rink secures the 29th Oilmen's Bonspiel.
- Rhonda Whitaker's rink wins the Women's Bonspiel.
- MIP curling pro Darren Fish is noted for winning bronze at the 1979 World Junior Championships.
- Randy Olson's team also wins zone playdowns.

1998

- The Apollo World Curling Championships are held at MIP. Kevin Martin defeats Vic Peters 9-3 in six ends.

1999

- Rhonda Whittaker's rink wins the Fort McMurray Women's Bonspiel.

2008

- Randy Olson, Lee and Sinclair rinks inducted into the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame in the team category.

2013

- Fort McMurray hosts the M&M Canadian Junior Curling Championships.

2015

- Team McEwen of Manitoba defeats Sweden's Team Edin to win \$26,000 at the inaugural Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling Syncrude Elite 10 at the Suncor Community Leisure Centre.

2017

- Team McEwen repeats as Pinty's Elite 10 champion before a sold-out crowd.
- WBSHF inductees include Alwyn Piche (volleyball), Lori Olson-Johns (curling), Ernie Kimball (Special Olympics), and Curtis J. Phillips (Builder & Media).

2019

- Owen Tester wins a CCAA curling championship with the Fanshawe Falcons.

2020

- The Canadian Junior Curling Championships are announced to return to Fort McMurray in 2021.

Cycling

1958

- The annual Sports Day is held in July with a record crowd. Prize winners of the decorated bike contest were Dolores Workun, Robert Driver, and Belinda Bickford.

1982

- Sixty-four cyclists raised \$10,000 for the Syncrude United Way Cyclethon, a 50-kilometre ride from Syncrude to the Borealis Building downtown.

1984

- Peter Staneland (64:27), Patrick Brown (64:32), and John Broda (64:36) place 1-2-3 in the inaugural MacKenzie Park Inn 40k road bicycle race.

1985

- At the ASG, 40 of the 70 competitors in cycling are from Fort McMurray. They dominate with 14 medals, including five gold. "I'm thrilled," said local club president Ian Peters.

1986

- Brian Jolly, 40, manager of POCL Construction Company, joins the Fort McMurray Bicycle Club. He previously cycled for Britain at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico and once wore the yellow jersey in the Amateur Tour de France. He competes in the Blueberry Festival Road Race.

1987

- Fort McMurray Bicycle Club's Eddy Chowanec dies on July 13 after colliding with a parked vehicle while training for the ASG. He had just completed Grade 8.
- Fort McMurray is announced as the host of the 1989 Canadian National Cycling Championships.
- John Broda earns a silver medal at the Western Canada Summer Games with Team Alberta and gold at the ASG.

1988

- Gail Wozny, a world-class cyclist, becomes a member of the local cycling club.
- Peter Toth defends his Blueberry Festival cycling title.
- Kathy Havill places 35th in the final stages of Olympic trials for cycling.

1989

- Fort McMurray hosts the Canadian National Cycling Championships from August 29 to September 3. The best local finish is Steve Davies, 9th in the criterium.
- Bill Donner, 34, is ranked No. 1 in May's ranking of the Ultra Marathon Cycling Association.
- Jessica Engel-Aiello competes in the Canada Summer Games.
- Breton Smith finishes 2nd in the senior men's Category 5 cycling provincials on a 134k course.

1990

- Breton Smith wins Category 2 in the provincial men's cycling road race.
- Bill Donner wins the Ultra Marathon Cycling Association's Standard Division title with 9,347.2 km in 20 rides. He is the first Canadian to win a division.

1991

- Troy Misseghers, 17, wins the Ridley's Summer Solstice Mountain Bike Race. He qualifies for Canada's mountain bike team and places 25th at the world championships in Italy, competing in a field of 140 riders.

1992

- Fort McMurray cyclists win 11 of 15 possible medals in randonneuring at the AWG.

1995

- Jeff Readman wins the Chris Whale Memorial 70k Road Race.
- Chad Kozak competes in cycling at the Western Canada Summer Games.

1997

- Trevor Perkins wins the sixth race of the Canada Cup downhill mountain biking series.

2005

- Ryan Hopping finishes second at the national cyclo-cross championships. His performance earns him a spot at the World Championships in the Netherlands. Cyclo-cross combines road racing, mountain biking, and running.

2012

- Mical Dyck wins the Canadian National Cyclo-cross Championships.

2019

- Kelsey Mitchell wins Pan Am gold in individual sprint and silver in team sprint. She also captures two gold medals—individual and team sprint—at the Pan American Championships in Cochabamba, Bolivia. 2021
- Kelsey Mitchell bronze at the Track Cycling World Championships in France.

Darts

1987

- Geraldine Cooper defeats world darts champion John Lowe in an exhibition match at the Royal Canadian Legion.
- Sheridan Chappell, 14, represents Team Alberta at the Canadian National Federation of Darts Youth Championships, finishing with a silver medal after losing to Newfoundland 3-1.
- Tony Clarke (youth) and Leo Hoskins (adult) take first place at the Alberta Youth Pro-Am Shoot at the Royal Canadian Legion.

1988

- John Foy raises thousands of dollars for local charities by hosting local dart tournaments.
- Jack Simmonds leads the McMurray Men's Dart League in points. Ivan Eddy posts the highest average.

1993

- Former darts world champion John Priestley makes an appearance at Minglers Pub.
- Twenty teams compete in the local darts league.

1998

- Desmond High, Greg Simmons, Ivan Eddy, Giles Leblanc, and Leo Hoskins win the Alberta Legion Darts title, defeating 18 other teams.

2003

- Ivan Eddy wins the 2003 Klondike Open.

2016

- Shawn Burt wins the Greater Vancouver Open.

2022

- Shawn Burt qualifies for the WDF World Championship.

Disc Golf

2007

- Louis Dussault silver in men's disc golf at the Alberta Senior Games.

2016

- Rotary Club donates 12 disc baskets to Vista Ridge Ski Hill

2017

- A proper Lions-Rotary Disc Golf Course is designed with the early six-basket concept into a full nine-hole layout at Lions Park.

2019

- The Wood Buffalo Disc Golf Association was formally established as a non-profit

2025

- Features six courses including two full 18-hole layouts

Diving

1974

- The Fort McMurray Diving Club is formed at Centennial Pool.

1980

- Lisa Jeffries (11), Dayna Golanski (7), and Angela Ahozarri (over 13) place first, second, and third respectively in their age groups at the All Comers Diving Meet in Edmonton.

Dog Agility

2003

- Koralee Samaroden (owner) and Teddy, a seven-year-old poodle cross, place seventh in the North American Dog Agility Championships.

Duathlon

1995

- Jill Percy secures the junior and overall women's category at the Edmonton Duathlon, completing a 5 km speed skate and 5.5 km cross-country run in 34:43. Coach Phil Meagher, a three-time champion, places second in the men's overall.

1999

- Chad Kozak places third at the Canadian Duathlon Championships. He finishes 32nd in a field of 62 at the Huntersville ITU Duathlon World Championships (Elite Men).

E Sports

2022

- The Keyano Huskies Esports Rocket League team ends its first season by winning the Western Conference Championship in the National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE) Starleague.

Equestrian

1932

- The show-jumping horse Bay Eagle, owned and ridden by Violet Bode May of Fort McMurray, is awarded first in class for lightweight and middleweight hunters in Alberta. Bay Eagle had set several jumping records. A skilled equestrian and president of the Edmonton Saddle Club, May later becomes a polo player. Violet meets famed pilot Wop May in the early 1920s and marries him in 1924. The family moves to Fort McMurray in 1929.

1934

- Bay Eagle, ridden by Fort McMurray's Violet May, wins the Edmonton Spring Jumping Show, beating 22 other entries.

1970

- The Clearwater Light Horse and Rodeo Association hold a Gymkhana.
- Senior saddle and barrel races are won by Stan Streets and Bob Stevenson respectively. Junior saddle and barrel races are won by Peggy Krause and Robert Lee.
- Later that year, Len Lafrance is named All-Around Cowboy.

1971

- Harness racing is considered by the Clearwater Horse and Rodeo Association.

1974

- Swamp fever strikes 13 horses at the Clearwater Light Horse Co-Op Association.

1975

- Kim Lee and Don Marchand are named top riders in the Clearwater Riding Association.

1980

- Sponsored by BPO Elks Lodge 475, the Stampede Roundup is held at MIRC with more than 3,000 fans attending. Title of Best All-Around Cowboy goes to Vincent Piva.

1983

- Telephone account betting for thoroughbred horse racing from Edmonton Northlands opens at the Peter Pond Hotel.

1986

- Billy Foy, 13, places second in junior boys' barrel racing at the Wild Rose Rodeo Association finals in Barrhead. Foy and his horse Pete, a three-quarters Arabian and one-quarter horse, are among the top barrel racers in the association.

1995

- The Clearwater Light Horse and Rodeo Cooperative Association's rodeo is postponed due to the Highway 63 fire.

1997

- Amateur rodeo is held June 18–21 at the Thickwood Heights Community Centre. Four hundred cowboys and cowgirls compete for more than \$60,000 in prize money.

1999

- Mayor Guy Boutilier rides a bull named Buttercup for 3.01 seconds at the Oil Barons Rodeo.

2003

- In horse racing, Knight's Covenant, owned by Robert Vargo, captures the 75th Alberta Derby at 25-1 odds and later places third in the Canadian Derby.

2008

- Thoroughbred owner Danny Dion is named 2008 Canadian Owner of the Year with nearly \$2 million in earnings. One of his horses, Fatal Bullet, is named Canadian Horse of the Year.

2011

- Fort McMurray's Danny Dion, owner of Bear Stable, is named Thoroughbred Owner of the Year by the Toronto Thoroughbred Racing Club.

2012

- Local veterinarian Deanna Spiker honoured with the Elite Award by the Canadian Equestrian Endurance for her contribution to the sport.

2014

- Danny Dion's Asserting Bear places third at the 2014 Queen's Plate, Canada's oldest thoroughbred horse race, first run in 1860.

Explorers

1889

- Hugh Lowther, 5th Earl of Lonsdale, stays a month in Fort McMurray during his Arctic exploration, reaching Kodiak, Alaska.

- He is a founding member and president of the National Sporting Club in Great Britain.

1897

- The cost of hiring a guide to navigate the rapids from Athabasca Landing to Fort McMurray ranges from \$50 to \$100.

Fastball

1971

- Despite picking up hurler Harvey Braitenbach from Saskatchewan, Fort McMurray fails to place at the Klondike Invitational Fastball Tournament.

- Big Earl Kronlund pitches five winning games in one day to lead Mannix Cats to Blueberry Festival men's fastball crown; shortstop Gary Fernets also shines.

1972

- Fort McMurray Mannix Cats win the Provincial Men's Senior "B" Fastball Championships, beating Calgary Tape Deck 2-0 and 4-2. Winning pitcher is Earl Kronlund, a three-time All-Star pitcher in local league play. He was inducted into the Alberta Softball Hall of Fame in 2015.

1973

- Calgary Burns Shamrocks beat Fort McMurray in Senior B Men's Fastball Provincials at Renfrew Park.

1974

- Shelly Keck receives the inaugural Shawn Harris Memorial Award presented to the best player in the Fort McMurray Girls Fastball League.

- Ken McKenzie of Catalytic is named MVP for the Fort McMurray Senior Fastball circuit with a batting average of .364.

1975

- D & S Sports win the Clearwater Ladies Fastball League, beating Sands Paint.

- GCOS Tigers lose to McMurray Hardware Lynx 8-2 in the FMSMFL final.

- Fort McMurray Sportsman of the Year is Art Turnbull, involved in minor fastball and hockey.

- Hardware Lynx hurler Wes Gogal is named MVP of FMSMFL.

1976

- Byers Gear Jammers win Heritage Day Fastball Tournament, beating Whitecourt 8-1.

- Mike Hampel is the winning pitcher.

- Edmonton Monarch Auto Body wins the Provincial Men's Senior B Fastball title at MIRC.

1977

- Councilor Ron Morgan tosses a fast-rising ball catching the top of the batter's zone with Mayor Chick Knights as back catcher, mishandling the ball.

- A large crowd welcomes the opening of men's fastball at MIRC.

- D & S Sports beat Catalytic Cruisers 9-4 to win Clearwater Ladies Fastball League.

- Cosmo Pals beat GCOS for Fort McMurray Minor Girls Fastball League title.

- Fort McMurray Welding Whips player Rick Nikoniuk spends a few weeks in hospital after stopping a hard shot with his leg, resulting in a blood clot.

1978

- Tarsands and Machine Welding win Alberta Senior A Men's Fastball Championships, beating Calgary Oilers 4-2. After losing their first game in the double knockout tournament 3-1 to Edmonton's Cecil Hotel, the Tarsands win five straight. Garth Phillips is named tournament MVP.
- Oilsands Hawks beat Dashney 5-2 to win the best-of-five series for the intermediate men's interdivision provincial fastball title.

1979

- Bruce and Clint Marshall, pitching brothers for Tarsands Machine and Welding, leave town to turn pro in the Western Major Fastball League.
- Patty Neatby, 16, is one of the youngest fastball umpires in Canada while officiating in the Fort McMurray Men's Fastball League.

1980

- Pier 7 - Profoot Sports win the fifth annual Keg Tournament, beating Gearjammers 6-1 in fastball.
- Pitcher Jim Higney named MVP of Fort McMurray Men's Fastball League.
- Alcor A's win 15th Labatt's-Kinsmen Blueberry Festival Fastball Tournament, beating United Plumbing 3-2 in 13 innings. Pitcher Don Savostianik named MVP.
- Local Suncor Blues lost the B side to Rocky View Rockets 11-1 in the A side final.

1981

- Cedar Express capture Provincial Junior B Fastball Championships.
- Cedar Express wins Alberta Junior B Fastball tournament, beating Red Deer 9-7 at MIRC. Dana Reid named best pitcher with three wins. Coached by Mike Hempel and Larry Bourque.
- Alcor A's, behind pitcher Don Savostianik, win 3-0 over Yukon Freight Lines in Athabasca Division of Fort McMurray Men's Fastball League.

1982

- AMP Huskies top St Paul Lion's Club Fastball Tournament, edging Versatile Eagles 3-1.
- Bobcat Royals win the FMSMFL title behind the long-ball hitting of Bernie "Bam Bam" Felix.

1983

- In game two of best-of-five series for FMSMFL title, Tarmac Glass Tee Gees beat Sheraton Merchants 3-1 in 17 innings.
- Bobcat Royals top at Keg Men's Fastball Tournament 5-1 over Local 92 despite snow covering the diamond in late May.
- For third year in a row, Fort McMurray Huskies claim the Clearwater Ladies Fastball League crown with a 13-7 victory over Eagles, coached by Jerry Skowronski.

1984

- Bobcat Royals' Jim Higney throws a no-hitter, beating Imperial Oil Kings 2-0 in local men's fastball.
- Sheraton Nationals win best-of-five senior men's fastball crown with 5-0 and 3-2 scores versus Bobcat Royals.
- 29 & Holding win 12-7 over Drillers to capture Clearwater Ladies Fastball League. Cindy Gogal drives in three runs.
- Eddie Feigner, 60, in his 39th year of comedy fastball with the King and His Court, plays an exhibition game at MIRC. Craig Estrada smashes three homers out of the ballpark.

1985

- ASG: Fort McMurray Redwood Macs sneak by Edmonton Elks to capture Bantam B Girls fastball.

- Blueberry Festival: A Garth Phillips double brings Myron Fediuk home as Sterling Crane Oldtimers edge Edmonton Capitols.

1986

- Blueberry Festival Senior Men's Fastball: Sterling Crane 4, Edmonton Tigers 2.
- BMC Construction wins FMSMFL Keg Tournament 2-0 over Suncor Blues. Don Savostianik pitches five innings with Jim Higney in relief.

1987

- Checkers beat Peacock Knights 6-5 in annual FMSMFL Keg Tournament. Brian McConnell goes the distance striking out six.
- Three pitchers manage to win 12 games in Fort McMurray Senior Men's Fastball: Jim Higney and Don Savostianik for Lambert Mechanical, and Brian McConnell for Checkers.
- Pitcher Earl Kronlund leads Sterling Crane Oldtimers to a Blueberry Festival men's fastball title.

1988

- Mike Yaceyko knocks in two home runs for Checkers to win the annual Keg Fastball Tournament.

1989

- Laird Electric wins fastball title, beating two-time defending champ Checkers 3-0. Pitcher Brian McConnell records 11 strikeouts.
- Midget boys hit for silver at C Provincials, losing to Marwayne 13-3.
- Silver also for CUPE 2545 in Bantam C Girls fastball provincials, falling to Calgary 8-2.

1990

- Midget fastball girls win Midget C provincials, edging Leduc Royal 5-3.

1991

- Laird Electrical Blue Devils win their 3rd consecutive men's fastball crown.

1992

- Merchants knock off Blue Devils for title. Captain Bill Bruce credits pitching of Bernie Fleet.

1995

- Dosco Dogs win bronze at Alberta Men's Fastball A Division Championships.

1997

- Dosco Dawgs win local men's fastball crown by forfeit over T & S Signs due to pitching controversy.

1998

- Club Nautica captures Alberta Intermediate Men's A provincial fastball title. Key players include Shane Dawson, John Mulhall, and Brian McConnell. They go on to claim silver at Western Canadian Intermediates.
- McMurray Northstars win Western Canada Midget B fastball women.

1999

- Western Canadian Men's and Ladies Intermediate "A" Fastball Championships are held locally August 20-23.

Fencing

1983

- Mark Ballard forms the Fort McMurray Fencing Club. From England, Ballard was a champion fencer prior to moving to Canada in 1981. Ballard would go on to become one of Canada's legendary competitors.

Field Hockey

1982

- More than 60 players compete in the Fort McMurray women's league.

2002

- Returns after hiatus.

Firefighters

1981

- Fort McMurray Fire Fighters men's and women's teams place third in hose coupling provincials. (Also listed under other sports).

Fishing/Hunting

1841

- According to Chief Factor Roderick MacFarlane, who served under William McMurray—our namesake—McMurray was, "Among other good qualities in his make-up, Mr. Wm. McMurray was probably one of the best speakers—orators perhaps—in the Saulteaux and Chipewyan languages. He was also an excellent shot, and among the best winter travelers of his time."

1923

- Canadian National Fish Day is celebrated in Fort McMurray.

1935

- Word of the death of Wiley Post and Will Rogers in a fatal airplane crash reaches Mr. Gillham in Fort McMurray. Gillham, a renowned waterfowl expert, remembered hunting deer with Post in Arizona in the Kebati forest.

1948

- Willard Cochran, 33, is accidentally killed while goose hunting at Moose Point.

1957

- The Fort McMurray Rifle Club is formed for boys and girls between the ages of 10-14.

1971

- Jack Bergeron opens Namur Lake Fishing Lodge.
- Chuck Graves named Outdoorsman of the Year by the local Fish and Game Association.
- Fishing winners include Ed Kupchanko, 23-pound Pike; Ted Doerr, 11 pound 3 oz. Pickerel; and Al Hansen, 15 lb. 13 oz. Lake Trout.

1976

- John Vaughan wins the Connaught Cup as the top pistol marksman in the Canadian RCMP.

1977

- Fort McMurray Fish and Game opens a new rifle range.

1978

- Hangingstone Ravens host a black powder shooting event.
- Fort McMurray's Jim Kassen creates a board game called Outdoorsmanship with 150 questions pertaining to hunting and fishing.

1979

- The Outers Club is formed at Birchwood Junior High as students scale a climbing wall in the gymnasium.

1980

- The Canadian Black Powder Federation Championships are hosted in Fort McMurray.
- Bertie Prince lands a 28-inch, 9-pound Walleye on the Horse River.

1982

- 10,450 rounds and 601 arrows shot at 13th Fort McMurray Fish and Game Trophy Shoot.

1984

- Ted Fisher starts a fishing column in the Fort McMurray TODAY titled Tight Lines.
- Fort McMurray Fish and Game Association Trophy shoot winners include Glen Ellert (.22 rifle), Bill Strand (Trap A), Glen Ellert (Trap B), Tiny O'Brien (Trap C), Ed Page (handgun), Bob Gardner (Archery), Scott Corless (Junior .22 rifle), and Steve Nielsen (Junior archery).

1985

- Ventura Bernard and wife Margarita perform to a tune of five medals at Canadian National Pistol Championships.

1986

- Alwyn Reeds scores a 429 for high score overall at Fort McMurray Fish and Game A.T.A. shoot.
- Norm Dube honoured as Fort McMurray Fish and Game Outdoorsman of the Year.

1987

- Ventura Bernard takes aim for gold and silver while Margarite Bernard wins the match trophy and Robert Braid earns bronze at the Alberta Handgun Championships.
- Elks Fishing Derby at Willow Lake: Henry Horkoff lands a 5 lb. ½ ounce Pickerel and Stephen Trudela 7 lb. 13 oz. Pike.
- ASG: Kathy Ellert silver in .22 caliber Class A rifle event.

1989

- Tyler Kuhn, 16, wins junior event at National Trapshooting Championships. He also plays hockey for the home team Fort McMurray Oil Barons.

1990

- Byron Turner competes in shooting at the Western Canada Summer Games.
- The West Coast Logging show is part of Blueberry Festival and holds demonstrations in axe throwing, pole climbing, and log sawing.

1992

- 207 people catch 97 fish at the inaugural Father's Day Fishing Derby along the banks of the Athabasca River. Biggest catch measures 17 3/4 inches. Austin Snooks is overall champion.

1995

- Lorna Idland is team manager for shooting at the Western Canada Summer Games.

1996

- Leo Keith and Ed Spencer win \$4,775 prize money for 1st place two-day catch of 25.45 pounds at the Golden Walleye Classic.

1997

- Anzac Winter Festival finds Tony Loveless landing largest walleye while Bob Jamieson manages largest jack.

1998

- More than 500 hunters come to the area to legally hunt bear.

Figure Skating

1970

- The Noralta Figure Skating Club is created with the amalgamation of Fort McMurray Skating Club and Northern Lights Skating Club.

1974

- Noralta Figure Skating Club's Barry Sanford secured gold in B men's singles and, with partner Marilyn Hopfner, claimed silver in pre-novice pairs at Sectional figure skating championships.

1975

- Michael Tokaryk, 14, claims bronze medal at the Great Falls Figure Skating Championships.

1977

- Michael Tokaryk placed ninth in Canada in Novice Men's at Figure Skating Championships in Calgary.
- SilverBlades Ice Skating Club begins its second season with 142 members.

1979

- Barbara Bakker teaches power skating at Beacon Hill Arena.
- Noralta Figure Skating Club shines at Northern Alberta Sub Sectional with Dana Perchinski winning pre-Juvenile B Ladies Group D and Bridget Churchill winning Juvenile B Ladies Group B event.

1983

- Lauren Foster of Noralta Figure Skating Club wins novice skating at Winterskate Regionals North FS Championships in Sherwood Park.

1986

- Noralta Figure Skating Club's Lana Lines earns a bronze medal in pre-preliminary skate at Wild Rose Competition in Edmonton.

1988

- Noralta Figure Skating Club's Stephen Luck and Erin Flaherty, 11, team up to win pair gold at figure skating provincials.

1989

- Western Canadian Figure Skating Championship held.
- Stephen Bourque silver and Stephen Luck bronze at provincial B figure skating championships.

1990

- Karanina Fernandes gold and Nicole Doran bronze at Wild Rose ladies free skate. Men's free skate: Scott Jensen gold and Milan Cindric silver. Heather Bakers silver in juvenile ladies free skate and novice ladies short program Group C. Tiffany Britt gold in junior ladies original group B. Leanne Hewitt also gold.
- Valerie Foster places 1st in figures at ARWG and also gold in open ladies. Heather Bakers places 4th in juvenile ladies.

1991

- Alana Lines, 15, places second in novice ladies at Alberta Figure Skating Championships.

1992

- Natasha Edwards places fourth at provincial figure skating novice.

1995

- Brandi Haberstock and Alyssia Hiebert win gold at the Wild Rose.

1996

- Rhamona Humphrey wins Juvenile 12 and under girls provincials.

1997

- Moscow on Ice performs at Mac Island.

2002

- Noralta FSC's Rebecca Marsh wins two golds at Cold Lake Invitational.

2023

- Olympian Kaetlyn Osmond in town for a weekend clinic.

Flag Football

1980

- Six teams play in the inaugural flag football season.

1981

- Thickwood Safeway, behind 4 touchdowns from Ron Aftergood, wins Fort McMurray Flag Football League on a snow-covered field in November, beating No Names 38-28.

1982

- Monti Concrete wins Fort McMurray Flag Football title 13-8 over Harpo's Pizza.

1985

- Harpos Pizza wins Fort McMurray Flag Football for third year in a row, edging Slags Super Welding 35-34.

Floor Hockey

1978

- Thickwood beat Abasand 4-3 to win the Teen Company Floor Hockey Tournament.

1979

- OK Tire Rollers capture the Fort McMurray Men's Floor Hockey League with a 7-2 decision over Fire Department Smoke Eaters. Ron Gaudet is named Playoffs MVP.

1986

- Snafu secures Fort McMurray Floor Hockey League beating Cruisers 3-1.
- Eddie King leads the league in scoring with 112 goals and 51 assists.

1987

- Fort McMurray Gentlemen's Floor Hockey League boasts nine teams, each with a 20-man roster.

1992

- Fort McMurray Special Olympics 13-player squad gold at Alberta Special Olympics D Division Floor Hockey.

1994

- Eddie King scores two goals to lead Diggers Cruisers to an 8-7 win over CoCo's Raiders.

1996

- Fort McMurray Special Olympics hosts its third invitational bowling and floor hockey tournament with teams from St. Paul, St. Albert, Wetaskiwin, St. Anne, and Barrhead attending.

Football

1920

- The Board of Trade purchases a football, baseballs, and other equipment.

1970

- The first live television broadcast in Fort McMurray is the Grey Cup, thanks to Bob Lamb of Alberta Broadcasting Corporation.

1977

- In conjunction with the televised Grey Cup game, members of the local legion hold their own match where the West beats the East 8-7. Brian Johnstone scored a 40-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Charlie MacDonald; the East's TD came from Stew Pratt.

1983

- Edmonton Eskimos bring Grey Cup to town.
- CJOX Kinsmen Sports Celebrity Dinner held with NFL icon Gale Sayers, hockey legend Don Cherry, and curler Don Duguid.

1990

- Rod Castor relocates to Richmond BC and midget champion North Delta Bengals where he is Rookie of the Year with 900 rushing yards in nine games.

1996

- 75 players register to play for the Fort McMurray Wolverines. Head coaches Joe Kucy and Mike St. Germain.
- Shane Kingston scores the first touchdown against Archbishop O'Leary at 16th Spartan Preseason Tournament in an 8-8 tie.
- Wolverines win first regular season game beating Drumheller 48-0.

1997

- Wolverines MVP Shane Kingston, Player of the Year Tom Firkus, MVP Linesman Adrian Lizotte, and MVP Offensive Adrian Stoll.

1998

- Wolverines Chad Bergeron named MVP defence for Team Alberta at Football Challenge Cup national high school football championships.

1999

- Head coach Joe Kucy named Coach of the Year.

2000

- Trappers football fall 36-12 to Lloydminster Barons in Tier III Wheatland Football League finals.

2001

- Danielle Ashley, 14, is the only girl on the Ravens Bantam Football Club.
- Local athletes shining for Alberta CIU university teams: Jennie Young (wrestling), Darren Langille (volleyball), Chad Kozak (cross country), Simon Pacey (football), Adrian Tull (swimming), and Heather Gladue (soccer).

2003

- Leroy Fontaine and Ben Smith part of Team Alberta North 40-man football roster high school

2010

- Father Patrick Mercredi Trappers football star Zack “The Zamboni” Brown has punt returns of 79 and 71 yards, a 76 kick-off return, and a 69-yard interception return for TDs — all in the first half of a 77-6 win against the Sedgewick Rams.
- Annik Naylor, a world-class fitness model, plays professional football for the Miami Caliente in the popular Lingerie Football League.

2012

- Father Patrick Mercredi Trappers win the ASAA six-man football provincial high school championship.

2015

- The Northern Kickoff, billed as “The Most Northern game in the history of the Canadian Football League (CFL),” is held at SMS Equipment Stadium (Shell Place) with the Edmonton Eskimos hosting the Saskatchewan Roughriders in 2015 exhibition pre-season action on June 13. Eskimos win 31-24.
- Toronto Argonauts play their CFL season opener at SMS, defeating the Eskimos 26-11. It is the smallest crowd to see a regular season game on Canadian soil, attendance being kept since 1958.

2016

- Fort McMurray Monarchs win Alberta Football League, defeating Central Alberta Buccaneers 32-23. They go on to win the Canadian Major Football League national title beating the Greater Toronto Area All Stars 59-45.

2018

- Alberta Bowl held at SMS Equipment Stadium with five ASAA high school football championships.
- Jordan Socholotiuk rushes for a U Sports football record 1,009 yards while playing for St. Francis Xavier.
- Lamar Goods makes Team Canada U-18 national football team at age 16. Goods is the son of former CFL defensive tackle Bennie Goods, who played 11 years in the league with Edmonton Elks and Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Goods was named a CFL all-star three times and retired with 82 sacks.
- Fort McMurray Monarchs capture their second CMFL Championship title after defeating GTA All-Stars 25-24 at Shell Place.

2021

- A Fort McKay girl joins the Fort McMurray Catholic School Division’s Saints football team, becoming the first girl in Saints’ history to play for the team. Fort McKay Northern Spirits captain Alicia Gladue, 14, is also the first to play for an ASAA team.
 - Lamar Goods plays as a redshirt freshman for the University of Florida Gators.

2022

- Fort McKay Northern Spirits win Canada’s first all-girls Indigenous title. The on-reserve football team beats St. Albert 32-6 in the third-place game in St. Albert. • The Spirits scored five touchdowns and a safety. Quarterback Sky Orr threw three touchdown passes, two to Mataya Cooper who also led the game in yards. Team leader Alicia Gladue scored two touchdowns.

2025

- Lamar Goods part of Team Canada in Sardinia Italy in a friendly match that they will win 56-0

Frisbee

1975

- Jeans Open Frisbee Fingerama attracts six contestants.

Gaelic Football

1975

- Fort McMurray wins the Alberta Gaelic Football Championship.

1979

- Fort McMurray wins the Alberta Gaelic Football Championship for a second time.

2013

- After a long hiatus, the sport of Gaelic Football returns to Fort McMurray.

Golf

1968

- Provincial Planning Office staff design a proposed golf course for MIRC.
- The Tar Sands Recreation Club assists in efforts to construct the golf course.

1969

- Miskanaw Golf Course is legally formed and takes responsibility for the lease agreement on MIRC.

1974

- Jim Lloyd writes a golf column for the McMurray Courier called "Back to Basics."
- Tim Lloyd wins his first of two Miskanaw Golf and Country Junior titles. He will shoot an 18-hole 77 the following year.

1975

- Dave Naclia's 152 score edges out Des Dwyer's 154 to win the Tar Sands Recreational Association Golf Tournament at Miskanaw Golf Course.

1976

- Dave Thompson, 26, wins the Miskanaw Golf Club Championship with a 36-hole total of 145.

1977

- Tournament of Champions golf tournament with a purse of \$25,000 is held at Miskanaw Golf Course. It is the third richest tournament in Canada that year.
- Dave Thompson wins the Barrhead Golf Open shooting a two-day 138, six over par.

1978

- Moe Norman wins the Fort McMurray Invitational Golf tournament for the second year in a row, six strokes ahead of Gar Hamilton. In 108 consecutive holes he failed to have a bogey.
- Gary Sauser is the first golf pro at Miskanaw Golf Course.
- Miskanaw Golf Club's third Sports Dinner features guests placekicker Dave Cutler of the Edmonton Eskimos and CBC soccer commentator Graham Leggat.

1979

- Visiting from Australia, Elma Hutton borrows a set of men's clubs and wins the Miskanaw Women's Open low gross title.

1980

- Bob Harley wins the Miskanaw Open Golf Tournament with back-to-back 68s, one stroke over golf pro Ray Meria. Harley will win the club championships two months later with a 66-69 two-day total.

- Diane White captures the women's side with rounds of 100 and 90.
- Doug Phibbs wins the junior closest to the pin.
- RCMP inspector Bob Gilholme wins the inaugural snow golf tournament at Fort McMurray Winter Carnival.

1981

- Jim McGee wins Barry Jaeger Memorial Trophy at Miskanaw shooting a two-day 138.
- Vivian Carrothers captures the women's side with a 186 and Jim Kostiuk the juniors at 155.

1982

- Miskanaw Golf Course expands to become an 18-hole course.

1983

- Craig Bussey defends his title at the Miskanaw Golf Club Men's Open.
- Dave Naclia wins men's low gross at Barry Jaeger Memorial Golf Tournament with a putt on the second extra hole to edge Steve Barr and Jim McGee.
- Judy Laidley is women's champ with a 183 low gross.
- Irv Higdon honoured by Suncor Inc. for his role in the construction of the last nine holes at Miskanaw Golf Club.
- 255 golfers play in the 4th Autumn Leaves Golf Tournament. The team captained by Hank Thompson wins. Pro golfer Dan Halldorson leads all individuals with a 4-under 67. For the second year in a row, Ron Dunville wins amateur.

1984

- Rod Campbell secures the 2nd Left Handers Golf Tournament crown at Miskanaw with a two-day total of 158.
- Syncrude Corporate Team captained by Tom Wild wins the 5th Autumn Leaves Golf Tournament.
- Closet-to-the-pin contest won by Ernie Afaganis, CTV sports commentator and banquet MC, with a shot landing 38 inches from the 9th hole.
- Steve Barr scores a triple crown at Miskanaw Golf Club, winning men's open and Barry Jaeger Memorial then teaming up with Ruth Brebner to claim the Cat and Dog Tournament.
- Darrell Henest lands 10½ inches away from the hole 150 yards away at the CJOK Hit the Green Contest.
- Fort McMurray's Bob Ladouceur is a member of the winning team at the inaugural Wayne Gretzky Golf Classic in Edmonton.
- Judy Warren with a 159 total claims first flight of Miskanaw Golf Club Ladies Open.
- FPMCH Trappers win their first-ever zone event with Scott White, Grant Cook, Ron Morgan Jr., and Les Berry in boys' team golf beating out Lac La Biche.
- Mark Shushack named new golf pro at MIRC Miskanaw Golf Course.

1985

- ASG - Zone 7 ladies team wins golf crown. Led by Vivian Carrothers, team members included Betty Bell, Pearl Bespalko, and Cecile Richard. Junior boys' team also gold with two of the four members from Fort McMurray including Todd Jurak and Leslie Barrie.
- The \$10,000 prize for Miskanaw Skins Game is brought to town by community leader Ches Dicks.
- Skins game scores are Canadian pros Dave Barr 66 and Dan Halldorson 65, while USA counterparts were Ed Fiori 71 and Pat McGowan 69.

- Bob Smith and Helen Higdon win the Miskanaw Golf and Country Clubs Men's and Ladies' Open respectively.

1986

- Second Skins Golf Game attracts 800 fans to Miskanaw Golf Course. Dan Halldorson, Lon Hinkle, Mike Morley, and John Adams compete. Hinkle and Halldorson walk away with \$2,100 each.
- Blueberry Festival team golf at Miskanaw Golf Course features Dan Murphy, Joe Murphy, Ernie Durocher, and Liz Durocher scoring 98.
- Miskanaw Golf Course Ladies Open winners: Vivian Carrothers 190 first flight, Helen Bobbet 203 second flight, and Donna Marchand 219 third flight.

1987

- Jay Lines triumphs first flight low gross at Miskanaw Junior Open.
- Kim Rice takes girls first flight with low gross 185.
- Fort McMurray Oilsands Pro-Am at Miskanaw Golf Course is won by Tom Jackson. Team event won by assistant pro Cory Draper, Reg Ostiguy, Barry Gibbs, and Sid Anderson with a 21-under.

1988

- May 23 sees two holes-in-one at Miskanaw Golf Club.
- Mike Van Ry aces the 150-yard 8th hole and Irene Bishop aces the 140-yard 14th hole.
- Eric Evans shoots 63 in Rotary Classic Pro Am first-day event.

1989

- Judy Warren wins Jewelry International Ladies Open 24 over par 168, beating St. Paul's Patty Krekowski.
- Trevor Goplin wins Junior Open 36 hole 14 over par 158. Kim Rice defends her title with an 89 and 91 for 180 totals.
- Ron Holmes defends his Miskanaw Men's Golf Open title beating Craig Bussey on the first sudden death hole.
- Canadian tour rookie Martin Gates shoots a seven-under par 65 at Miskanaw Golf Course first day of Rotary Charity Golf Classic, one shy of the course record set the previous year by South African Wayne Bradley. Event is won by Miami's Jeff Lewis on the third playoff hole against fellow Floridian John Morse for first prize of \$12,000. Jack Nicklaus Jr. and Dan Halldorson also in attendance.
- Northern Alberta Charity Golf Tour with Edmonton Oilers' Randy Gregg raises \$11,000 for Ronald McDonald House in Edmonton.

1990

- Fort McMurray Golf Course opens August 21 with 176 members and 10 holes completed.
- Trevor Goplin wins Miskanaw Junior Open with a three-over par.
- Louis Brown captures \$50,000 Rotary Classic Golf Tournament with a record 20-under 268.
- Jim McGee wins Miskanaw Men's Open, also winning in 1982.
- Judy Warren wins Miskanaw Women's Open.

1991

- John Anderson's 36-hole 152 score wins Miskanaw Men's Open.
- Miskanaw Golf Course pro Mark Shushack passes away. Contrary to city policy, the city flag is flown at half-mast for three days in his honour.

1993

- WCHS YMCA brings Million Dollar Hole in One competition June 11–20.
- Local golfer Jeanette Anderson, 19, attends Pepperdine University on a golf scholarship.

1994

- Rick Burton and Heather Stevenson win Plaza II Open Men's and Women's by 9 and 2 strokes respectively.
- Ernie Sheaves wins Miskanaw Men's Open.

1995

- Cotter MacGillivray wins Miskanaw Men's Open.
- Mike Zasadny wins Miskanaw Junior Boys Open.
- WCHS Trojans win senior girls golf at ASAA provincials.
- Gord Brayton named new golf pro at Fort McMurray Golf Club. He writes a golf column for the Fort McMurray Today.
- WCHS Trojans' Joyce Funk wins Zone golf shooting a 97. Allan Strong finishes second in males at 80.

1996

- Keyano Huskies host ACAC golf championships at Fort McMurray Golf Club.
- Rick Burton and David Gabriel win third-in-a-row Miskanaw Open and Miskanaw Junior Open respectively.
- Syncrude Canada firefighters' Reg Barry silver at World Firefighter Games.
- WCHS wins 3A ASAA girls golf. Team comprised of Joyce Funk, Erin Gillespie, Holly Wilson, and Tasha Fedoritz.

1997

- Stuart Anderson, 19, wins Miskanaw Open with a 152 total.

1998

- John Anderson edges his son Stuart Anderson to win Miskanaw Men's Open with a one-under 143 for 36 holes.
- Quarry Ridge Golf Center opens.

1999

- Holly Wilson tops at Miskanaw Women's Open.
- Heather Burton wins Plaza Two Open.
- Keyano Huskies' Marsha Rogers places 3rd in ACAC women's golf.
- George Power Jr. and Holly Wilson defend their Miskanaw Junior titles.
- Rick Burton, winner of the last five Fort McMurray Golf Club titles, is not on the greens this year as he coaches Manta Swim Club members in Montreal. John Anderson takes the crown.
- David Gabriel defends Memorial Golf Tournament.

2002

- Fort McMurray Seniors Open sees 111 entries, first time over 100. John Maddon wins, beating 1999 champ Jim McGee.
- Mary Beth McKenna and Danie Killer silver in women's golf ASG.
- ASAA Golf girls silver at MWERC: Janet Hatfield, Mary Beth McKenna, Marnie Stark, Julie Power.
- Stuart Anderson places second at TELUS Golf Open.

2003

- Father Merc senior boys win ASAA 3A championship silver falling to Ponoka coached by Jill Kerrigan.

- ACAC golf championships held at Miskanaw.
- Brad Elliot and Mary Beth McKenna win Miskanaw Open for junior golfers. McKenna also wins Ladies Open.
- George Power accepts two-year golf scholarship at South Mountain College in Phoenix.

2004

- Golfer Stuart Anderson is part of the World Cup Team Canada.

2005

- Wade Redden and several other NHL players are featured guests at the annual Chris Phillips/Scottie Upshall Charity Golf Tournament held at Miskanaw Golf Course. The tournament raises \$45,000 for the Kids Forever Charity.
- Ernie Sheaves finishes fifth in a competition of 154 at the Canadian Mid-Amateur +40 Championships in Prince Edward Island.
- Pro golfer Stuart Anderson lands fifth on the money list of the Canadian Professional Golfing Tour.

2009

- Mary Beth McKenna (St. FX) wins Lamkin Cup in California by three shots.

2011

- Megan Vermillion wins ACAC title with Grant MacEwan.
- Danny Sahl wins inaugural Syncrude Boreal Open (16-under, 272), his first Canadian Golf Tour title in his 80th career start. The 31-year-old veteran from Sherwood Park shoots two-under 70 in the final round at Fort McMurray Golf Club to reach 16-under 272.

2014

- Joel Dahmen wins Syncrude Boreal Open, shooting a four-day total 266, five strokes better than fellow American Ricky McDonald.

2016

- Fort McMurray Golf Club's clubhouse and key structures destroyed in Horse River Fire.

2017

- Krista Fenniak (future LPGA pro) makes Q-School final stage, sets course record with 69 at The Palms Golf Club.

2018

- Rotary Links Golf Course opens near Fort McMurray International.

2023

- Felicia Ramsay plays golf for Park University Gilbert Buccaneers.

Goju Kai Karate

1998

Trinity Goju Kai Karate Club started by Senseu Scott Barr, a 4th Dan Black Belt.

Gung Fu

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Gung-Fu

1974

- Buck Hawk Pai Gung-Fu martial arts coached by Bob Fox opens in January.

Gymnastics

1977

- In only one year of existence, the Norfort Gym Club has grown from 20 members to 170 under the guidance of coach Ken Stewart.

1978

- Norfort Gym Club raises \$1,700 at Gymathon.

1979

- Kim Johnson and Danya Badowsky of the Norfort Gym Club place 4th and 5th in the under-13 and under-14 girls events respectively at the Provincial B Gymnastics Championships.
- Lisa Jeffries, Judy Groom, Kim Johnson, and Dana Badowsky take part in a two-week training camp in Romania along with Norfort Gymnastics Association head coach Ken Stewart.
- Manya Vogrig teaches trampoline.

1980

- FMCH High School hires Gay Carleton to teach phys ed. He was the first Albertan male to land a double backwards somersault.

1981

- Kim Johnson placed 12th out of 20 competitors at the first of two tryouts in Calgary for the national team gymnastics.
- Ross Hunt takes over as head coach at Norfort Gymnastics Association.

1983

- Seymin Lau of Norfort Gymnastics Association places first in vault and beam, and second in uneven bars and floor at Alberta Provincial Gymnastics Championships.

1984

- Kim Chan tumbles to 4th in juvenile ladies Alberta-NWT A Sectionals for gymnastics.
- Karen Pope, 15, earns silver in vault (8.15) at Northern B Provincial Gymnastics Championships.
- Joanna Siuda, 11, is second overall in Argo division (12-and-under), highlighted by a 7.80 on beam.
- Raquel Steinke tumbles to silver at Provincial C Gymnastics Championships in the Tykes-under-14.

1985

- Norfort Gymnastics Association opens its new location at 8208 Fraser on September 14.

1986

- Karen Pope gold in bars (8.35 score) and floor (8.60) at Northern Zones Level II competition.

1987

- Bruce Pope, Norfort Gymnastics Association, places first in five events in his 14-15 age group at the Altadore Invitational in Calgary.

1988

- Ron and Nancy McLeod become new coaches for Norfort Gymnastics Association.
- Elliot Beaubien, Darrell Rice, Jaron Ronimson, Bruce Pope, and Chris Senger earn bronze in boys team gymnastics at AWG.
- Cherie Geering and Benita Marlow compete at Western Canada Acrosport.

1989

- Cherie Geering makes provincial junior team tumbling and places second in power tumbling at junior nationals.

1990

- Cherie Geering places 6th at World Age Group Trampoline and Tumbling Championships in Germany.

1992

- Norfort Gymnastics' Ben Salter is champion at Western Canadian Championship in Level 3 double mini trampoline.
- Cherlyn Cartwright, 14, bronze in junior double mini-trampoline and two silver and a bronze as part of team Alberta at Trampoline and Tumbling nationals in Quebec.

1993

- Norfort Gymnastics' Tanya Bell is provincial champion in beam in Novice under-16 age group Class IV.

1994

- Alma Chan is double mini-trampoline champion, now with University of Alberta Pandas.
- Jessica Leung wins 2 gold and 2 bronze at ARWG.

1995

- Seymin Lau is an All-Big Ten selection in gymnastics while competing for Ohio State.
- Tanya Bell is part of artistic gymnastics at the Western Canada Summer Games and National Championships.

1996

- Amanda Naclia places second overall for Albertans at Western Canadian Artistic Championships in Class IV novice.

2002

- Norfort Gymnastics hosts provincial championships.

2003

- Katrina Burton wins Western Canada Summer Games silver (balance beam).
- Kira Mullaly wins provincial II Argo Championships gold in beam and bars. Teammate Cami Rigazio takes second in provincial I Argo.

2006

- Alicia King excels in uneven bars and floor exercise.

2011

- Jordyn Sellin silver (team) at Western Canada Summer Games.

2014

- Taylor Boulton and Kelsey Twyne win gold (team) at ARWG. Boulton adds gold (uneven bars) and bronze (vault).

2016

- Emileigh Grant wins two artistic gymnastics gold medals at ASG in Medicine Hat.

2022

- Delaram Ghasemi of FM North Gymnastics achieves 5 gold medals (floor, vault, bars, team, all-around) at Western Artistic Gymnastics Championships. She was ranked first in floor, vault, and bars and was the all-around champion for her division.

2023

- Avery McCoy (Calgary Gymnastics Centre) finishes 4th in uneven bars and team event at the Canada Winter Games.

Hang Gliding

1978

- The sport of hang gliding is introduced to the community during the summer.

Hockey

1926

- A game of women's hockey is played.

1928

- Goaltender T.J. McLeod of Edmonton's Garneau High School joins the Fort McMurray hockey club for two weeks while visiting friends. He proves to be a talented stopper.
- The Benedicts—composed of married men—won 7-5 against a local men's hockey team composed of single men on December 16. Scotty Brown scored four goals in the victory.

1932

- On November 29, an outdoor skating rink opens with McMurray taking on Waterways in a hockey match.

1937

- Lights are added to the outdoor ice hockey rink.

1939

- There are five teams competing in senior men's hockey: McMurray, Waterways, Abasand, Signal Corps, and Cubs. Fort McMurray star hockey players Roy Hawkins, Johnny Webb, and Francis "Pat" O'Coffey all enlist in the Edmonton Regiment for World War II.

1943

- Pat O'Coffey, a star baseball and hockey player born and raised in Fort McMurray, dies in World War II in Sicily.

1966

- A new arena, to be called Townsite Arena, is constructed adjacent to the four-sheet curling rink located at King Street.

1967

- The Oil Sands Oilers are undefeated in local senior men's hockey. They are led by Garry "Chicken Man" Palmer, Keith Stevens, Dennis Holgate, and the "Policeman" Stu Sutherland.
- The Fort McMurray Minor Hockey Association is formed, with Ron Morgan the main force behind its formation. The league will produce future standouts including August Harpe, Terry Mereniuk, Doug Brooks, Mike Pierce, and Danny Hodgson.

1969

- August Harpe plays four exhibition games for the Edmonton Oil Kings and scores six goals for the Western Hockey League franchise.

1970

- Fort McMurray wins the Bantam C Provincial Hockey Championship.
- The first live television broadcast in Fort McMurray is the Grey Cup, thanks to Bob Lamb of Alberta Broadcasting Corporation.

1971

- Fort McMurray achieves the Midget C Provincial Hockey Championship, beating Sedgewick 7-5. Coached by Arnie Godin, key players include Barry Nabholz, Wendall Hodgson, Mike Pierce, and brothers Gary and Randy Mereniuk.
- Lorraine Humphrey is the only woman head coach in the Fort McMurray Minor Hockey Association; she has four sons in the league.
- The Al Campbell Trophy is captured by GCOS Blues 7-3 over Redwood Hustlers. Captain of the Fort McMurray Senior Men's Hockey League team is Wayne Jones. Bruce Lane scored three goals in the victory.
- Fort McMurray Minor Hockey Association champions: Tiny Mite—The Bay, coached by Jean Sequin. Pee wee—Suncor, MVPs: J Lukin, H Young, M Heck, K Wood, D St Jean; leading scorer Jeff Wade. Bantam—Cosmopolitan Club, MVPs: Frank Bacon, Larry Ushko, Rick Young; leading scorer Bruce MacLean. Midgets—Lions Club, MVPs: Doug Brooks, John Chase, Pat Smith, Barry Nabholz; leading scorer Mike Pierce. Powder Puff—Tigers beat Best Pussy Cats 5-2; Georgette Bohme scores three goals.
- Fort McMurray Mite A All Stars hockey gold at Fort McMurray Jubilee, High Prairie, and Vegreville Tournaments. In 42 games, they win 27, lose 12, and tie 3 with 225 goals for and 187 goals against. Coached by Glen Hunseth and John Pratt.

1972

- Fort McMurray All Stars play six games against an all-star team from Uranium City (three on the road, three at home) and capture the Bus Lines Cup.

1973

- Fort McMurray wins the Juvenile C Provincial Hockey Championship.
- Townsite Arena is filled to capacity with 800 fans as Paul Loutitt scores the winning goal in double overtime, as Redwood beats GCOS for Fort McMurray Senior Men's Hockey supremacy.
- Community volunteer Ches Dicks does play-by-play on local radio for senior men's hockey.
- Despite having two artificial arms, Kevin Humphrey is a star in local minor hockey. In his first year of Bantam, he scores six goals and adds 23 assists, honored with the Jack Marlowe Memorial Trophy for best all-around playing ability and sportsmanship.
- Fort McMurray Senior Hockey League All Stars beat Yellowknife All Stars 5-2 and 3-2 before losing 9-1.

1974

- Fort McMurray Commercial Hockey League bans fighting.
- Dave Murphy, a Round 5 No. 60 overall pick of the Pittsburgh Penguins in the 1971 NHL Amateur Draft, plays goal for the Tarmacs in an exhibition series against an all-star senior men's team from the Northwest Territories, losing 4-3 and 5-3, and winning 5-3.
- On December 29, Syl Lefebvre scores 9 goals in a 22-1 win as the Fort McMurray Whips defeat the Caouette Oldtimers in Fort McMurray Commercial Hockey League action. In net for the Oldtimers is Mayor Chuck Knight.

1975

- Hockey West runs a summer hockey school. Instructors include NHL players Danny Gare and Garth Malarchuk.
- A total of 450 register for Fort McMurray Minor Hockey Association play.
- Fort McMurray Sportsman of the Year is Art Turnbull, who is involved in minor fastball and hockey.

- Darren Rice scores the lone goal as TSRA beats MacLeods 1-0 to win the Mite Division in Minor Hockey Week.
- Fort McMurray TarMacs senior hockey team beats Canadian Forces Base Nanaimo 9-3 and 5-4.
- Whips win the Fort McMurray Commercial Hockey League finals, beating the Flyers 5-4 in overtime.
- CGOS Blades defeat McMurray Merchants to win their second Fort McMurray Senior Hockey League title in a row. Leading scorer in the five-game series was George Hicks.
- Regular season top scorer Earle Christenson is named MVP of the Fort McMurray Senior Hockey League. Daryl Sparks is named Best Goaltender.
- Fort McMurray Commercial Hockey donates their Wednesday night timeslot at Beacon Hill Arena to minor hockey.

1976

- Former Dauphin Kings goalie Ray Leahul, who played for the Dauphin Kings (1973–75) in the MJHL, is named Rookie of the Year in the Fort McMurray Senior Hockey League.
- GCOS Blades defeat Redwood Hustlers 7–2 in the final best-of-five series for the Fort McMurray Senior Hockey League playoffs.
- Stony Plain Eagles of the Central Hockey League play senior men's team Tarmacs, losing 5–3 and 6–3 at Beacon Hill Arena.
- Ron Laughlin, a member of the Colorado College 1956–57 NCAA hockey championship team, is a key member of the Bechtel Bruins.
- Edmonton Oldtimers beat Tarmacs 9–7 and 8–4. Oldtimers are led by Roger DeJordy, a star left wing in the WHL and AHL from 1958–71. DeJordy had back-to-back 80-point seasons for the Hershey Bears in 1966–68. NHL veteran Bob Solinger, age 50, is the first game's No. 1 star.
- MacLeod Flyers win the Commercial Hockey League, beating Fort McMurray Welding Whips.
- Fourteen players are suspended from the Fort McMurray Minor Hockey League Bantam rep team, along with the head coach and trainers, after it is discovered the players were drinking liquor at the Bantam Provincial finals in Medicine Hat.
- Paul April of Tarsands Machine and Welding Phantoms is named Most Valuable Player in the Fort McMurray Commercial Hockey League, scoring 63 goals and 27 assists.
- Guest speaker at the Fort McMurray Minor Hockey awards is CFL Champion Edmonton Eskimos defensive back Wayne Matherne.

1977

- Fort McMurray wins the Intermediate D Provincial Hockey Championship.
- The Tar Macs defeat Canmore in a two-game total-point series, with Gary Mereniuk scoring at 9:15 of overtime. Tar Mac defenceman Gary Palmer says, "You can't win unless you take the play to them and that's what we did in overtime." Tar Macs goalie Daryl Sparks gets the win.
- The Fort McMurray TODAY headline reads "Hospital for two players. Fights and penalties interrupt senior game," describing a rough game where Thunderbirds beat the Bruins 12–5.
- Garth Phillips scores 4 goals and adds an assist as the Redwood Hustlers beat McMurray Merchants 6–2 in senior hockey.
- Fort MacKay's 10–14 year-olds beat Fort McMurray's Pee Wees Diversified hockey team (age 10–12) by a score of 11–2. Terry Boucher scores 4 goals in the win.
- The Fort McMurray Braves, an all-native team of senior hockey players, is formed.

- Beaver Lumber wins the Fort McMurray Minor Hockey League with a 9–2 win over Sunoco. Beaver Lumber finishes the regular season with 19 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie. Adrian Belcourt scores 4 goals to conclude the season with 68 goals. Roy David adds two goals to finish the season with 66 goals.
- GCOS Blades win the Campbell Trophy with a 6–2 decision over Redwood Blades in Fort McMurray Senior Hockey. This is the Blades' sixth title since the league formed in 1966–67.
- The Mereniuk brothers power GCOS Blades to a 13–1 win over Bechtel Bruins. Gary Mereniuk scores 2 goals and 5 assists. • Randy Mereniuk scores 2 goals and an assist. Terry Mereniuk, visiting from college hockey in Camrose, adds a goal and 2 assists. Barry Nabholz also scores 2 goals and 4 assists.

1978

- Frank Bacon plays for the Flin Flon Bombers in the Western Canada Hockey League, appearing in eight games.
- GCOS Blades lose 5-1 and then win 4-3 but lose the two-game total by 8-4 to St. Alberta Comets in provincial B playoffs. Last year, the Blades were C division champs.
- The Edmonton Oldtimers beat the CGOC Blades 10-9 and McMurray Oilers 7-5 in a pair of weekend exhibition hockey games. Oldtimers' Dennis Kaasin (American Hockey League star with the Buffalo Bisons 1966-70) had 4 goals while teammates Doug Barrie (10-year pro spending last four years 1973-77 with WHA Edmonton Oilers) and Harold Neyers had two markers in the first match. Myrine House and Ron Kalita had two goals each for the home side. Harold Meyers and Boris Pausch had two each in Sunday's game.
- Nistawoyou Braves defeat defending champions Whips 4-2 in Fort McMurray Commercial League Hockey. Charlie Umperville is MVP. Fort McMurray Commercial Hockey League folds.
- Peter MacKenzie (8th round pick Philly Flyers 1977) plays for the Riviera Oilers in men's senior hockey.
- Ernie Sheaves of Riviera Oilers is named top defenseman in the Fort McMurray Senior Men's Hockey League and is given the Miles Meyers Memorial Trophy. Oilers teammates Brian Organ and Ed Roberts are named league Rookie of the Year and MVP of the playoffs respectively.

1979

- Mike Pierce scored two goals and adds two assists for Australia at the Ice Hockey World Championships. He will play 25 games for the Aussies in the next few years, winning the President's Medal for outstanding hockey player.
- Charlie Umperville scores six goals and adds two assists for Nistawoyou Braves in a 12-6 win over MacLeods Flyers in Commercial Hockey League play.
- Fort McMurray Hockey Association concludes with Riviera Oilers finishing the regular season on top with 19 wins, 3 losses, and 2 ties. Peter McKenzie leads the way with 13 goals and 38 assists, with teammates Ralph Walker (16 goals, 25 assists) and Fran McKee (15 goals, 26 assists).
- Len Routhier scores three goals and two assists as Q Mart beats Elks 5-2 for Fort McMurray Minor Hockey Association Midget crown, while G & T Camera are Pee Wee champs with a 3-1 decision over Cosmos.
- In front of more than 400 fans at Beacon Hill Arena, GOC Blades skate to the Alberta Intermediate D Provincial Senior Men's Hockey title, beating Strathmore Stampeders 5-4. They also won the cup in 1976-77.
- Fort McMurray Minor Hockey rep teams will play against Edmonton-based teams starting in the fall.

- Peter McKenzie has a tryout with the Edmonton Oilers at the rookie camp. He makes the roster of the Spokane Flyers in the Western Hockey League.

1980

- Suncor Blades play Portland Winter Hawks in a pair of exhibition games, winning 7-4 and losing 5-3 before a standing-room-only crowd at Beacon Hill Arena.
- Profoot Sports Junior C's are accepted into the Alberta Junior C Hockey Association. Dave Tease is named head coach and Barry Buchanan general manager. They open the 32-game season at home, winning 9-4 and 8-4 over Spruce Grove Stingers in front of a sold-out Beacon Hill Arena.
- Labatt's Alberta Blues Old-timers from Edmonton beat Fort McMurray Old-timers Selects 11-8 in front of 850 fans at Beacon Hill Arena in a charity hockey game.
- Ron and Judy Shandro are presented a plaque for their dedication towards local minor hockey ranks.
- George Palmer scores four goals to lead Cosmo Mite rep team to a 7-2 victory over Cosmo's Peewees at Townsite Arena.
- Tarsand Turkeys win the inaugural Fort McMurray Old-timers Hockey Tournament, beating Cold Lake Oldtimers 6-3. Kevin Crozie had 3 goals assisted by Frank Lacroix, Tom Keating, and Oliver Pruden.
- Team 4 Flyers conclude the Syncrude Shift League Hockey regular season beating Team 1 Extraction 20-2. Flyers end season with a record of 19 wins, three losses, and a tie. Key players included Alf Popen, Chuck DeCaro, and Lyndon Bradford.
- St. Johns takes the junior high school hockey tournament, beating Birchwood 4-3. Familiar names that will go on to hockey glory include Peter Headon, Darren Rice, Darryl Harpe, Shawn Gillingham, Ron Marchuck, and Rob Lacroix.
- Suncor Blades win the Fort McMurray Senior Hockey championship and the Tom Tillotson Trophy as they beat Heist Oilers 7-5. Derek Condie led the way with four goals. Suncor Blades' Brett Phillips is named Rookie of the Year in the Alberta Intermediate Hockey Association. Teammate Gary Merenick captures the league scoring title.
- Nighcrawlers win the Junior Cs in inaugural street hockey finals, Parks and Recreation.
- Fort McMurray Senior Men's Hockey League folds in October due to lack of sponsorship
- Bruce Cosgrove sings O Canada at Profoot games.
- Fort McMurray Minor Hockey hosts 19 out-of-town teams in various divisions, but the local five teams are unable to medal.
- Local Midget-Juvenile all-stars take on Profoot Juniors, losing 8-3. Wally Watkins and Mike Willier have two goals in the win. In a match against the Suncor Blades, the Profoot Juniors lost 14-0.

1981

- Daryl Harpe scores five goals as Q Mart defeats Elks 7-1 in Bantam hockey.
- Former NHL No. 1 draft pick Barry Gibbs (1966 Boston Bruins), a 14-year NHL veteran, joins the Suncor Blades Intermediate Men's hockey team.
- Fort McMurray Braves win the Native Senior B Men's Hockey Provincials, shutting out Sacree Chiefs 7-0 in the semifinal and Gliessen Blackfoot Miners 4-1 in the final. Wendell Hodgson leads the tournament with 15 points.
- Suncor Blades lose in the two-game semi-final against Bonneville Pontiacs, 12-8, in the Alberta Intermediate Hockey finals.

- Fort McMurray Novas win the Cariboo Carnival Tournament in Yellowknife, NWT, going undefeated with a 6-2 win over host Yellowknife Flyers in the final. Blaise Ryan scores two goals in the final.
- Fort McMurray Voyagers defeat Fort McMurray Merchants 13-6 in an August matchup.
- Roy Phillips of Clearwater Boxing Club holds dryland training for local hockey clubs for the fourth consecutive year.
- Fort McMurray Midget Merchants are not accepted back into Northern Alberta Midget B Hockey. Head coach Frank Lacroix keeps the team active with exhibition games, including winning the Jubilee Hockley Tournament by beating Camrose Nordics 5-2. Balanced scoring comes from Grant Sauer, Bill McAvoy, Ron Foy, Shawn Gillingham, and Brian Marchuk.
- Fort McMurray Voyagers join the Alberta Rural Hockey League with Dave Tease as head coach. They open the home season with wins over Spruce Grove Stingers (9-3, 7-5). Robert Russel and Jeff Davies each score four goals in the opener.
- Fort McMurray Christian Hockey League is created with four teams.
- Fort McMurray hosts the Peewee Provincial C Hockey Tournament; Manning wins, defeating Warner 10-1.
- Fort McMurray Hawks Adult Recreation Hockey Club earns silver at the Can-Am Hockey News Tournament in Sun Valley, Idaho.

1982

- Profoot Juniors defeat Westlock Warriors 5-4 and 10-8 to win the Alberta Junior C Hockey Association championship. FMCH High School Grade 12 student Calvin Morrison scores the winning goal in the final.
- Molson's Gentlemen's Hockey League is formed.
- Syncrude beats Suncor 7-6 in the inaugural Heart-a-thon hockey game.
- Yukon Freight Lines win the Southern California Oldtimers Hockey Tournament in Anaheim, outscoring opponents 35-3. Fort McMurray Tarsand Turkeys take silver in a lower division.
- Fort McMurray Voyagers claim the Alberta Rural Hockey League crown with a 21-3 record, improving from 19-3-1 the previous year. They defeat Gibbons Broncos 11-5 to clinch the title.
- Fort McMurray Merchants start strong at the Alberta Midget Boys Hockey Championships, winning their first two games 15-6, but lose in the semi-finals to Lloydminster 8-3.
- Fort McMurray All-Star Bantam team struggles at Alberta Bantam Hockey Provincials, losing their first two games 13-1 and 11-3.
- Fort McMurray Voyagers defeat Alexander Braves 27-2 in Alberta Rural Hockey League play, with three-goal hat tricks by Gerry Cruickshank, Robbie Russell, Robert Hogue, Wade Harrison, and Pat O'Grady.
- Suncor Blades lose exhibition games to University of Alberta Golden Bears (5-3 and 7-4). Suncor Blades host Central Hockey League's Colorado Flames, losing 7-1 and 9-3. Suncor Blades beat Mundare Sabres 18-12 in a two-game total points series to advance in Allan Cup play. Suncor Blades are eliminated by Bonnyville Pontiacs with an 11-10 two-game total goals loss in Alberta Intermediate A Hockey playoffs.

1983

- Fort McMurray Midget Merchants win the Jubilee Cup Hockey Tournament, defeating Edmonton Butchers and Packers 7-6.
- Fort McMurray Black Hawks join the Alberta Junior C Rural Hockey League.

- Syncrude achieves the President's Cup 5-4 in overtime before 814 fans at Thickwood Heights Arena, with all proceeds donated to the local United Way.
- Fort McMurray Labatt's Gentlemen's Hockey League expands to 12 teams for the 1983-84 season.
- Frank Lacroix becomes head coach of the Fort McMurray Voyagers for the 1983-84 season.
- Jody Weller receives a gold medal from Edmonton Oilers' Dave Lumley for most outstanding player at the Edmonton-Okanagan Hockey School.
- Suncor Blades lose exhibition games to Colorado Flames (CHL), 12-1 and 15-2. Suncor Blades defeat Japanese Selects Hokkaido National B team 9-6 in front of 1,300 fans at Thickwood Arena. Ron Dunville scores three goals; Brett Phillips and Brad Chaffey add singles.
- Dan Hodgson named Western Hockey League Rookie of the Year (Jim Piggott Trophy) playing for the Prince Albert Raiders, with 56 goals and 74 assists in 72 games during the 1982-83 season. He is drafted 83rd overall by the Toronto Maple Leafs in the 1983 NHL Entry Draft. Dan Hodgson named to Team Canada for the 1983-84 IHF World Junior Championships in Sweden.
- Youth Sports Celebrity Breakfast held at MIRC with Edmonton Oilers' Randy Gregg in attendance.
- Stephens-Adamson Rollers win Fort McMurray Gentlemen's Hockey League, edging Fort McMurray Hawks 3-2. Leading scorers include Wade Harrison (55 points), Robert Hogue (49), Larry Wlasitz (45), and Irving Parsons (42).
- Yukon Freight Lines Coyotes Oldtimers win gold at Prairie Cup Oldtimers Hockey Tournament B event, defeating Calgary Vikings 4-3. Phil Bullough scores twice; Nick DeHoog and Kevin Crozier add singles.
- Yukon Freight Lines Coyotes also capture the Brewers Cup over Catalytic Crusaders 4-3, with Garth Phillips scoring twice.

1984

- Suncor Blades affiliate with the Fort McMurray Voyagers of the Central Alberta Junior B Hockey League. Brett Phillips and Lewis Casola form a potent scoring duo for Suncor Blades in the Alberta Major Intermediate Hockey League, finishing first and second in league scoring with 71 and 70 points respectively. Suncor wins its third Heart-a-thon, defeating Syncrude 9-4, with Ron Dunville scoring three goals.
- Wilson Tricats repeat as Molson's Gentlemen's Hockey League champions, defeating Alert Flyers 8-5. Francis Cormier, Scott Andrews, and Jim Savill each score two goals.
- Fort McMurray Voyagers finish the 1983-84 regular season with a 14-1 win over Barrhead Junior Elks. Ron Foy scores five goals in the game. Despite a 36-9 record, a player card mix-up drops them from first to third in the standings.
- Fort McMurray Voyagers win the Western Division and advance to the provincial round robin finals.
- Yukon Freight Lines Coyotes earn bronze at the Canadian National Oldtimers Hockey Championships and win the Pacific Cup Oldtimers Hockey Tournament B Division in Victory, B.C., beating St. Albert 4-2. Bob Fiddler scores three goals.
- Danny Hodgson plays for Team Canada at the World Junior Under-20 Hockey Championships.
- Rick Newman scores 80 goals and 33 assists in 40 games for Daniel Lions in the Fort McMurray Christian Hockey League.
- Cape Breton Bandits win the 4th May Day Jamboree Street Hockey Tournament, defeating the Saints 7-2. Cecil Hillier and Pat Ryan each score twice.

- Al Harpe steps down as president of the Fort McMurray Minor Hockey Association, replaced by Norm Kristjansson.
- Fort McMurray Voyagers and Black Hawks leave the Central Alberta Junior B and Alberta Rural Junior C Hockey Leagues respectively.
- The Northern Alberta Junior B Hockey League is formed, including Voyagers, Black Hawks, and Slave Lake Wolves.

1985

- Jody Weller, age 12, lights the torch at Corless Field for the ASG.
- Dan Hodgson honored during "Danny Hodgson Week" in Fort McMurray (January 6-12) as a member of Team Canada's World Junior Hockey gold medal squad. Dan Hodgson named Canadian Major Junior Hockey Player of the Year while leading the Prince Albert Raiders to the Memorial Cup.
- At Christmas, the Fort McMurray Black Hawks hold the best record among local Big Three hockey clubs, including Suncor Blades and Fort McMurray Oil Barons.
- FPMCH student Peter Headon is selected by the Edmonton Oilers (11th round, 230th overall) in the NHL Entry Draft. He later plays for Boston College.
- Fort McMurray Mitey Warriors win the High Prairie Invitational Mite B Hockey Tournament, beating Nampa 4-0. Joey Young and Cam Noble each score twice.
- Suncor Selects defeat Team Syncrude 9-7 in the 4th Heart-a-thon Benefit Hockey Game. Ron Fortier is MVP with 2 goals and 5 assists. Over \$3,000 is raised for charity.
- Northern Rangers win the Fort McMurray Molson's Gentlemen's Hockey League.
- Fort McMurray Black Hawks enter the East Central Junior B Hockey League for the 1985-86 season.
- Willie Hoflin serves as president of the 54-team Fort McMurray Minor Hockey Association.

1986

- Suncor Blades enter their 19th season of senior hockey. Ron Woods steps down as coach; former player Gary Palmer takes over for 1986-87.
- Fort McMurray Black Hawks fold after four years in the Alberta Junior Northern B Hockey League. They had only six home games in 1985-86 compared to 54 away games.
- Daryl Harpe scores four goals to lead Hobbema Hawks to a 6-3 win over Fort McMurray Oil Barons in the 1986-87 season opener.
- Greg Beaucage, Jason Furgala, and Fraser Doyle attend Athol Murray College of Notre Dame in Saskatchewan to play hockey.
- FPMCHS Trappers win the inaugural Fort McMurray Interscholastic Invitational Hockey Tournament, edging Bantam A Barons 4-3. David Glavine scores the winning goal.
- Ron Foy leads the Central Alberta Junior B Hockey League in scoring with 62 goals and 88 assists for the Fort McMurray Black Hawks.

1987

- Fort McMurray Bantam A Barons dominate Regina Royals 8-2 in the Western Canadian Bantam Hockey Championships.
- Vancouver Canucks' Danny Hodgson, age 22, suffers a broken lower left leg with one minute remaining in a November 25 game against the Calgary Flames.
- Local midget player Claude Howse fractures his 7th vertebra during Minor Hockey Week and must wear a halo during rehab.

- Syncrude beats Suncor 7-4 in the President's Cup benefit hockey game.
- Nistawoyou Friendship Centre Chiefs, with only seven skaters and a goalie, win the Fort Smith NWT Invitational Hockey Tournament, defeating Arctic College 11-6. Kevin Daniels scores six goals.
- An all-star team wins the Molson Brewers Cup for local senior men's hockey, beating Northern Rangers.
- RCMP edge Syncrude 3-2 in the Suncor Inc. Firefighters Invitational Hockey Tournament.
- Suncor Blades suspend operations for the 1987-88 Alberta Major Senior Hockey League season.

1988

- Fort McMurray is considered a potential market for a Western Hockey League franchise.
- Fort McMurray-born Greg Beaucage plays for the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League champion Notre Dame Hounds, tallying 10 goals, 19 assists, and 311 penalty minutes in 46 games.
- Checkers Hawks dominate the Fort McMurray Labatt's Gentlemen's Hockey League with 36 wins, outscoring opponents 333-97. Key players include Scott Upshall Sr. (50 goals, 63 assists), Myrine House (30 goals, 68 assists), and Irv Parsons (42 goals, 48 assists).
- Ron Morgan Jr. begins a seven-year career as an on-ice official in the American Hockey League, ECHL, and Western Hockey League.
- Chris Lafrenier is named Defenseman of the Year for the Spokane Chiefs in the WHL.

1989

- Daryl Harpe leads the inaugural ECHL professional hockey league with 38 goals and 84 assists in 60 games for the Erie Panthers; he is also named league MVP.
- Trevor Buchanan is drafted 199th overall in Round 10 by the Hartford Whalers.
- Fort McMurray Midget Oil Barons lose all three games at hockey provincials and are eliminated.
- Fort McMurray Legionnaires become the new Junior B team in town, joining the Alberta Rural Junior Hockey League.
- Fort McMurray Midget Barons win the Central Alberta Midget AA Hockey League championship with an 8-3 victory over St. Albert Crusaders.
- Bantam Barons win their AA Division at the Port Coquitlam Invitational Hockey Tournament, coached by Rick Pankiw.
- Bruce King scores two goals as Abbotsfield Hawks defeat Oil Sands 5-4 to win the Fort McMurray Brewers Cup.
- Cory Medveszek leads Comp Miners to an 11-6 win over Mercredi in the boys' Challenge Cup hockey final, scoring three goals.
- Shawn Wheeler, part of the University of Wisconsin-Superior Pointers, wins the NCAA Division III hockey title and is named tournament MVP.
- Tom Keca wins the Central Alberta Midget AA Hockey League scoring title with 47 goals and 44 assists.
- Bantam Barons earn a silver medal in the provincial final.
- Tyler Kuhn plays 63 games for the WHL Flin Flon Bombers, tallying 9 goals and 20 assists.
- Trevor Buchanan is traded mid-season from Kamloops Blazers to Victoria Cougars.
- Teammate Brian Shantz has 51 points in 32 games at the time.
- Coached by Fran Gow, Bantam AA Barons open the season with six straight wins in the Central Alberta Bantam AA Hockey League; Matthew Funk scores 14 points.
- Throat protectors become mandatory in local minor hockey.

1990

- Fort McMurray Junior B Legionnaires score 31 goals in two games against Mayerthorpe Spurs (14-4, 17-4). Tom Keca, March Rogers, and Jason Loy each have four-goal games. Coach Frank Lacroix leads the team to a 17-9-2 record. They lose in the provincial final to Westlock Challengers 11-2.
- Tom Keca plays hockey for Zagreb Ice Hockey Club in Yugoslavia's Division II.
- Fort McMurray Bantam AA Barons win the eastern division of the Central Alberta Bantam AA Hockey League, defeating Strathcona 12-10 in a two-game total points series. They lose the provincial final to Grande Prairie 5-4 in double overtime.
- Shawn Wheeler gets a tryout with the Calgary Flames after leading University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to back-to-back NCAA Division III hockey titles.

1991

- Sean McFatridge played for the WHL Saskatoon Blades and Brandon Wheat Kings.
- Canada defeated Russia 5-1 in an exhibition game on their fourth stop of an international tour on January 7 at Thickwood Arena.
- Chris Phillips, age 13, showed his talents as a member of the Northern Alberta silver medal team at the Vancouver Hockey Super Series in July, scoring seven points as a defenceman. Two weeks later, he was also a baseball catcher for the Blue Devils at the ASG.
- The Fort McMurray Legionnaires Junior B team folded for the 1991-1992 season but later found rebirth in the Central Alberta Bantam AA Hockey League.
- Terrence Oliver left the WHL Medicine Hat Tigers after three games to return home and play for the Oil Barons.
- Krista Goplin and Suzette Gillingham were part of Team Alberta's gold-winning women's team for the Canada Winter Games.
- Chris Lafreniere earned a Memorial Cup ring as part of the WHL Spokane Chiefs.

1992

- Tyler Kuhn played for the Flin Flon Bombers.
- Local minor hockey registered 922 players that year.
- Twelve-year-old Travis Gladue was part of Team Alberta Northern Alberta All Star Team Brick competing in Vancouver.
- The Fort McMurray Legionnaires earned silver in Bantam AA provincials, losing 4-2 to St. Albert.
- Trevor Buchanan drew attention in The Hockey News with 14 goals and five assists in nine games for the Louisville Ice Hawks of the East Coast Hockey League.
- Shane Britt and Dan Flaherty made the Northeastern Alberta Junior B Hockey League All Star game while playing for the St. Paul Canadians.

1993

- The Fort McMurray Merchants opened their season with 12 straight games without a loss in Midget AA but lost in the finals to the Grande Prairie Knights.
- Tyler Romanchuk, after four years in the WHL, joined the Fort McMurray Oil Barons.
- Nolan Pratt was drafted 115th overall by the Hartford Whalers in the NHL entry draft; the Fort McMurray native later won two Stanley Cups with the Colorado Avalanche (2000-2001) and Tampa Bay Lightning (2003-2004).
- Former Oil Baron goalie Marc Pethke appeared in seven games at the 1993 World Junior Under-20 Hockey Championships for Germany.

- Anne Marie Fraleigh was the only female coach in the Fort McMurray Minor Hockey Association, coaching Atoms.
- Suzette Gillingham was part of the Edmonton Chimos silver medal team at the Women's National Hockey Championships, edged 4-3 by Ontario; she had two goals and five assists in the tournament.
- Chris Lafreniere was the first of two ACAC All Conference selections playing for the Mount Royal Cougars.

1994

- Chris Bannerholt signed with a Danish hockey team, and Darren Gibbs was in his second year officiating in the WHL.
- The Fort McMurray Merchants won the Midget AA Provincial Hockey Championship with a 5-3 victory against the Airdrie 76ers, celebrating with an impromptu parade down Franklin Avenue.
- The Fort McMurray AA Pee Wee hockey team joined the East Central Alberta Pee Wee AA Hockey League for the 1994-95 season.
- Dwayne Sheehan was selected to officiate at the Centennial Cup.
- Brian Shantz won the first of back-to-back scoring titles in the Central Hockey League and was named league MVP the following year playing for the San Antonio Iguanas.
- Trevor Rounce was drafted in Round 8, 114th overall by the Moose Jaw Warriors in the Western Hockey League Bantam Draft.

1995

- Dave Tease was honored as Coach of the Year by the Fort McMurray Today.
- Fifteen-year-old Merle Penney attended the WHL Tri-Cities Americans rookie camp as a goalie.
- Chris Phillips earned a spot on Canada's National Junior team.
- Jarret Lukin and Justin Payne were part of the Northern Alberta Selects winners of the International Hockey Festival in Minnesota, competing in the Atom Division.
- Beacon Hill Arena was renamed the Frank Lacroix Minor Hockey Arena.
- Bruce Gillis and Drew Campbell made the Alberta Wolfpack All Stars hockey team for Pee wee AAA, T.J. Campbell was on the Wolfpack Atom All Stars, and Mike Mellon played for the Northern Selects.
- Becky Sager was the goalie for the Fort McMurray Pee Wee AA Barons and the only female in league action.

1996

- The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo honored the late Terry Conroy by renaming the ice surface at MIP the Terry Conroy Mini Drome.
- Syncrude Canada firefighters placed fourth in men's hockey at the World Firefighters Games.
- Oil Barons goalie Rich Parent signed with the IHL Detroit Vipers.
- Chris Phillips struck gold as part of Team Canada at the World Junior Hockey Championships and was named Western Hockey League Player of the Year playing for the Prince Albert Raiders. Chris Phillips was also selected first overall in the NHL Entry Draft by the Ottawa Senators. June 28th was declared "Chris Phillips Day" in recognition of his athleticism and hockey accomplishments.
- Tyler Romanchuk played one year of pro hockey with the Alaska Gold Kings of the WCHL.
- The Fort McMurray L. Robert Enterprises Pee wee Barons won the International B Division at the Quebec International Pee wee Hockey Tournament, beating Papineau, Quebec, 5-4 in front of 16,000 fans, with Drew Campbell scoring two goals.

- Former Oil Baron Harry York was named NHL Rookie of the Month for the St. Louis Blues in November. 1997

- Darren Gibbs was hired by the NHL as a linesman.
- Chris Phillips was named a CHL All Star of the WHL.
- Suzette Gillingham, age 23, had a tryout with Canada's Women's Olympic team. Playing in the local gentlemen's hockey league, she scored 66 points in 40 games and had 60 points the previous season. As part of an All Star provincial team, she had two goals and two assists in a 6-4 exhibition game against Japan's national women's team.
- The inaugural Guy Boutilier 3-on-3 hockey tournament was held.
- Harlan Pratt was drafted in Round 5, 124th overall by the Pittsburgh Penguins in the NHL Entry Draft.
- The Oil Barons played their first home games at Frank Lacroix Minor Hockey Arena due to renovations at Thickwood Arena.
- Shawn Wheeler, coaching in the CHL for the Charlotte Checkers, became the first African American coach in the league.
- Richard Parent won the James Norris Trophy for best goals-against average for goalies on the league champion IHL Detroit Vipers.

1998

- Former Oil Baron Paul Cabana (1996-1998) was drafted in the NHL sixth round, 149th overall by the Vancouver Canucks. His best professional season came in 2003-2004, when he scored 30 goals and added 23 assists for the ECHL Columbus Inferno.
- Former Oil Baron Steve Adams played for five different semi-pro teams in 1997-98, including the Phoenix Mustangs, Jacksonville Lizard Kings, Louisville River Frogs, Mississippi Sea Wolves, and Mobile Mysticks.
- The St. FX Cotter MacGillivray Leadership Bursary for a local hockey player was established.
- Former Oil Baron Ross Harris had a 100-point plus season (40 goals, 61 assists) with 101 points for the San Angelo Outlaws.
- Richard Parent (Oil Barons 1994) made his debut for the St. Louis Blues and went on to play 32 games over four seasons for the Blues, Tampa Bay Lightning, and Pittsburgh Penguins.
- Shawn McCann was a member of the SAIT Trojans championship hockey team.
- Shane Britt and Greg Yorkie led the six-team Shift Hockey League in scoring.
- Brian Shantz and Trevor Buchanan both played professionally for the Shreveport Mudbugs in the Western Pro Hockey League.
- Fort McMurray hosted the 10th Albert Nokohoo Hockey Tournament.
- Two years after leaving the Oil Barons, Roland Monilaws found himself playing pro hockey for the San Angelo Outlaws and Fort Worth Wire, along with pro inline roller hockey for the Washington Power.
- Women's hockey, which had 50 registered players, was canceled due to lack of available ice time.
- Doug Weight of the Edmonton Oilers was in town for a clinic.
- Mayor Doug Faulkner drove the new Zamboni to open Minor Hockey Week at Frank Lacroix Minor Hockey Arena.

1999

- Ross Harris achieved all-star status in three pro leagues—Western Hockey League, Roller Hockey International, and Pro Beach Hockey—and accumulated 166 points across them.

- Twenty-two local girls took part in a local hockey clinic.
- Franziska Reindl, while visiting town, attended a hockey clinic; she would go on to represent Germany at the 2002 Winter Olympics.
- Three locals were selected in the WHL bantam draft: Justin Payne (Portland Winter Hawks, 5th round), Chris Marchand (Tri City Americans, 8th round), and Shawn Coolen (Lethbridge Hurricanes, 8th round).
- Bruce Gillis was drafted in Round 10, 160th overall by the Halifax Mooseheads in the QMJHL Entry Draft.
- Bobby Stewart, captain of the Maine Black Bears hockey team, won a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I hockey championship.
- Trevor Buchanan won his first of three consecutive Western Pro Hockey League championships playing for the Shreveport Mudbugs.

2000

- Bobby Stewart played in the ECHL All-Star Game representing the Mobile Mysticks.
- Defenceman Shane Hurley was part of the SAIT Trojans men's hockey ACAC championship team.

2001

- Trevor Buchanan plays on his third consecutive Western Professional Hockey League's President's Cup Champion while wearing the jersey of the Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs.
- The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Provincial Hockey Tournament was held in Fort McMurray.
- Scottie Upshall is named Canadian Hockey League's Rookie of the Year playing for the Kamloops Blazers.
- Evan Haw was drafted Round 1 #19 overall by Saskatoon Blades in the WHL Bantam Draft.
- Former Oil Baron Ross Harris has a 100 point plus season (70 goals 54 assists) for 108 points with the Fort Worth Brahmas in the 2000 WPHL. He is the all-time leader in goals (153), assists (208), and points from 1997-2001. The league ran from 1996-2001.
 - Becky Sager was the goalie for Red Deer Queens winning the ACAC women's inaugural hockey title. They repeated the following year.

2002

- Scottie Upshall was selected for the 7th NHL Top Prospects Showcase Game to be held at Saskplace in Saskatoon.
- Tyler Helfrich (Oil Baron 2004-2006) earned his first of four consecutive NCAA ECAC All-Academic Team statuses at RPI.
- Former Oil Baron Ross Harris retired as one of the top scorers in North American minor professional hockey. In three consecutive seasons in the WPHL, he had 108, 101 and 97 points.
- Fraser Filipic (Oil Barons 2000-2001) became the first player to sign with the Colorado Eagles CHL. He became known as an enforcer during his seven years with the franchise.
- Fort McMurray Oil Barons retired Chris Phillips' No. 6 jersey.
- Bobby Stewart was named WCHL first team all-star playing for the Idaho Steelheads.
- Mike Brown (Oil Baron 1998-2000) made the NCAA (CCHA) All-Rookie team for Ferris State.
- Jay Stewart was a member of the University of Wisconsin Superior NCAA Division III champion team.
- Jarret Lukin was part of Canada at the World Under 18 Hockey Championships in Slovakia.
- Ken "Doc" Nickerson established the Nickerson Family Scholarship given to Junior A hockey players participating at the Royal Bank Cup.

- Scottie Upshall scored his first goal for the Nashville Predators in a 2-2 tie vs New York Rangers on October 19, 2002.

2003

- Peewee Barons won the East Central AA Peewee Hockey League Championship at Frank Lacroix Arena, beating the previously unbeaten Fort Saskatchewan Rangers 5-4.
- Fort McMurray RCMP won the Alberta Police Provincial Hockey Tournament under 35, beating five-time defending champion Red Deer 5-1.
- Harry York became the eighth former Oil Baron to be honoured on the Barons Wall of Fame.
- Mike Brown (Oil Baron 1998-2000) was first team NCAA (CCHA) and NCAA West First Team All-American for Ferris State.
- Hockey Canada Skills Academy Program was offered to high school athletes under Mark Best, FMMHA's first ever director of hockey operations.

2004

- Dave McCulloch was named to the NCAA (ECAC) All-Tournament team. He played for Harvard and was an Oil Baron from 1998-2000.
- Scottie Upshall was part of the Calder Cup champion Milwaukee Admirals.
- Former Fort McMurray Oil Baron Justin Pogge was drafted into the NHL, Round 3 #90 overall by the Toronto Maple Leafs.
- Former Oil Baron Garrett Stroshein, all 6-foot-7 of him, suited up for the Washington Capitals of the NHL.
- Scott Lehman was drafted in Round 3, 76th overall by the Atlanta Thrashers in the NHL Entry Draft.
- He was also named Ontario Hockey League's Scholastic Player of the Year (Bobby Smith Trophy).
- Brad Mueller, a forward, played 30 seconds in goal for the 2003-2004 Memphis Riverkings (CHL), recording a 0.00 GAA and 1.000 Save Percentage.
- Scott Basiuk (Oil Barons 1999-2000) received his third consecutive Academic All-American status while playing for RPI (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute).
- Colin Murphy (OB 1997-2001) made All WCHA First Team playing for Michigan Tech.
- Goalie Justin Pogge was named to Canada's World Junior Cup Under 18 team, appearing in one game.
- Five players from the Fort McMurray AAA Barons were named to the Rural Alberta Midget Hockey League All Star game: Cory Smith, Ryan Allen, Adam Pretty, Eric Singer, and Corey Mader.

2005

- Wade Redden and several other NHL players were the featured guests at the annual Chris Phillips/Scottie Upshall Charity Golf Tournament held at the Miskanaw Golf Course. The tournament raised \$45,000 for the Kids Forever Charity.
- Fort McMurray Oil Barons' Matt Glasser was drafted in the NHL 7th round, 220th overall by the Edmonton Oilers.
- Fort McMurray Oil Barons' Brandon Sadlowski was selected to the Canadian Junior "A" Hockey League's prospects games played in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

2006

- Jeff Martens was an ACAC first team all-star with the University of Alberta Augustana Vikings, recording 18 goals and 11 assists in 23 games.

- Justin Pogge was part of Team Canada gold at the World Juniors Hockey Championships, beating Team Russia.
- Ottawa Senators' Chris Phillips scored his first goal of the season in a 3-1 win over the Washington Capitals on January 4.
- Former Oil Baron Tom Keca (2001-2003) was named head coach of the Lloydminster Bobcats ACAC team.
- Former Oil Baron Sergei Varlamov was drafted in the first round, 23rd overall, by the Washington Capitals in the NHL Entry Draft.
- Former Fort McMurray Oil Baron Blue Bennefield racked up 273 penalty minutes for the Adirondack Frostbite in the United Hockey League in only 53 games. The rugged right wing also managed 10 goals and 22 assists.
- Goalie Justin Pogge was named to Canada's World Junior Cup Under 20 team, appearing in six games. Canada gold with Pogge posting a .952 save percentage. Goalie Justin Pogge was named Central Hockey League goalie of the year for the Calgary Hitmen.

2007

- Ottawa Senators' Chris Phillips, longtime Fort McMurray Oil Barons' president Nick DeHoog, the 2000 Royal Bank Cup champion Fort McMurray Oil Barons, and Olympic swimmer Mark Versfeld were the first inductees into the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame. Curtis J. Phillips was the hall's first president.
- Kyle Gladue was a member of the SAIT Trojans winners of the ACAC men's hockey league. The team would repeat two more times in a row.
- Mark Hartigan of the Stanley Cup champion Anaheim Ducks brought the symbolic trophy to Fort McMurray for celebration.
- Bobby Stewart signed with the Brantford Blast, host of the 100th edition of the Allan Cup. The team won.
- Kyle Peto (OB 2000-01) was part of the Idaho Steelheads ECHL champion team.
- Kyle Gladue played on his first of three consecutive ACAC men's hockey championships with the SAIT Trojans.

2008

- WBSHF inductees included Dan Hodgson (Athlete, Hockey), Mike Klippenstein (Athlete, Jet Ski), Randy Olson (Lee & Sinclair Rinks, Team, Curling), and Colin Solback (Builder, Baseball).
- Colin Murphy signed with the Portland Pirates (AHL).
- A.J. Aitken coached the St. Norbert College Green Knights to the first of three NCAA Division III hockey championships, with two more to come in 2011 and 2012.
- Nolan Pratt had played over 900 games in eleven different leagues across North America and Europe. Pratt was selected to represent the Kölner Haie in the Deutsche Eishockey Liga's All-Star Game during the 2007–08 season.
- Juliano Pagliero (OB 2002-2004) was a CCHA champion and first team all-star at Niagara University.
- Colin Murphy (OB 1997-2001) was signed by the Buffalo Sabres as an unrestricted free agent and was then assigned to affiliate, the Portland Pirates for the 2008–09 season.
- Ben Stokes was ACAC First Team All-star at centre for the NAIT Ooks in men's hockey.
- Fort McMurray Minor Hockey Association was named Alberta Amateur Minor Hockey Association of the Year.

2009

- Scottie Upshall played with the Phoenix Coyotes and finished the season with eight goals and 13 points in 19 games. He was joined on Team Canada at the World Hockey Championship by fellow McMurrayite Chris Phillips of the Ottawa Senators.
- The Suncor Community Leisure Centre at MIP Park opened. The centre features two NHL-sized arenas, an eight-sheet curling rink, an indoor playground, two indoor field houses, an indoor running track, a fitness centre, squash and racquetball courts, and meeting and banquet facilities among other world-class amenities.
- Brett Campbell was part of the British Columbia International Hockey League champion University of Victoria Vikings.
- Scott Basiuk (Oil Barons 1999-2000) was a member of regular season and playoff champion EJHL Sheffield Steelers.
- Juliano Pagliero (OB 2002-2004) was NCAA first team and NCAA (CHA) Player of the Year 2009 with the Niagara University Purple Eagles.
- Former Oil Baron Lane Caffaro was named NCAA (ECAC) All-Academic Team and First All-Star team playing for Ferris College.
- John Schwarz (OB 2004-2005) made the NCAA WCHA All-Academic Team for Michigan Tech.
- Scott Lehman played one game in the NHL for the Atlanta Thrashers. The Fort McMurray-born player played four years in the ECHL and four in the AHL.

2010

- WBSHF inductees included Jennifer Button (Athlete, Swimming), Gerry Breneman (Builder, Cross Country Running), L. Roberts Enterprises Peewee AA Barons (Team, Hockey), and Frank Lacroix (Builder, Hockey).
- Former Oil Baron Brad Mills played four games with the New Jersey Devils.
- Goalie Kurtis Muncha set WHL records in 2010 for most career games by a goalie (245) and most career minutes by a goalie (13,786).
- Female Midget Hockey Provincials were hosted in Fort McMurray.

2011

- WBSHF inductees included Stuart Anderson (Athlete, Golf), Brian Shantz (Athlete, Hockey), Jon Walsh (Athlete, Volleyball), and Joe Young (Athlete, Baseball).
- Rob Nolan (OB 2003-2005) was CHL First Team All-Star and Most Outstanding Goalie for the Missouri Mavericks.
- Graham Smerek was part of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League champion La Ronge Ice Wolves with 6 goals and 11 assists in 49 games.
- Nolan Pratt was part of the bronze medal Lukko hockey team playing in the SM-Liiga league.
- Clay Plume (Oil Baron 2000-2001) was a member of the Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs CHL champions.

2012

- WBSHF inductees included Wayne Bourque (Athlete, Boxing), Darren Gibbs (Official, Hockey), Sandy Bowman (Builder, Mixed Martial Arts), and Bob Campbell (Builder, All Around).
- Jack MacLellan (OB 2007-08) was NCAA second all-star team, All Ivy League first team, and NCAA Lowe's Senior Class All American 2nd team at Brown University.
- Brennan Saulnier (OB 2013-2014) was NSMMHL champion with the Bridgewater Lumberjacks.

- The inaugural Keyano Huskies Athletic Endowment One on One Banquet, presented by the Quality Group of Companies, was held at the Syncrude Sport & Wellness Centre. Guest is Wayne Gretzky. Shawn Chaulk, who has the largest private collection of Gretzky memorabilia, chaired the event. Chaulk is also one of the Founding Fathers of the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame..
- Former Oil Baron Paul Dainton was named AHL Player of the Week playing for Springfield Falcons.
- Paul Dainton (Oil Baron 2006-2007) played an exhibition game against the Winnipeg Jets as goalie for the Columbus Blue Jackets.
- Former Oil Baron Vlad Serov (1998-99) passed away at age 34 He had an impressive seven-year pro career highlighted by stints with the Quad City Mallards (2000-2001) and Bakersfield Condors (2004-2005), where he had 40 point plus seasons.
- Brent Zelenewich (1999-2000 OB) was goalie for the Allan Cup Champion South East Prairie Thunder.
- Tyler Gron was All CCHA first team in 2012 with Northern Michigan Wildcats.

2013

- James Issacs (OB 2008-2010) found a home in England playing in the EIHL starting with Dundee Stars (2013). He was still playing in 2022 for the Fife Flyers.
- Tyler Gron made ECHL Rookie of the Month in February.
- Goalie Kurtis Muncha was named CIS All Canadian and CIS Goaltender of the Year for the University of Alberta Golden Bears.
- Jody Pederson (OB 2005-06) was CIHL champion with the 2013 Smithers Steelheads.
- Former Fort McMurray Oil Barons' captain Carson Cooper was part of an NCAA Division I national championship hockey team during his rookie year; Yale Bulldogs defeated Quinnipiac Bobcats 4-1 in the Frozen Four final.
- The 2nd Rody MacNeil Memorial Hockey Game was held at Casman Centre with the Ice Dogs winning 7-4 over the Rowdys.
- Jarret Lukin played an integral part in the Allen Americans winning their first ever Central Hockey League championship. Lukin scored a goal, his fourth in the post-season, to assist the Americans to a 3-2 overtime win in Game 7 against the Wichita Thunder in front of 6,125 loyal fans at the Allen Event Centre in Allen, Texas.
- Quinn Gould attended a Chicago Blackhawks Prospect Camp as a free agent. He played four seasons (2011–15) at Merrimack College Warriors (Massachusetts), recording 96 games with 28 goals and 34 assists. He was a three-time Hockey East top performer.
- Kurtis Mucha (OB 2004-2005) was CIS Goaltender of the Year for the University of Alberta Golden Bears.

2014

- WBSHF inductees included Bill Nielsen (Athlete, Running), Ches Dicks (Builder, Hockey), and Andy Lloyd (Builder, Rugby).
- Sam House was named ECAC West All-Rookie team playing for Neumann University Knights hockey.
- Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour with Hockey Night in Canada's Ron MacLean arrived at MIP November 22-23.
- Scottie Upshall had his best NHL season with 15 goals and 22 assists in 76 games for the Florida Panthers.

- Fort McMurray Bantam AA Major won hockey provincials.
- Kyla Butz, Breanna Jones, Megan Eckel, and Erynn Shantz were all part of the female junior hockey team silver medal winners, losing to Alaska 1-0 in the ARWG final.
- The men's bantam male hockey team also silver and featured Fort McMurray's Mitchell Vaillant at forward.
- Kurtis Mucha (OB 2004-2005) was CIS Champion with University of Alberta Golden Bears.

2015

- WBSHF inductees included Chuck Knight (Builder, All Around), Sonja (Blanchard) Frank (Athlete, Running), Colin Murphy (Athlete, Hockey), and Nolan Pratt (Athlete, Hockey).
- The 2015 Crescent Point Energy Western Canada Cup, April 25 – May 3, was held at the Casman Centre. The 13-game five-team tournament decided which team(s) would advance to the 2015 Royal Bank Cup (RBC) hosted May 9-17 in Portage la Prairie.
- On October 8, former Fort McMurray Oil Baron (2010-2012) Colton Parayko played his first game for the NHL's St. Louis Blues.
- Dan Stewart set the record for most games for an international hockey player in Great Britain's Elite Ice Hockey League while suiting up for the Fife Flyers in Kirkcaldy, Scotland.
- Paige Pyett was named assistant coach for the Keyano Huskies men's hockey team playing in the ACAC. She is believed to be the only female coaching post-secondary men's hockey in North America.
- Chris Phillips retired from the NHL after playing 1,179 games with the Ottawa Senators in the regular season. He is the longest-serving player in Senators franchise history with a career from 1997-2015.
- Fort McMurray Bantam AA Major won provincials.

2016

- Mirco Lüdemann (OB 1990-1993) retired after playing 1197 league games for Kölner Haie over the span of his 23-year career. He won the German championship title in 1995 and 2002, the 1999 Spengler Cup, and the 2004 German Cup competition. Lüdemann retired as the all-time leader in games played in the Deutsche Eishockey Liga. He won a total of 132 caps for the German national team and went to the 1994, 1998, and 2002 Olympics. He also competed at seven World Championships.
- Fort McMurray Oil Barons' Brandon Ralph scored a hat trick against the Czech Republic select team in an exhibition hockey game at the Casman Centre.
- Pee Wee AA Junior A Barons hosted the provincial championships.
- Goalie Sebastian Cossa was picked 36th by the Edmonton Oil Kings.

2017

- Gord Thibodeau, now coaching the Whitecourt Wolverines, returned to Fort McMurray to secure a 2-1 victory. The win made him the winningest coach in AJHL history with 833 victories.
- Carter Breen and Alex Kenny were selected to play in the Rural Bantam AA Hockey League All-Star Game.
- Hockey Canada announced its 66-man roster for the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge. Fort McMurray native Sebastian Cossa was among prospects for the Edmonton Oil Kings, with a chance to play for one of three Canadian teams – Canada Red, Canada Black, or Canada White. The 15-year-old goaltender was a top prospect for the Edmonton Oil Kings.

2017

- Goalie Tanner Jaillet helped the University of Denver win their eighth National Title in 2017. He received the Mike Richter Award as the National Goaltender of the Year the same season. He played for the Oil Barons from 2011 to 2014.

- Former Fort McMurray Oil Barons defenceman Colton Parayko was named an All Star at the IIHF World Championships, where Team Canada won a silver medal.

2018

- Fort McMurray-born Parker Tobin was one of 16 people killed when the Humboldt Broncos hockey team was involved in a crash with a semi-trailer.

- Mitchell Vanderlaan (Oil Barons 2013-2015) earned NCAA All Ivy League Honourable Mention in his first of two years at Cornell University.

- Kole Gable went on to play in the Memorial Cup with the Swift Current Broncos.

- Fort McMurray-born Ashton Abel was named to the AJHL South All-Rookie team in 2018.

- Wil Tomchuck scored the winning goal as the University of Alberta Bears beat St. Francis Xavier 4-2 for the U Sports men's hockey championship.

- Jacob Romanchuk was picked in the 6th round of the WHL draft by the Calgary Hitmen.

- Nick Unruh was part of the CSSHL Under-18 champion Edge Prep Salmon Arm Silverbacks.

2019

- Lyndsey Janes was part of Team Alberta women's hockey gold medal team at the Canada Winter Games in Red Deer.

- Former Oil Baron (1999-2001) Kent Beagle was named Alberta Amateur Hockey Coach of the Year for his work with the Rimbey Minor Hockey Association. He coaches the Rimbey Atom A Tier 3 Red team.

- Quintin Sodom was named the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's top defenceman while playing for the Swan Valley Stampeders.

- Breanna Golosky was part of the Grant MacEwan Griffins ACAC Women's Championship hockey team.

- Former Oil Barons head coach/general manager Tom Keca was hired by the Keyano College Huskies as the school looked to re-establish its hockey program.

- Ben Lake (Oil Barons 2008-2011) was an EIHL first team All-Star for the 2018-2019 Coventry Blaze.

- Scott Pooley (Oil Barons 2012-2014) was ECHL Kelly Cup Champion with the Newfoundland Growlers. In 60 games, he scored 31 goals and 21 assists, and in the playoffs, 9 goals and 8 assists in 23 games.

2020

- Fort McMurray's Sebastian Cossa was named the Western Hockey League's Goaltender of the Month after a 6-1-1-0 record for his Edmonton Oil Kings in December. The 17-year-old had logged 15 victories so far this season, including two shutouts.

- Three female Fort McMurray hockey players were selected to represent northern Alberta at the 2020 ARWG in Whitehorse: forwards Lyndsey Janes and Taylor Breen, plus netminder Clare Simon.

- Jesse Kallechy (Oil Barons 2009-2011) was named Fayetteville Marksmen SPHL coach of the year.

- * Erynn Shantz part of the Edmonton Wolves Alberta Junior Female Hockey League champion. In 15 regular season games in net, she had an impressive 1.31 goals against average and .953 save percentage. In eight playoff games she had 0.98 gaa and .971 saves.

2020.

- Sebastian Cossa bagged his fourth WHL shutout of the season for the Edmonton Oil Kings, setting a club record for rookie goaltenders. He stopped 27 shots on the way to a 5-0 win over the ICE.

- Brennan Saulnier (Oil Barons 2013-2014) played in the 2020 ECHL All-Star Game as a member of the Rapid City Rush.
- Sebastian Cossa was invited by Hockey Canada to take part in the national junior team's virtual summer development camp.
- Caleb Eefting was recognized for having the most assists by a defenceman in North Spring Hockey Ettan Hockey for Kalix HC.
- Gannon Laroque (Oil Barons 2019-2020) was drafted by the San Jose Sharks in the 4th round, 103rd overall, in the 2021 NHL Entry Draft.
- The St. Albert Bauer Slash, a girls' U18 AAA team that includes Fort McMurray's Taylor Breen, gold at the 2021 USA-Canada Series in Kitchener, Ontario.

2021

- Gannon Laroque (Oil Barons 2019-2020) was drafted by the San Jose Sharks in the 4th round, 103rd overall, in the 2021 NHL Entry Draft.
- Clay Plume (Oil Barons 2000-2001) passed away at the age of 37. He had a solid eight-year career (2 years in the ECHL, 6 years in the CHL) with his best years as a member of the Rocky Mountain Rage, where he was a two-time defenceman of the year.
- Sebastian Cossa, 18, was raised in Fort McMurray and born in Hamilton. He was selected by the Detroit Red Wings in the first round, 15th overall, in 2021.
- Taige Harding, 19, a defenceman from St. Albert with the Fort McMurray Oil Barons, was chosen in the third round as the 91st overall pick by the Chicago Blackhawks in 2021.
- Kyle Marsden from Fort McMurray was selected 116th overall by the Winnipeg Ice in the 6th round of the WHL Draft, 2021.
- Nicksha Eric, from Fort McMurray, was selected 224th overall by the Kamloops Blazers in the 2016 WHL Draft.

2022

- Ben Lake was part of the 2022 EIHL champion Belfast Giants (Oil Barons 2008-2011).
- Dylan Rauh (Oil Barons 2015-2017) was named to the NCAA Division III All-Academic Team at Aurora University.
- Ethan Paulin-Hatch (Oil Barons 2013-2017) was part of the ACHA champion Lindenwood University team.
- Former Keyano College Huskies player Dave Nippard (2014-2016) continued playing professional hockey, appearing in 52 games for the Birmingham Bulls in the SPHL with 10 goals, 13 assists, and 127 penalty minutes. He also suited up for one ECHL game with the Jacksonville Icemen.
- Fort McMurray Junior Oil Barons won the U13AA boys hockey title, edging the NWCAA Broncs 5-4. The team had a dominating season with 26 wins, two ties, and two losses.

2023

- The Maine Nordiques drafted Oil Barons goaltender Olivier Lamothe in the NAHL Entry Draft.
- Team Alberta North female team gold at the ARWG with local players Brianna Davis, Jordan Brown, Taylor Breen, and coach Hayley Runnalls.
- Francois Gagnon was reelected to the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors in 2023.

- The Tam Under-15 boys Team Alberta ARWG squad featuring Noah Parker, Rylan Ross, Jake Simmons, Ethan Collins, Cash Brebant, and Hunter Colombe lost 6-5 to Team Northwest Territories in the gold medal game.
- Lindsay Janes was part of the Mount Royal Cougars U Sports women's hockey gold medal-winning team.

Horse Shoes

1985

- Eight new horse shoe pits put in at Heritage Park in 1985.

2004

Joe Gauthier and Felix Drover throw to gold at the World Firefighter Games in 2004.

Indigenous

1970

- Edwin "Tiny" O'Brien won his first of four King of the North competitions held during the annual Fort McMurray Winter Festival on the Snye. The competition included log chopping, snowshoe racing, wrestling, and carrying large packs of flour.

1972

- At the Fort McMurray Winter Carnival, Ray Lavoucane won King of the North. Katie Sanderson won by acclamation, having previously won five consecutive titles, which discouraged competition.

1975

- Fort Chipewyan's Frank Piche was King of the North for the second consecutive year at the Fort McMurray Winter Carnival in 1975.

1976

- Tiny O'Brien was crowned King of the North again in 1976. In one event, he carried 700 pounds of flour on his back. Cheryl Williams was declared Queen of the North.

1977

- Danny Beggs of Yellowknife won the dog pull by pulling 1,800 pounds for 20 feet with his dog in 1977. Runner Paddy Boyhan beat two sled dog teams in a 5-mile snow race. The overall two-day sled dog race winner was Delbert Hoffman of Tok, Alaska, who earned first prize of \$1,167.50.

1980

- At the Fort McMurray Winter Carnival, Reg Michelin and Lenore Malawka were named King and Queen of the North in 1980. In the dog weight pull, Dale Braun's Newfoundland cross named Deron pulled 1,215 pounds a few inches further than Mouthwash, a Malamute owned by Rick MacDonald.

1981

- Albert Peters and Lenora Mulawka were named King and Queen of the North at the Fort McMurray Winter Carnival in 1981.

1982

- Leonara Nulawakam was named Queen of the North and Simone Lamaigre as King of the North at the Fort McMurray Winter Carnival in 1982. Dog weight pull highlights included Ring, a five-year-old dog, pulling 1,120 pounds in the 65-pound-and-under division, and Skinny pulling 1,720 pounds in the 66-pound-and-over division.

1984

- Sixty sled dog teams took part in the Fort McMurray Winter Carnival in 1984. A dog named Bear pulled 1,270 pounds in the 80-pound-and-over division. Katie Saunderson, Queen of the North from 1964 to 1970, regained her title, beating eight-time champion Lenore Mulawka.

1986

- The Fort McMurray K-9 Canine Weight Pull Club won first place at the Tolfield Winter Carnival as Chinook, an Alaskan Malamute owned by Glen Hossack, pulled 800 pounds in 1986.

1987

- The Canadian National Dog Weight Pull Championships were held as part of the Fort McMurray Winter Carnival. A dog named Scooby-Doo pulled 1,654 pounds. A total of 38 dogs competed.

1990

- Marvin, Clayton, and Conway Kootenay won five medals at the North American Indigenous Games in 1990. Conway gold in the Junior B Boys 40-kilometre marathon. Clayton, age 18, silver in the 4x400 relay, bronze in the 4x100 relay, and bronze in the triple jump. Marvin silver in men's open 62-kilogram wrestling.

Jet Boat

1999

- Dwight McIntosh in his boat Mac_Attack finished fifth in the B class and 11th overall in the World Champion Jet Boat Races held in Whitecourt, with his brother Brock as navigator and Greg MacMillan as crew chief

Jet Ski

1990

- Mike Klippenstein captured the Canadian Jet Ski Championship.

1991

- Mike Klippenstein won first in freestyle and second in expert at the World Jet Ski Finals in Arizona

1994

- The National Jet Ski Race was hosted by the Fort McMurray Jet Sports Boating Association.

1995

- Mike Klippenstein won his sixth Canadian title in jet ski experts. Carla Hunt won the Canadian women's expert class.

1999

- Mike Klippenstein captured the world title in pro sport jet skiing, winning \$55,000 in cash and prizes.

Also that year,

2008

- Mike Klippenstein was inducted into the International Jet Sports Boating Association Hall of Fame in 2008. By 2019, he had won nearly 30 world titles.

Jiu-Jitsu

2021

- Ahmad Kabalan earns world title belt in Jiu-Jitsu in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2021.

2022

- Tristan Parker won three gold medals and one bronze medal at the Denver International Open for Jiu-Jitsu in May 2022.

Judo

1978

- Jim McKay and Mark Begush offered an eight-week judo program through the Fort McMurray Parks and Recreation Department.

1979

- Joy Lasaga and Kelly Christie bronze medals in women's judo at the AWG.

1980

- Doni MacLellan of the Fort McMurray Judo Club won first place in the 95-pound 11-12 age group at the Calgary Invitational Judo Championships in 1980. Pat DeHaas was second in the 108-pound 15-16 age group.

1982

- Gold medals at the Northeastern AWG (NEAWG) in judo went to Ken Gilbert, Doni MacLellan, Tom Warburton, Dim Melson, and Joy Lasaga.

1983

- At the Western Canadian Open Judo Championships, Jim Dusang won the 71-kilogram division and Keith Lynch placed second in the 86-kilogram division.

1984

- Jim Dusang, age 21, gold at the Western Canadian Senior Judo Championships in the 71-kilogram class in 1984. He also threw to gold in the 71-kilogram class at both the Alberta Judo Provincial Championships and Saskatchewan Open. Dusang was awarded the Katsuta Trophy for best male technician in Alberta judo.
 - AWG gold medals went to Paul McLean (age 13, 46 kg), Neil Cameron (16-and-under, 59 kg), and Sean Carberry (16-and-under, 69 kg).
 - Paul McLean also bronze at the Canadian Junior Judo Championships in Quebec in the 40 kg-and-under class.
 - Fort McMurray athletes won 12 gold medals at the Northeastern AWG in Vermillion, including wins by Paul McLean, Sean Carberry, Wade Brown, Jason Johnston, and Yuri Viet.

1985

- Alun Tolen gold in the 95-kilogram green-and-under division at the Pacific International Ishi-Yama Judo Championships in 1985. David Lynch silver in the under-86 kilogram blue-brown-black belt division.
 - * Jim Dusang gold in the 71-kilogram class at the University of Saskatchewan Open Judo Championships, going undefeated in four bouts. Dusang also gold in the senior men's open division, defeating a much larger opponent.

1986

- Jim Dusang gold at the Western Canadian Open Judo Championships, winning his first three matches in record times of 9, 21, and 11 seconds in 1986. He earned silver at the Pacific International Men's Senior Judo Championships in Vancouver.

1988

- Sylvia Christiansen silver in the 42-kilogram division at the AWG in 1988.

1989

- Constable Richard Michaud, age 26, silver in the 86-kilogram class and Bob Jensen bronze in the 95-kilogram class at the Rural Police Games judo tournament in Vancouver in 1989.

1990

- Peter Green (age 11) silver in the green belt division at junior provincials in 1990. Sylvia Christiansen (age 16) bronze in the blue belt division, and Bonnie Fraser (age 13) bronze in the yellow belt division at junior provincials.

1992

- Neil Cameron bronze at senior provincial championships in 1992.

1993

- Ni Ten Judo Club earned three gold, three silver, and four bronze medals at the Northern Alberta Judo Championship .

1994

- Judo gold medals at junior provincials went to Shawn Norman, Paul Syrenne, Jamie Cameron, and Ryan Langevin in 1994. Vijay Persaud silver in the 54-kilogram class, and Kyle Deeg silver in the minus 78-kilogram class at the provincial open.

1996

- Ni Ten Judo Club's Jason Penhalagan and Vijay Persaud gold at the Ishiyama International Tournament in 1996.

- Chase Jahn gold in junior provincials in the minus 42-kilogram class.

1997

- Ni Ten Judo Club rebuilt after a spring flood at their 16-year location in 1997. The club brought home 11 medals from provincials, including gold for Shirley Agoposowicz (34 kg), Chris Penhalagan (30 kg), Shawn Norman (38 kg), and Victory Agoposowicz (59 kg).

1998

- Bernie Syrenne was named Coach of the Year for Judo Alberta in 1998. Vijay Persaud silver at nationals.
- Ni Ten Judo Club was voted Alberta Judo Club of the Year.

1999

- Ni Ten Judo Club won 16 medals at junior provincials in 1999, including gold for Vijay Persaud, Peter Syrenne, and Laurie Wiltshire.

- Shawn Norman bronze at the Canada Winter Games in the 46-kilogram under-15 division.

2000

- V.J. Persaud won the under-100-kilogram men's national title.

2002

- Bernie Syrenne gold in 45 seconds at the Saskatchewan Open

*. Laurie Wiltshire was named IJF Athlete of the Year (57 kg).

* Craig Ross won men's under-66-kilogram division at the Saskatchewan Open.

2003

- Alberta Judo Provincial gold medals went to Myla Mrochuk, Kristenn Isseld, Jody Wood, Lynne McKenzie, Mario Roy, and Rob Roy

- Jaana Merivirta silver (52 kg) at the Western Canada Summer Games.

2006

- Laurie Wiltshire captured her third consecutive women's senior national judo title in the -52 kilogram class in 2006.

Karate

1971

- Constable James G. Fyfe was shot in the elbow and neck by a motorist he had pulled over in 1971. Robert Remoel, 20, of Fort Saskatchewan intervened and knocked out the suspect with a karate chop. Donald Harry Gallagher was charged with murder.

1979

- Jamal Elali gave summer instruction at the YMCA in Kyoikuinkai-Kan Karate in 1979.

1981

- Richard Cochrane and Keith Schmidt of the Top Karate Club competed at the World Knockout Karate Championships in 1981.

1982

- Fighting Dragons Karate Club was founded by Greg and Tom Davis in 1982.

1985

- Darrin Trotman captured the full contact junior boys (orange and green belt) title at the Western Canadian Karate Championships in 1985. The Fort McMurray Karate Club won 10 gold medals at the Slave Lake Karate Invitational.

1986

- Ian Scully of the Fighting Dragons Club was named best fighter in the orange belt category, winning gold in adult kumite in 1986.

1988

- Jim Gainer of the Fort McMurray Shotokan Karate Club won first place in senior men's division at the national championships, winning six bouts in one day in 1988.

1989

- The Fort McMurray Martial Arts Club held its 2nd Youth Tournament with 108 athletes from Alberta and Saskatchewan in 1989. Under-12 Valerie (orange belt) and her sister Yannick Gauthier (yellow belt) finished second and third respectively. Anthony Young (green belt) won the under-16 category. Virage Wanigasekra gold in under-14 (brown belt).

1992

- At the Western Canadian Karate finals in 1992, the Shotokan Karate Club earned an impressive 5 gold, 7 silver, and 7 bronze medals. Gold medalists included Sharolyn McNab, Lisa Sutcliffe, Annik Nayler, Chris Wolf, and Ian Scully. Shotokan Karate Club also hosted provincials at WCHS YMCA, where Bill Smith (purple-brown belt) and Sharolyn McNab (purple-brown, 11-13 junior) gold.

1994

- Chad Burry placed second in forms for 11-to-13-year-olds (white to orange belts) in 1994. Kim Chayko placed second in women's sparring at the 14th Western Canadian Open Karate Championships.

1995

- Shotokan Karate Club earned 12 medals at provincials, including five gold in 1995.

1996

- Shawn Langille won a gold medal in the 11-13-year-old green-blue belt kumite provincial for WCHS Chito-Ryu Karate Club in 1996.

2003

- Paul Wohlgemuth was selected as captain for Team Canada at the World Shotokan Karate Championships in 2003.

Kendo

1990

- Grand Master Ernesto A. Presas (5th dan) performed a demonstration at Videonics as part of the VHS debut of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (TMNT) in 1990.

Kickboxing

1986

- The Alberta Amateur Kickboxing Championships were held at Keyano College gymnasium in 1986.

1997

- Justin Parsons, age 13, became featherweight champion at the World Kickboxing Association's Western Canadian full-contact finals in 1997.

1998

- Kim Chayko captured the WJA Canadian Women's Super-featherweight kickboxing title in 1998.

Lacrosse

1979

- McMurray Catalytic won the Midget C Provincial Lacrosse Championship, defeating Enoch 17-3 in a two-game series. Ed Mclsaac led the scoring with 10 goals, while Glen Buchanan and Robert Chiplin each scored five goals.

1999

- Lacrosse returned to Fort McMurray after a 17-year hiatus.

2005

- Edmonton Rush players, including National Lacrosse League Defenseman of the Year Andrew Turner, visited Fort McMurray to showcase Canada's national sport

Luge

1985

- Wally Prokopchuk and Dennis Lewandoski of the Fort McMurray Borne Lugers placed 9th and 19th, respectively, at the first stage of the Alberta Cup Luge.

1986

- Dennis Lewandoski was ranked 28th in the world in his classification. He placed 8th in men's senior division at the Petro Canada Canadian National Naturbahn Championships.

1987

- Dennis Lewandoski and Wally Prokopchuk joined Team Canada for a two-week tour of European tracks, funding the \$2,000 experience themselves. At the Petro Canada Naturbahn Canadian Luge

Championships, Prokopchuk placed 9th and Lewandoski 10th. Dennis's wife, Laverne, gold in the senior women's Track Alberta Cup Race in Calgary with a time of 1:21.06.

1988

- Dennis Lewandoski competed as part of the Canadian Luge Team at the World Championships in Switzerland.

1991

- The Kewetin Nohk Okemaow (King of the North) luge track opened at Spruce Valley Ski Hill .

1998

- Darryl Grant, Tom Power, and Dennis Lewandoski achieved gold in their age class at provincial championships .

1999

- Tom Power earned silver in senior men's division at the Canadian Natural Luge Championships in Comox, BC .

Mano-Mano

1996

- Terry Haughian taught Mano Mano Sikaran at Gregoire Lake Reserve and Fort McKay School as part of the Fort McMurray YMCA program in 1996.

Martial Arts

1995

- Mark Hopper ran Ninjutsu classes at the YMCA

1998.

- WCHS YMCA hosted Ninjutsu and Aiki Ju-Jitsu classes

2013.

- MMA fighter Dwayne "D-Bomb" Lewis competed on the main card at World Series of Fighting 7 in Vancouver He was knocked out by elbow at 1:02 of the second round.

2014

- May 23, 2014, Bo Cooper made his North American MMA debut with a second-round TKO on punches against Neil "The Steel" Dotty at Unified MMA 19 in Edmonton. Cooper had previously beaten acute lymphoblastic leukemia diagnosed in July 2010.

2015

- For the third time in five years, local firefighter and MMA fighter Bo "The Unbreakable" Cooper was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia again in 2015. He pursued experimental CAR T-Cell therapy in the USA, which carried a cost of over half a million dollars. The community rallied around Cooper with numerous fundraisers.

2019

- MMA fighter Teddy Ash improved his professional record to 13-4 with a fourth-round TKO doctor stoppage against Dominique Steele at Unified MMA 36 Mayhem held at River Cree Casino.

Motorbike

1975

- Tommy Johnson won the Fort McMurray Dirt Riders Motocross 10-lap Grand Prix.

1977

- Dirt bikes made their debut at Clearwater Car Club Stock Car races at the Popular Creek Oval.

1978

- Gil Valiant and Frank Simon formed the McMurray Dirt Riders Association and leased land 10 kilometers south of the city known simply as The Track.

1980

- Track renamed in honour of Valiant who died of cancer.
- Jerry Hayes placed 14th in the motocross 125 cc Canadian Senior Motocross Championships.

1981

- McMurray Dirt Riders Association merged with Spikers Outlaw Motorcycle Group.
- Tom Johnson won the Grand Prix trophy and the 125 cc class in ice motocross at FMWC.

1982

- Motorcycle racing champions included Trevor Perkins (80 cc), Rob Hawkins (100 cc), and Dave Murowchuk (125 cc).
- Rick Peterson ranked No. 2 in his division at Edmonton's International Speedway, competing with a Suzuki Katana 1100.

1983

- Dave Murowchuk jumped his motorcycle 94 feet over eight cars at McMurray Speedway Park.
- The top motorcycle displayed at local car show was a 1940 Indian Chief owned by Phil Larsen.

1984

- McMurray Dirt Riders claimed top honors at the North-American Championships in Wetaskiwin, Alberta: Trevor Perkins won under 200 cc senior expert, Wayne Dalweg won 250 cc junior, and Brian Chase won open senior.

1985

- Sylvia Hurford wrote the "Around the Circuit" column for the Fort McMurray Today, highlighting McMurray Dirt Riders during summer months.

1987

- Trevor Perkins finished second in the Alberta Senior Motocross Championships in the 250 cc class.

1997

- Ryan Taylor raced professionally with his Kawasaki racing bike. One of his notable achievements was winning two straight CMRA championships in 2008: the Ducati Cup and Open Thunder.
- After a six-year hiatus, the McMurray Dirt Riders Association returned to racing at Valiant Memorial Race Track.

1999

- Gordon Crowe traveled to Calgary Race City Motorsports Park on weekends and placed fifth in middleweight sport bike competitions.

2010

- Ryan Hawco won the Canadian Motorcycle Stunt Riding Championships Circle Challenge.

Mountaineering

1996

- Shawn Klimchuk climbed Mount McKinley.

2014

- Mountaineer Al Hancock and Monique Richard of Montréal became the first Canadians to summit Makalu, the world's fifth-highest mountain, on May 18 at 8:39 Nepal time.

Muay Thai

1996

- Battle in the Fort III, a Muay Thai kickboxing event, was hosted.

Netball

1982

- The Netball Association of Fort McMurray was formed.

Ninja

2022

- Alma Chan silver in the Masters Women category at the Canadian Ninja Warrior League national finals in Langley, B.C. The sport combines gymnastics, speed, strategy, and obstacles.

Orienteering

2005

- Ed Kamps of the Oilsands Orienteering X Club hosted an orienteering challenge.

Racquetball & Squash

1979

- Five-time Canadian national racquetball champion Wayne Bowes gave a clinic at the MIP Recreation Centre (MIRC).
- Closed Racquetball and Squash titles were won by Richard Townell (men's squash), Dave Reynolds (men's racquetball), and Donna Baxter (women's racquetball).

1982

- Fred Kozlo won the A Division racquetball at the 2nd Labatt's MIRC Racquetball Tournament.
- Wayne Magill was the top squash player.
- Fern Magnus Brown was women's squash champion and Celia Gjosund was the top women's racquetball player.
- At the Northeastern AWG (NEAWG), racquetball gold was won by Louis Patrault (senior male), Fred Kozlo (open male), Celia Gjosund (open female), and Ron Biner (masters men).

1984

- The MIRC racquetball and squash club had 251 members.

1986

- At the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference provincials held at Keyano College, Shauna Kupchanko and Loretta Mercredi bronze in ladies doubles racquetball.
- Dan Pastirik defeated Bob Popowich to capture the Fort McMurray Open Squash Tournament.

2009

- The Suncor Community Leisure Centre at MIP Park opened. Facilities include two NHL-sized arenas, an eight-sheet curling rink, an indoor playground, two indoor field houses, an indoor running track, a fitness centre, squash and racquetball courts, and meeting and banquet facilities.

2011

- Racquetball ace Mike Burgess was eliminated in the quarter-finals of the Racquetball Canada national team selection in Brossard, Quebec.

Ringette

1976

- The sport of ringette was introduced to Fort McMurray.

1995

- The Fort McMurray Ringette Petite B rep team finished with a 6-0 record and gold at the 9th Esso Golden Ring Tournament in Calgary.
- The Alcor All-Star Petite B ringette team completed a perfect 15-0 season to become provincial champions.

1998

- Fort McMurray McFlurry captured the Provincial Belle B ringette title.

1999

- The Fort McMurray Ringette Association hosted the Alberta Ringette Championships, attended by approximately 600 people.
- The ringette team bronze at the Provincial B Ringette Championships.

2000

- The Fort McMurray BMW Blazers women's ringette team silver at the Silver Ring Tournament in Edmonton after three straight years settling for silver.
- The Fort McMurray Junior B Rangers earned silver at the ringette provincials.

2007

- Fort McMurray claims U14A and U16B provincials. Player Chantelle Reid, 14, plays on both squads.

2012

- U18 B provincial champ.

2014

- Chantelle Reid as part of University of Alberta Pandas national championship squad. Pandas repeat the following year. In her final year they claim bronze.

2015

- The catchphrase for the 2015 Tim Hortons Canadian Ringette Championships (March 29 – April 4) was "Put a Ring on It!" with 37 teams participating in three categories.

2016

- Kristen Jensen was part of University of Calgary Dinos national champion team and again 2018.

2018

- Brianna Burke was named Alberta Ringette Player of the Year.

2019

- Fort McMurray Fusion earned bronze while hosting the U19B Ringette Provincial Championship at MIP Park.

- The Fort McMurray Ringette Association's U14C players were provincial champions.

2025

- Fort McMurray's U19B ringette team claim silver

Rock Climbing

1994

- WCHS YMCA offers rock climbing lessons.

1995

- Composite High adds a rock climbing wall in its small gym.

1996

- Cameron Mitchell wins the YMCA Rock Wall Championship at the Elite level.

Roller Derby/Skating

1996

- Skate Town holds its 2nd Roller Boogie Contest. Winners include junior girls Andrea Howard, senior girls Cindy Pretty, senior boys Darren Sauter, and junior boys Darren Squires.

1998

- The skateboard and in-line skate facility at Borealis Park is named "Casselman-Lush Memorial Skate Park" in memory of John Casselman and Michael Lush.

2012

- Women's Flat Track Roller Derby makes its Fort McMurray debut on Saturday, May 19, at the Casman Centre. Teams include the Tar Sand Betties, featuring skaters Belle Camino, Rotten Brodden, Coco Punch, Mulan Bruise, Mass Confusion, and others.

2015

- Leanne Johnson becomes a star player in the Women's Flat Track Derby Association while playing for the Naptown Roller Girls based in Indianapolis, Indiana.

2022

- Four members of the Tar Sand Betties—Elizabeth Wells, Kimberly Wheeler, Bobbie White, and Alysha Dunlop—are named to the Alberta Roller Derby Association provincial team for the 2022–23 season.

Rowing

1989

- Lara Bloxham, Nicole Gee, and Anita Dusek are part of Alberta's rowing team at the Canada Summer Games in Saskatoon.

1990

- Fort McMurray is well represented at the Western Canada Summer Games in rowing with Anita Dusek, Andrew Dutton, Nicole Gee, Paul Korba, and Cheryl Bulduc under head coach Jim Dutton.

1992

- Jan Pichert of the Fort McMurray Rowing Club wins the ladies single title at the Regina Sprints and earns bronze in youth men's doubles with Kevin Gee.

1995

- Angela Daly is part of Edmonton's women's four rowing team competing in the 1,500-metre contest against Calgary.

2023

- Alex Ewashko racing with Canada's U23 Men's Four places 8th in the BM4 at the World Championships. He is also a four-time U Sport Champion racing for the University of British Columbia.

2024

- Alex Ewashko took the silver medal at FISU World University Rowing Championships as part of men's four.

Rugby

1974

- The Fort McMurray Knights Rugby Football Club is established.

1975

- The Knights host their first rugby match, losing 4-0 to the Edmonton Tigers in front of over 300 fans.

1977

- The Knights lose two exhibition games to the Meralomas in Vancouver, 26-6 and 24-12.

1979

- The Knights play an exhibition game against the University of Bristol.
- They play their last game at St. John's School pitch, defeating the Edmonton Golden Bears 12-3.
- They will move to the MIP Recreation Centre (MIRC) for the 1980 season in the Edmonton Rugby Union Division Two.

1980

- The Knights' A team shuts out the Edmonton Clansmen 9-0 to clinch the Division Two title.
- They lose the unofficial provincial final to the Calgary Irish 19-6.

1981

- Colin MacPherson and Steve Watt shared Rookie of the Year honors.
- Dave Ball is MVP, and Rod Walsh receives the Club Man award.

1982

- The Knights defeat the Edmonton Leprechauns 17-3 to finish the regular season with 14 victories and one tie.
- They win the Edmonton Rugby Union Second Division title by beating the Calgary Hornets 3-0 with a Joe MacAllister penalty kick, claiming the Lor-Ann Provincial Challenge Cup.

1986

- Rod Walsh, a 12-year veteran of the Knights, earns a national rugby title as part of the Edmonton Rugby Union All Stars who defeat Vancouver Island's Crimson Tide 17-12.
- Four Knights players—Rod Walsh, Clayton Morgan, Keith Jelly, and Mike McMullen—are named to the Northern Alberta Rugby Union Select Team.
- The Knights thrash Edmonton Druids 52-0 at the Edmonton Rugby Festival.
- In an Under 30 versus Over 30 match, the Under 30 team wins narrowly, 12-7.
- The Knights beat Calgary Irish 18-15 to win the provincial second division title.

1987

- The Knights defeat Edmonton Leprechauns 14-0 in their first home game of the season.
- David Papineau is selected to play on Canada's National Junior Team.

1988

- The Knights defeat a touring New Zealand club 13-4.

1989

- The Knights lose to Edmonton Clansmen 7-0 in the Edmonton Rugby Union Second Division.

1990

- The Knights are ineligible for the Division II playoffs after withdrawing from Division I.

1992

- The Knights claim the Edmonton Rugby Union Division 3 title, beating Edson Axemen 24-14, then win the provincial crown by defeating Calgary Irish 17-3.
- Leonard Jean Pierre, a football player from Bemidji State, plays summer rugby for the Knights. He was later drafted 4th round, 31st overall, by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in 1996 and played two CFL seasons.

1995

- Mike Caine scores two tries to help the Knights win the fourth division final 13-9 over Leduc Crude.
- The Knights lose the third division final to Edmonton Druids 12-3.
- Wade Hill competes with Team Alberta rugby at the Western Canada Summer Games.

1999

- The Knights celebrate their 25th reunion, attracting 148 alumni.
- They win the Edmonton Rugby Union fourth division crown, beating the Tigers 22-13.

2015

- The Knights fall short in the Edmonton Rugby Union Division II Championship, losing 34-12 to Leduc Crude.

Sailing

1968

- Anzac Regatta is held at Willow Lake (Gregoire Lake) from August 2 to 4.

1971

- Voyageur Boat Club plans to develop a 32-boat stall at the northeast corner of the MIP Recreation Centre.

1979

- Gregoire Lake Sailing Club is founded.

1981

- The Frost Bite Regatta is held at Willow Lake, with Gregoire Lake Sailing Club showcasing nine sailboards and six sailboats.

1984

- Rick and Carla McCombe of Gregoire Lake Sailing Club win the overall multi-hull sailing title in their Hobie 16, "The Fiddle," at the Cold Lake Aqua Days Regatta.

1987

- John Semple claims the Gregoire Lake Sailing Club Regatta.

2025

- Rafferty Eddy part of the University of Hawaii sailing team placing fifth at the Peter Wiener Rainbow Invite.

Skateboarding

2005

- The So-Wester skateboarding team performs a demonstration at the Casselman-Lush Skate Park. The tour features Andrew Reynolds, known for the Tony Hawk Pro Skater video game series.

Skeleton

1996

- John Gelinias places in the top 20 at the Canadian Skeleton Championships.

Skiing

1968

- Mistie Seppe Ski Club is created.

1976

- Scott Dykes places in the Top 10 at the D Division slalom race at Rabbit Hill in Edmonton.
- 18 members of Mistie Sepee Ski Club raise \$1,184.07 during a skiathon.

1977

- Syncrude pledges \$80,000 to keep the Mistie Sepee Alpine Ski Club alive.

1984

- Spruce Valley Ski Society opens Spruce Valley Ski Hill on January 28 with more than 350 skiers attending.

1986

- Kelly Leitch and Treena Lee carry the Zone 7 flag during the opening ceremonies of the AWG in Edson.

1988

- Spruce Valley Ski Patrol secures six top-three finishes at the Alberta Provincial First Aid and Toboggan Competition.

1991

- City Council enters an agreement with Spruce Valley Recreation Society to operate the Sapræe Creek ski hill.

1993

- At the Jasper Junior Olympics, Shawn Langille wins two gold medals in the 8-year-old boys category. Catherine Mullen wins a gold and a bronze medal.

1994

- Brian Cartier, 31, is killed in an accident at Spruce Valley Ski Hill when an inner tube strikes a lighting structure.
- Spruce Valley operators terminate their lease. The city advertises for a new operator for the ski hill.

1995

- Rob Stuve wins at the Alberta Northern Zone Silver Provincial Downhill Ski Race. Olympic gold medalist Jean-Luc Brassard speaks at the Mayor's Youth Summit.

1996

- Rob Stuve, 14, places sixth in Super G at the Western Canadian Juvenile Alpine Skiing Championships.

1999

- A.J. Ejsmont places fifth in Alberta North downhill skiing.

2002

- Robert Sweeney, a New Zealander working at Vista Ridge, dies while swimming in Jasper while preparing for the ARWG.

2003

- Lisa Turley, 15, bronze at the Provincial II Giant Slalom Finals of the Alberta Cup.

2004

- Spencer Chaulk, Alex Harding, and Lisa Turley win Ulu gold in alpine skiing.

2020

- Mia Paterson - Alberta Alpine U16 Regional Series Female Champion
- Joey Gouthro - Alberta Alpine U14 Regional Series Male Champion

2023

- Joey Gouthro - Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games U17 Men's Gold Medals in Slalom, Giant Slalom and Parallel Slalom

2024

- Joey Gouthro - Alberta Alpine U19 Regional Series Male Champion
- Axel LeCompte - Alberta Winter Games Bronze – Slalom
- Tula Sundholm Alberta North U16 Female Series Champion. Arctic Winter Games 4 silver medals.
- Axel LeCompte - Arctic Winter Games Gold - Slalom and Giant Slalom; Silver - Parallel Slalom

2025

- Tula Sundholm Alberta North U16 Female Series Champion

Sky Diving

1986

- A sky diving clinic is held with the drop zone in Timberlea.

Sled Dog

1903

- K. Gordon makes a sled dog trip to Edmonton with furs including marten, fox, mink, and lynx with an estimated sale value of \$5,000.

1909

- Robert Dewar and James Donovan make a roundtrip from Edmonton to Fort McMurray in 12 days using horses and sled dogs.

1921

- Japanese adventurer Jugrio Wada passes through Fort McMurray with his sled dog team. Wada travels 364 hours from Fort McMurray to Fort Norman, spending 294 hours in actual travel. On his return trip of 379 hours, he is 265 hours on the trail and sets a new record.

1926

- Brother Louis Crenn's sled dog team runs 12 miles in 48 minutes at a Fort Chipewyan race.

1935

- Tony Neis' sled dog team from Edmonton covers 190 miles in two and a half days between Fort Chipewyan and Fort McMurray, setting a new record.

1967

- Willie Whiteknife of Fort Chipewyan claims the Fort Chipewyan to Fort McMurray sled dog race in 25 hours and 10 minutes. He earns a \$350 first prize.

1968

- Willie Whiteknife defends his title in the Fort Chipewyan to Fort McMurray sled dog race with a time of 18 hours and 17 minutes.
- The Northern Professional Sled Dog Racing Association is formed.

1969

- Larry Martin wins the Fort Chipewyan to Fort McMurray sled dog race in 17 hours, 51 minutes, and 45 seconds. He wins a \$1,000 purse.

1972

- The Fort Chip-to-Fort McMurray Sled Dog Race is held for the last time.

1975

- Bob Tynan wins the Alberta Sled Dog Championships.
- Bill Tucker from New York wins the FMWC 61-mile sled dog race in 4:12:00 and takes home a \$900 prize.

1979

- Sue Bergstrom, with her sled dog Rapid Ralph, wins the limited five-dog category with an average time of 47 minutes and 57 seconds.

1981

- Harris Dunlap wins \$1,500 in sled dog competition with a two-day time of 2 hours and 24 minutes in the 22-mile open class at FMWC. He is from Bakers Hill, New York, and is considered one of the top racers in the world.

1982

- Ed Courtorielle wins the sled dog race in Bragg Creek with a combined time of 69 minutes and 27 seconds.

1983

- Ed Courtorielle lends dogs to North American champion Ed Streeper. Streeper finishes second in a 20-mile race in Fort Simpson. Courtorielle also claims the 45-mile Fort Chip race.

1993

- Jack Lane finishes third in the Ingstrom Junior sled dog race at the Snye.

1995

- Dr. Robert Gilbert is the only Canadian among 33 veterinarians attending the 1,151-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Alaska.

1997

- At the Anzac Winter Festival, Ron Peebles wins the 10-dog open sled race. Sharon Brunner wins the six-dog open race.

2000

- Jack Tobin competes in his fourth consecutive ARWG.
- Stephanie Slaughter earns two medals at the AWG.

2004

- From February 28 to March 6, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo hosts the ARWG. Dog mushing and cultural concerts are held in Anzac.

2016

- Christina Traverse places seventh at the Canadian Challenge sled dog race.

2020

- Christina Traverse and her team finish third in the 540-kilometre Canadian Challenge Sled Dog Race in northern Saskatchewan. They compete in the 12-dog category.

Slo-pitch

1984

- .RCMP handcuff Black Tower 10-5 to win Labatt's Slo-Pitch League.
- There are 37 teams in the Labatt's Slo-pitch League. Everall Elite finish on top with 18 victories 2 loss 2 ties

1986

- Quality Assurance captures the Labatt's Slo-Pitch Tournament.

1987

- Marlin Travel beats Shopper's Drug Mart 22-15 in A side of the Molson League Slo-pitch.
- Diggers beats Minglers Today 15 -7 for Fort McMurray Beer Ball Slo-pitch A Side Final

1990

- Molson's Slo-Pitch League 28 teams

1991

- There are 53 slo-pitch teams on town split between the Molson's and Labatt's sponsorship

1993

- Labatts Slow-Pitch League raises \$700 and toys and food for Santa Anonymous with a December Snowball Tournament at MIP

2000

- The Fort McMurray Ladies Slow Pitch Team wins the provincial championships in Calgary.

2014

- The Canadian Senior Men's and Women's Slo-pitch Championships are held August 10-16.

Snowboarding

2006

- Cody Burchell wins two gold in junior male snowboarding at ARWG

2011

- Brooke Voight captures a silver medal in slopestyle at World Cup snowboard event held in Calgary

2014

- Brooke Voigt is an alternate for the Canadian Olympic snowboard team at the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia.

2017

- Brooke Voigt bronze at the FIS World Cup in both Air and Slope style Snowboard

2018

- Sterling McNeilly snowboards his way to two gold medals at Alberta Winter Games hosted by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

2019

- Brooke Voigt logged her best World Cup finish since 2012, placing second in snowboard slopestyle competition at Seiser Alm, Italy.
- Brooke Lacey competes at Winter Universiade Krasnoyarsk in slopestyle snowboarding.

2020

- Brooke Voigt earned another international snowboard podium this season and her first X Games medal when she finished third in the slopestyle event today at the Hafjell Alpinsenter resort in Norway

2021

- Fort McMurray native and Olympic snowboarder Brooke Voigt has been named the official ambassador for the 2022 Arctic Winter Games in Wood Buffalo

Soccer

1936

- McMurray Athletic Association is formed. Summer sports include softball, hardball, and soccer. Dr. M. McCallum is the first president.

1968

- United Wanderers win the Fort McMurray Men's Soccer League title.

1972

- Hanks capture the Fort McMurray Men's Soccer League crown.

1973

- Fort McMurray Soccer Association holds indoor soccer games during the winter months.

1975

- Lakers defeat Hercules 10-0 in Fort McMurray Men's Soccer. Bill Newlands scores four goals.

1977

- Al Kitsinelis of T Studios wins the Fort McMurray Soccer League scoring title with 24 goals.

1978

- Fort McMurray Men's Soccer creates a \$50 slush fund for players injured and missing work.
- John Lea scores two goals to lead the Lakers over Tarsands to win the Fort McMurray Men's Soccer A title.

1979

- Marlin Travel captures the Fort McMurray Men's Soccer regular season crown with a record of nine wins and two ties.

1980

- Edmonton Drillers visit Fort McMurray to explore arranging fan buses to Edmonton.
- Camloc Lakers win the Kin Cup Soccer Tournament at the Blueberry Festival, beating Northwest United of Edmonton 2-1. Ali Souaby is a standout player.

1981

- Fort McMurray All Stars win all five Peewee games at the Belvedere Soccer Tournament in Edmonton. Key players include Andrew McKee, Colin Dickesen, Greg Beaucage, Gary Bolton, and MVP David Kohlsmith. Fort McMurray Peewee All Stars win silver at provincials, falling to Fort Saskatchewan.

1982

- Soccer professional Drogoslav Stepanovic visits town for a soccer clinic.
- O'Reillys Rangers win the Alberta Provincial Cup Men's Soccer title with a 5-4 aggregate over Lethbridge. Bob Park scores three goals and is known for his role in the popular Canadian television series "The Beachcombers."

1983

- Dan Rampersad receives a silver tray for his 10-year contribution to local soccer.
- Fort McMurray Bantam and Pee Wee All Stars win Alberta Provincial Soccer championships. Bantams shut out Lethbridge 2-0 with goals by Darcy Thieriault and Colin Dickenson. Pee Wees beat Calgary 1-0 on a Rodney Goluk penalty kick.

1984

- Raiders coached by Dave Stuckless beat Stray Cats 2-0 for the local women's soccer title. Goals are scored by Maureen Barrett and Sherry Green.

1985

- Lakers, winners of 10 Fort McMurray Senior Men's Soccer Association titles, fold. President John Currie says "The legs were just too tired."
- At the Blueberry Festival, minor soccer sees Texas Star beat O'Reillys 5-1 in Midget, Proserve Miners beat Quadra Truck Strikers 2-1 in Bantam, St. Pats Cougars beat Avenue Auto Tigers 3-2 in Pee Wee, and Wranglers beat Racers 4-3 in Mites.
- Avco Raiders place third at Alberta Women's Soccer Provincials.
- Proserve Miners earn silver at Alberta Soccer Association Provincial Boy's Peewee finals, losing 3-0 to Lethbridge Celtics.

1986

- At the Blueberry Festival Senior Men's Soccer, Fort Saskatchewan Legion Rangers beat Stag Heads 1-0.

1987

- Lemax Machine & Welding wins Alberta Provincial Bantam B Soccer banner with a 1-0 win over Red Deer.
- Proserve Rangers beat Proserve Teens 1-0 to capture the Fort McMurray Senior Men's Soccer League title.
- There are 67 minor soccer teams in town.
- Fort McMurray Strikers win the Alberta Tier II Women's Soccer title, led by captain Karen Brooks.

1989

- Fort McMurray Fury under 12 team silver at the St. Albert Invitational.

1990

- At the ARWG, Team Alberta silver in indoor soccer. Team members include Shayne Midford, Criag Miller, Rudolph Peters, and Wayne Stephens.

1991

- Krista Goplin and Janine Best make the Under 16 girls soccer team.
- Fort McMurray women's rep team earns silver at provincials.

- Under 16 coach Harry Higson and 14 girls win provincials.
- George Brady is named Coach of the Year and serves as technical director of FM Youth Soccer.

1992

- Izim Okeren is named Fort McMurray Coach of the Year for nine years of local soccer contribution.
- Fort McMurray Ladies Select All Stars win the Alberta Division III championship.
- Fort McMurray under-12 boys win indoor soccer gold with Adrian Lizotte scoring four goals in a 10-3 win over Calgary Glebrook.
- Under-14 boys win bronze and Under-14 girls win silver at indoor provincials.

1993

- Keyano Huskies lose to Concordia College 4-3 and beat Red Deer 2-0 in men's ACAC exhibition soccer. Coach is George Brady. Paul Kane scores twice in the loss. Tom Keca and Danello Amana score in the win. College expected to join ACAC soccer in two years.
- Nicki Liboirin and Rene Serene (under 15 girls), Mario Aguirre (under 15 boys), Rory Brady (under 17 boys), and Jamie Best (under 17 girls) make provincial teams.

1994

- Fort McMurray Minor Soccer gold with Under 11A boys, Under 11B girls, and Under 17A boys. North Stars place fifth in Under 17 boys national soccer championships.
- After an eight-year drought, Liam wins the Fort McMurray Senior Men's Soccer title 4-2 over the Den.
- Fort McMurray Under-17 soccer team claims the provincial championship.

1995

- AMP No-See-Ems win bronze at women's soccer provincials.
- Under 19 FM North Stars girls team serve as gopher ball retrievers at Canada vs USA women's soccer match at Commonwealth Stadium.
- Under 15 North Stars team attends Canada vs Northern Ireland men's match.
- Fort McMurray Selects win the Under 19 B Provincial Women's Soccer crown.

1996

- At the ARWG in Alaska, the juvenile girls' soccer team defeats Team Alaska 5-3 to win gold.
- Jamie Best plays her second year of soccer with the University of Alberta Pandas.
- Fort McMurray girls Under 11 team wins the Provincial B Division soccer crown.

1997

- Wesley Stephens plays for the Edmonton Drillers.
- Fort McMurray AMP Fury player Lisa McDonnell scores seven goals in a 10-1 win over Lakeland to advance to Women's Division II provincials.
- City Council approves the purchase of the FLLY Dome and leases it to FMVSA for \$1.00 per year.

1998

- Fort McMurray wins three indoor soccer provincial titles. Under 15 and Under 13 boys teams win championships. Tyler Chase scores 14 of the Under 13 boys' 22 goals in five games.
- George Brady is named coach of the Under 18 boys provincial team.
- Players Natalie Swain, Dustin Jodrey, Krista Hoskins, Heather Glague, Renee McGloin, and Tiffany Booth make their respective age group teams.
- Wesley Stephens earns All-Conference honors in ACAC soccer at MacEwan.
- George Brady receives a 10-year contribution award from ASA.

- Tiffany Booth is selected for the Canadian Women's National Soccer Team and joins the Western Canadian All-Star Team. She is invited to the U-20 Canadian National Team Camp.

1999

- Fury wins the Women's Provincial Tier III Soccer title.
- Tiffany Booth is part of Team Alberta's silver medal performance at the Canada Summer Games. She will go on to attend University of Colorado Boulder.

2002

- Fort McMurray wins the Provincial Tier III Women's Outdoor Soccer title.
- Fort McMurray Fury win Tier II Under 16 boys championship.
- Natalie Swain plays for the defending champion Alberta Pandas.

2003

- Keyano Huskies women's soccer goalie Amanda Mawanay makes the ACAC All-Conference team.

2005

- Liam De'Silva plays Major League Soccer for the Vancouver Whitecaps following a stint with the Edmonton Aviators.

2009

- Liam De Silva is inducted into the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame as an athlete in soccer.

2012

- Keyano Huskies' Alex Eby is named a CCAA All-Canadian in men's soccer.
- Jonathan Soper is named ACAC Men's Futsal Coach of the Year.

2014

- U12 Boys win provincials for futsal

2015

- Keyano Huskies' Pedro Bianchi is named a CCAA All-Canadian in men's soccer. The men's soccer team wins its first ACAC title. Angel Goldson is named Tournament MVP.
- FC Edmonton hosts two North American Soccer League regular season games in Fort McMurray. On July 5, they beat the San Antonio Scorpions 4-0. On August 2, they lose 1-0 to the Ottawa Fury.
- The Keyano Huskies men's futsal team wins the ACAC banner for the third year in a row. Pedro Bianchi is named ACAC Futsal Player of the Year.
 - Allie Dewey is a guest player for Lucero Parroquial San Antonio (Chile) at Gotta World Youth Cup. She will play for Sweden in 2017.

2016

- Keyano Huskies win silver at the CCAA Men's Soccer Championships at Shell Place.
- Connor Brady is named ACAC Men's Futsal Coach of the Year for the third time.

2017

- U16 Boys won indoor soccer provincials

2018

- The inaugural Zara and Bridget Chambers Memorial Soccer Game is held to honor two Huskies futsal and soccer players (two sisters of triplets) who died in a car accident on Highway 63. They were 19 years old.

- U17 Boys win indoor soccer provincials

2019

- Fort McMurray U13 girls and U19 Fury boys win gold at the Alberta Indoor Soccer Provincial Championships.

2022

- Stephanie Labbe hosts two youth soccer clinics in Fort McMurray.

2023

- Keyano Huskies women win ACAC gold in futsal. Keyano Huskies men claim their seventh ACAC futsal title.

- Team Alberta North's male futsal team gold at the ARWG. Local athletes include Chris Anum, Nasser Al-Noami, Ryan Weidlich, Sohaib El-Hayouni, and Tanner Fontaine.

- Keyano Huskies men win the ACAC championship, defeating NAIT in a shootout. The women earn an ACAC silver medal.

Softball

1936

- McMurray Athletic Association is formed. Summer sports will include softball, hardball, and soccer. Dr. M. McCallum is the first president.

1948

- Dominion Day Sports Day hosts a softball competition with four men's and four women's teams and two composed of Peewee boys.

- Father Mercredi's coached native ball team from Philomena also takes part.

1972

- Fort McMurray's Carlin Enterprises wins Weston Canada Girls Softball Championship.

1974

- GCOS Flyers win the Clearwater Ladies Softball League. Vonda Doepker is named league MVP.

1975

- Mary Murowchuk shows her talents with local championships in curling and softball.

1976

- Fort McMurray hosts the Alberta Intermediate C Softball Championships.

1978

- Tracey Perkins of Carlan Enterprises Pee Wee Team claims Shawn Harris Memorial Achievement Award in Fort McMurray Girls Softball Association.

1979

- Fort McMurray wins Senior Men's Provincial Softball title. Bruce Marshall, a future Alberta Softball Hall of Fame inductee, is one of the stars.

- Carlan Enterprises wins the Alberta Provincial Pee Wee Girls Softball title beating Edmonton 16-15 Colleen Thomas drives in Dorothy Gallagher for the winning run.

- Pam Willier and Lori Sutton are named part of Team Alberta at the All Native North American Softball Championships.

1980

- Fort Saskatchewan pitcher Anna Storie strikes out 27 batters in four games to lead her Paradise Pirates to an Alberta Women's Intermediate Softball Championship.

1981

- Suncor Senior Squirt boys win the Provincial B Softball Championship beating Lethbridge Legionnaires 21-4 in the final.

- Clearwater Building Supplies take silver in Provincial B Girls softball finals. The team is coached by Delores Romanchuk.

1982

- Fort McMurray Pee Wee rep team wins Alberta Softball Boys Championships beating Edmonton 16-9. Dean Trotman manages 8-of-11 hits and scores six runs in the tournament.

- Carlin Enterprises claim the Western Canadian Girls Softball Championship beating Manitoba 6-0. Coleen Sterling and Bev Sultz are named all-stars.

1983

- National Tire Blues win Alberta Girls Squirt Softball Provincial Championship beating Lloydminster 28-13. Coaches are J.P. Desaulniers and Dolores Romanchuk.

- Smitty's Bantam A Girls win silver at Alberta Girls Softball Provincials, falling to Calgary Red Devils in a best-of-three 12-2 and 6-3.

- Husco wins provincial title in Peewee Boys Softball. Brian Palink and Corey King lead the way on the pitching mound.

- National Tire Blues win the Alberta Squirt B Girls Softball Provincial title.

1985

- Pam Willier is named All-ACCAC while playing softball for Mesa Community College Thunderbirds in Arizona.

1986

- Fort McMurray Softball League Champions: T-Ball: Rental Centre. Intermediate Squirts: Sunoco. Senior Squirts: Noral Motors. Peewee: Mills and Boyd. Bantams: MIOW.

- Father Patrick Mercredi High School girls' softball squad throttles FMCH High School 21-2 to secure overall points in the Challenge Cup.

1988

- Fort McMurray Pee Wee girls' softball team silver at provincials.

1989

- Ye Old Shirt Shoppe squirt girls win silver at provincial A finals.

- McMurray Legion pitcher Joanne Satkunas pitches 21 innings in one day of games to lead Alberta Peewee B girls to a softball crown.

1990

- Fort McMurray gold in both Provincial Girls C Pee Wee and Provincial Boys C Pee Wee softball.

1991

- Peewee Girls CUPE 2545 rep team silver at provincials.

1992

- Girls softball has over 300 players.

- Boys softball drops to 121, with not enough for peewee or bantam divisions.

1993

- Wilson Rockets win silver at Girls Mite A Provincial Softball Championships, losing to Edmonton Millhurst 20-12.

- All Canadian Movers win Alberta Munbir Girls Squirt B Provincials beating Lloydminster 12-3.

- Foster Wheeler Girls Softball rep team beats Calgary Southfour 8-6 to win the Bantam C Provincial title, going a perfect 6-0.

1995

- Krista DeSilva and Julie Mulhall receive partial scholarships to play volleyball and fastball respectively for the University of Jamestown in Jamestown, North Dakota.

1996

- Ian Brown is a busy man officiating fastball and softball at local, national, and international levels.

1999

- Dennis King is inducted into the Builder Category at the Alberta Softball Hall of Fame.

2011

- Cassandra Larson and Serena Dixon play for the Alberta Wildcat-Warriors at Level A Midget Softball team based out of Edmonton. Larson will go on to play for the Graceland University Yellowjackets.

Special Olympics

1975

- Fort McMurray athletes perform well at the Northern Alberta Special Games.
- Gold medals are won by Cheryl Phillips (100-yard dash), Jeannette Phillips (high jump), Douglas Herman (25-metre backstroke), Jane Farley (25-metre front stroke), Harold Palmer (50-yard dash), Diane Marin (50-yard dash), and Allan Martin (50-yard dash).

1987

- Katie Anne Lepine wins four gold and one bronze medal in Special Olympic swimming at the ASG.
- Guy Vachon claims five bronze medals in Special Olympic swimming.
- Debbie Lebedynski earns gold and silver medals in Special Olympics athletics.

1985

- In modified track and field Chris Powell wins the 400 m boy's event, outdistancing opponents by 100 m.
- Debbie Lebedynski wins gold in long jump and bronze in the 800 m.

1989

- Debbie Lebedynski wins one gold and two bronze medals in cross-country skiing at the World Special Olympic Games in Reno, Nevada.

1991

- Katie-Anne Lepine and Guy Vachon (three events) represent Fort McMurray in Special Olympics swimming at the ASG.

1992

- Ernie Kimball is named Alberta Special Olympics Coach of the Year.

1996

- At the Alberta Special Olympics, Emily Wright gold in the 200m freestyle. Billy Anne Fraser gold in the 50m freestyle. Chyann Blackmore gold in the 800m run and as part of the 4x400m relay.

1997

- Debbie Lebedynski, 29, takes bronze in the intermediate giant slalom at the World Special Olympics.

1998

- Chyann Blackmore wins gold in the 4x100m relay, silver in the long jump, and bronze in the running long jump at the Canadian Special Olympics.

Speed Skating

1982

- The Fort McMurray Speed Skating Club is formed. Ian Peters is the first president.

Swimming

1971

- Centennial Pool officially opens with a 25-metre pool.

1972

- The Fort McMurray Swim Club is established.
- Fort McMurray Swim Team wins the team aggregate trophy at the Elks Swim Meet.

1973

- Howie Ewashko sets provincial records in the 50-metre freestyle, 50-metre breaststroke, and 50-metre backstroke for ages 8 and under.

1975

- Provincial Lifeguard Championships are held during the Blueberry Festival. Fort McMurray claims bronze.
- Howie Ewashko gold at the Edmonton Swim Club Meet and sets a new provincial record in the 200-metre individual medley with a time of 2:59.1.
- A local swimathon raises \$3,500.

1976

- Howie Ewashko wins the 200-metre breaststroke at the Alberta Age Group Winter Provincials in Lethbridge with a time of 3:04.6.

1978

- Centennial Pool lifeguards Pauline Green, Perry Long, Kelly Bowden and Vern Johnston win the Northern Alberta Lifeguard Championships.

1979

- Kelly Bowden finishes first in the 50m and 100m freestyle in girls age 15-16 B class at a swim meet in Edmonton attended by 700 competitors.
- Northern Underwater Systems opens in Fort McMurray, specializing in commercial diving, with Vernon Johnston and Jerry Leonard as lead instructors.
- Fort McMurray Manta Swim Club's Howie Ewashko, 14, sets Alberta Age Group records at Tier 2 nationals in the 100m and 200m breaststroke.

1980

- Centennial Pool closes in December due to ventilation issues. Top local swimmers are forced to relocate for training. It reopens April 12, 1982.

1981

- Nancy Hoveland wins the 100m breaststroke in 1:35.6 and the 200m breaststroke in 3:20.9 at the Provincial B meet.

- Noel Carawan of the Fort McMurray Swim Club qualifies for all four of her finals in the 12-14 age group at the third annual Golden Bears Invitational Swim Meet.

1982

- Larry Schulhauser of the Fort McMurray Manta Swim Club places first in the 200m butterfly and 200m individual medley at the Alberta Swimming Provincial B Meet.

1983

- Swimmer Howie Ewashko is honoured at the 14th Alberta Achievement Awards.
- Cheryl Chetkiewicz places second in aggregate points for girls 15-and-over with three firsts, one second and two thirds at the Outlying Area Invitational Swim Meet.
- Jack Ashton places second in aggregate points for boys 15-and-under.
- Aqua-Precept is introduced for handicapped children.
- Larry Schulhauser, 17, establishes five personal best times at the Canada Cup swimming event.

1984

- Andrew McKee, 15, places third in the 100m breaststroke and fourth in the 200m breaststroke at the Vancouver Pacific Swim Sprint Meet.
- Rob Howe of the Fort McMurray Manta Swim Club wins three events at the Saskatoon Gold Fin Classic.
- Rob Howe, Kim Rice, Tim Schneider, Cecile Absolonne, and Mary Frank qualify for the Esso Youth Swimming Championships.
- Rob Howe, 11, places third in the 100m and 200m breaststroke with times of 1:23.74 and 2:58.66 at the Keyano International Swim Meet in Edmonton.
- Larry Schulhauser wins the 200m butterfly at the Western Canada Nationals swim meet with a time of 2:15.40.
- Kim Ewashko finishes fourth in the 100m breaststroke with a time of 1:20.40.

1985

- Olympic silver medalist Kelly Kryczka speaks in Fort McMurray.
- Fort McMurray Manta Swim Club names Jodi Schneider and Rob Howe as Female and Male Swimmer of the Year.
- Andrew McKee helps the Mantas place fourth at the Alberta Senior Provincial Swimming Championships.
- McKee, 16, places second in both the 200m and 100m breaststroke.
- Tate Young wins the Junior B Provincial 50m butterfly for 10-year-olds.
- Seven members of the Fort McMurray Masters Swim Club compete at the Edmonton Masters Invitational Swim Meet. Dana Perchiunsky places second in the 50m breaststroke (under-25 category). Laura Christie is second in the 50m backstroke. David Guss is third in the 50m breaststroke. Stephen Pace is second in the 50m backstroke (25-29 age group). David McColm is second in the 25m butterfly.

1986

- Larry Schulhauser wins the Beaumont Trophy as the University of Alberta Golden Bears Swimming MVP.

1987

- Shawn Button wins seven events at the Red Deer Sunshine Invitational Swim Meet.
- The Fort McMurray Manta Swim Club places eighth out of 43 teams at the Keyano International Swim Championships in Edmonton. Mark Versfeld places first in four events.

- Tim Schneider, 16, competes at the Western Canada Summer Games and swims the B side 400m freestyle in a time of 4:21.00.
- Mark Versfeld wins seven events and sets two provincial records in the 100m and 50m freestyle at Junior Provincials. All seven records still stand as Manta club records as of 2023.
- Jason Pratt, 14, places second in the 400m individual medley with a time of 4:49.6 at the Canadian Youth Championships.

1988

- Former Olympian Eugene Gyorfi is named the new Fort McMurray Manta Swim Club coach.

1989

- At the Alberta Swim Championships, Jennifer Button finishes 3rd in the 200m fly (11-12 girls), Kelly Young places 3rd in both the 100m and 200m fly, and Mark Versfeld earns 3rd in the 400m free (13-14). Tate Young is 2nd in the 100m fly.
- Mark Versfeld collects eight medals (3 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze) at the Alberta Provincial Swim Meet in Lethbridge. "The highlight of the meet, who else, but Mark Versfeld," said FMMSC coach Eugene Gyorfi.
- Versfeld and Christine Belter win seven medals at the Fort McMurray Mantas Swim Club meet at WCHS YMCA.

1990

- Keyano College Huskies women's team claims the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) swimming banner, repeating in 1992. At the ACAC swim meet, Jackie Spence earns three 1sts, Ed Kaine two 1sts, and Elaine Andrews one 1st. The women's team earns bronze overall.
- At the Alberta Junior Provincials, Colin McClean (11-12 boys) finishes 3rd in the 400m free, Jennifer Barry (13-14 girls) places 3rd in the 200m free and 100m fly, Jamie Ripka takes 1st in the 100m back and 2nd in the 50m back, and Heather Tease is 2nd in the 200m butterfly.

1991

- Mark Versfeld, 14, sets a national record in the 200m backstroke with a time of 2:10.33.
- Hella Versfeld, 41, breaks four Canadian Masters records for ages 40-45. She competed for the Dutch national team at age 16 in the 1968 Olympics.
- Mark Versfeld receives the Russ Thomas Memorial Trophy as Alberta's Outstanding Male Age Group Swimmer.

1992

- Rick Burton becomes the new coach of the Fort McMurray Manta Swim Club in September.
- Mantas place 9th out of 28 teams at the Provincial Age Group Championships in Edmonton. Seven swimmers set 32 personal bests.

1993

- Katrina Klein ranks 2nd in Canada for 13-14 backstroke at the National Youth Swimming Championships.
- Allan Carter takes silver in the 400m freestyle at the Hyack International Swim Meet.
- Niels Versfeld claims five gold and one silver at the Prairie Invitational Swim Meet in Winnipeg (12-year-old category).
- Mark Versfeld, 17, sets a national short course record in the butterfly (54.88).
- Chris Horgan finishes 2nd in the 11-12 boys 100m and 200m butterfly at the Alberta Age Group Championships.

- Karina Klein is named Alberta's Outstanding Female Age Group Swimmer.

1994

- Karina Klein wins the 100m at the Canadian Youth Championships. She attends the inaugural Mark Tewksbury Youth Camp in Toronto from October 5-9.
- Niels Versfeld wins his first of three Dr. Bob Kasting Memorial Trophies, awarded to the Outstanding Swimmer from an Outlying Area.
- Karina Klein competes in the Commonwealth Games Trials.

1995

- Jonah Donald, 14, wins nine medals at the Keyano International Invitational Swim Meet in Edmonton.
- He swims a 17:13.29 in the 1500m freestyle at the Western Canadian Championships—the fourth fastest time in Canada for a 14-year-old.
- Leona Wright wins three golds. Melissa Peddle and Adrian Tul each win gold at the Alberta Junior Provincials.

1996

- Niels Versfeld, 14, is ranked No. 1 in Alberta in the 50m, 100m, and 200m butterfly. He is ranked 4th nationally in the 200m and 6th in the 100m fly.

1997

- Mark Versfeld sets a Canadian record in the 100m backstroke at nationals.
- Adam Szoo, 9, wins seven of eight races at the 10th Fort McMurray Mantas Swim Club Meet. He later moves to Quebec and competes in CIS for Laval.

1998

- Niels Versfeld, Jonah Donald, Michael Power, and Adrian Tu clock Canada's fastest 4x50m freestyle time for 17-and-under boys.
- Hella Versfeld claims four golds at the Canadian Masters Swimming Championship (45-49 age group).
- Mark Versfeld competes in the Commonwealth Games in Malaysia, winning two golds and breaking Commonwealth records. He also earns a bronze in the medley relay.
- Don Wilson receives the Swim Alberta Lifetime Membership.
- Rebecca Flett of Fort Chipewyan gold in the 4x100 medley at the 1998 North American Indigenous Games.

1999

- Mark Versfeld silver in the 4x100 medley relay (3:40.18) at the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships. He helps Team Canada set a new record (3:33.97) in the 4x100 individual medley relay at the World Aquatic Short Course Championships and silver in the 200m backstroke (1:55.41).
- Tony Pichert, 57, gold in the 100m medley at the Alberta Masters Swimming Championships.
- Jennifer Button places 5th (4x200m freestyle) and 6th (4x100m medley) at the Sydney Olympics.
- Michael Power and Niels Versfeld, representing the University of Calgary, make the World Cup short course finals. Power places 8th in the 200m backstroke, and Versfeld is 7th in the 200m butterfly.

2001

- Jonah Donald is named to the ACAC All-Conference Team (men's butterfly).

2002

- Wes Godbeer earns ACAC All-Conference honours (men's breaststroke).

- Local athletes shine for Alberta CIU teams: Jennie Young (wrestling), Darren Langille (volleyball), Chad Kozak (cross country), Simon Pacey (football), Adrian Tull (swimming), and Heather Gladue (soccer).
- Josh Au, 12, wins three gold medals at the Prairie International Swim Meet in Winnipeg, posting Canada's second-fastest times in the 100m and 200m butterfly.

2003

- Wes Godbeer is again named ACAC All-Conference.
- Ali Campbell qualifies for her first nationals at the Prairie Winter International in Winnipeg in the 50m freestyle.
- The Fort McMurray Mantas capture their second provincial team title. Joshua Au, 13, gold in the 100m butterfly at Club Nationals.
- Braeden Newton breaks four club records for 10-year-olds in the 200m and 400m freestyle, which had been held since 1988 by Mark Versfeld.
- Canada's national swim coach Randy Bennett returns to Fort McMurray for a clinic at Centennial Pool. He began his coaching career there in 1983.

2004

- Braeden Newton sets an Alberta long course record in the 1500m freestyle (18:46.52) for 11-year-old boys.
- Karine Gagnon of Keyano Huskies sets an ACAC record in the 800m freestyle with a time of 10:18.38.

2005

- Jeremy Irla (distance freestyle) and Wihan Van Heerde (sprint freestyle) are named ACAC All-Conference in men's swimming.
- The Mantas win their fourth straight provincial Tier II team championship at the Alberta Age Group Championships in Calgary.

2006

- Tyler Burton (freestyle) is named to the ACAC All-Conference Team (men's swimming).

2007

- Katie Dewitt (sprint freestyle), Cynthia Galfire (distance), and Sarah Gagnon (butterfly) earn ACAC All-Conference honours. Keyano College wins the women's swimming team title
- Chris Phillips (Ottawa Senators), Nick DeHoog (longtime Fort McMurray Oil Barons president), the 2000 Royal Bank Cup champion Oil Barons, and Olympic swimmer Mark Versfeld are the first inductees into the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame. Curtis J. Phillips is the Hall's first president.

2008

- Nibal Yamout (Fort McMurray Mantas) represents Lebanon in the 2008 Olympics.

2010

- Jennifer Button is inducted into the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame (Athlete, Swimming).
- The Syncrude Aquatic Centre opens at the Suncor Community Leisure Centre, making MIP Park Canada's largest community recreation centre. It features an Olympic-sized pool, splash park, and water slides.

2011

- Speedo Alberta Provincials are hosted at the Syncrude Aquatic Centre.

2013

- The Ewashko Family is inducted into the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame (Builder, Swimming).

2015

- Canada's Olympic swim coach Randy Bennett passes away at 51. He started his coaching career at Fort McMurray's Centennial Pool in 1982.

2016

- Naomi Slee wins three swimming gold medals at the AWG in Leduc.
- Josh Dow wins U Sports Canada West gold in the 50m backstroke.

2017

- Josh Dow earns silver in the 50m backstroke at the Canadian Swimming Championships.

2018

- Naomi Slee repeats with three swimming golds at the AWG in Leduc.
- Hunter Helberg claims two gold medals at the ASG: 1:28.65 in the 100m backstroke and 1:38.01 in the 100m breaststroke (Category 5).
- Jordayne Nelson gold in the 17-and-under boys 4x100m relay (44.93).
- Maya Slee gold in the Category 4 girls 800m freestyle (10:22.87).
- The Fort McMurray Mantas bring home 25 medals: 4 gold, 9 silver, 12 bronze.

2019

- Six Fort McMurray Swim Club members win 10 podium finishes at the Swim Alberta Championships.
- Josh Dow earns silver in the 50m backstroke at the U Sports Odlum Brown Championships in Vancouver.

2022

- Visually impaired swimmer Hunter Helberg competes at the Polish Winter Open, setting personal bests in two of eight events: 40.66 (S12 50m breaststroke) and 35.50 (50m back). He finishes top three in all events.

2023

- Josh Dow is inducted into the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame (Swimming).
- Grace Black gold in the 100m fly, silver in the 50m fly, and places in the 200m IM at the 2023 Winter Games.

Synchronized Swimming

2000

- Synchronized Swimming Club begins at the YMCA.

Table Tennis

1972

- Dave Ashley assists with the start of the Fort McMurray Table Tennis club. He would go on to win several provincial titles.
- In three years the club will have more than 80 players.

1978

- Northeastern AWG: Pam Willier gold in ladies singles table tennis.
- Val Cotter and Derek Lerung win men's doubles and mixed doubles gold. Neally Yap and David Soo win in women's doubles. Connie Lee and Winnie Hang also compete.

1979

- John Lee captures men's singles table tennis gold at Northeastern AWG.

1982

- NEAWG Table Tennis gold medalists include John Lee, Ken Loo, Lawrence Chomos, Nancy Murphy, Terry Petrie, Pat Warnch, Sandy Foster, Robin Minoque, Jay Riat, Eileen Swan, Hern Sammann, Erma Chinn, Keith Yap, Kathy Casselman, Phil Deschenes, Sara Barnes, Jennifer Barnes, and Darrell Peters.

Tai Chi

1992

- Instructor James Hnakut holds Tai Chi lessons at Father Mercredi.

Tae Kwon Do

1984

- Don Stacey, black belt, claims gold in power breaking at Tae Kwon Do event in Camrose.

1989

- Scott Steves defends his provincial title at Alberta Open for third degree tae kwon do black belt.

1991

- At Fort McMurray Tae Kwon Do provincials: Andy McGarth wins gold in men's patterns and bronze in heavyweight sparring.
- Trent O'Neil wins gold in men's white belt heavyweight sparring and yellow belt.
- John Fritz takes silver in heavyweight sparring.

1995

- Sandy Bowman opens Bowman Tae Kwon Do on October 4.

1996

- Bowman's Tae Kwon Do Club is represented by 13 members at a national tournament in Edmonton. They bring home nine gold, three silver, and two bronze medals.

1999

- Kyler Boisvert bronze at USA Open as a second degree black belt.

2002

- Kyler Boisvert, 16, wins medals for the third consecutive year at US Open Tae Kwon Do.
- This time he wins bronze in forms and featherweight division. In 1999 he won a silver medal.
- Kevin Dolan starts his pro MMA career by beating Bill Mahood on March 3 at MFC 3 - Canadian Pride in Edmonton. He would retire in 2008 with a record of 3 wins and 12 losses.
- Ken Roy competes in the World Open Tae Kwon Do Championships representing Northern Lights Tae Kwon Do Club.

2003

- Lisa Turley, 15, takes bronze at provincial II Giant Slalom finals Alberta Cup.
- Bowman's Tae Kwon Do Kim Westman earns bronze in Olympic trials with a 2-2 record.
- Team Alberta trials for Olympics are held in Tae Kwon Do.

2011

- Prestige Fighting Championship 3 attracts 1,800 fans. The main event features local Sandy Bowman defeating Eric Esch (Butter Bean) with a first-round 0:54 submission via punches.

2016

- Total Taekwondo wins 12 medals at Alberta Open.

Team Handball

1992

Fort McMurray contingent claims silver at Alberta Winter Games

1993

Father Mercredi Wolf Pack place fourth in boys competition at Alberta Team Handball Championships

Tennis

1935

- Lionel Conacher, named Canada's Greatest Athlete of the first half of the 20th Century, wrenches his knee while playing tennis during a stopover in Fort McMurray.

1936

- The McMurray Tennis Club is created.

1938

- Tennis court fees are \$3 for ladies and \$5 for men.

1977

- Werner Kahn is club champion for the second year in a row at Fort McMurray Tennis Club.

1978

- Fort McMurray Tennis Club's Kelly Don wins gold in women's singles at the ASG.
- John Ormerod and Jenny Wilson claim mixed doubles table tennis at Northeastern AWG.
- In badminton, Nancy Bartlett and Nancy Murphy win women's doubles. Addie Lyon and Francine Moffat win the Fort McMurray Tennis Club women's doubles.

1979

- Barb Fry and Eric Cadegan win the Fort McMurray Tennis Club women's and men's singles.

1980

- At ASG, Fort McMurray Tennis Club junior mixed doubles win bronze: Kelly Don and Colin Chow.

1982

- Bas Nair wins men's singles at Fort McMurray Tennis Club Open. He also claims men's doubles with Chris Orchard. He wins mixed doubles with Celia Gjosund for a Grand Slam.

1984

- Barb Brankovska-Streibl joins Fort McMurray Tennis Club. She made qualifying round appearances at Wimbledon in 1973 representing Czechoslovakia. She appeared in 1976 Canadian Championships and was ranked No. 11 in Women's Tennis Association that year.
- She wins the Fort McMurray Open for ladies.

1985

- Chris Orchard claims gold in junior boys' singles tennis at ASG. He was also junior boys' singles champion at the 1982 ASG.
- Val Cotter and Don Friesen take bronze in open men's doubles.
- Arthur Lee silver in men's singles.

1986

- Chris Orchard and Pearl Yap win Fort McMurray Tennis Club men's and women's singles titles.
1989
- Tomaz Razniewski becomes new tennis coach. He is also a qualified skiing coach from Poland.
1994
- Terry Cotter and Bob Cameron win Broadmoor Open men's doubles tennis in Sherwood Park.
1995
- Niall Smart sets a new Fort McMurray Indoor Tennis Club record with his 16th consecutive match win.
1997
- Terry Cotter beats Bob Cameron to win Neb's A Division at Ice Breaker tennis tournament.
- Pearl Yap takes the women's crown, beating Carol Mattie.

Track & Field

- 1917
 - Trapper Raphael Cree, born 1893, was said to have run just as fast as or faster than the world champion for the 25-26 mile distance.
- 1925
 - A 14-year-old First Nations boy (name unknown) ran 950 miles "breaking trail" from Fort Wrigley to Fort McMurray.
- 1958
 - Larry McArdle won the mile race in 4:47 at the R.C.A.F. Station.
- 1968
 - Dr. Clark Track and Field Day had Wayne Campbell and Sandra Page each claiming gold in two events.
- 1975
 - Fort McMurray Roadrunners' Paddy Boyhan placed second in the Edmonton Journal 5k race.
- 1976
 - Runner Arthur Taylor sets his first of five World Records in middle and long distance running.
- 1977
 - Adrian Shorter, 15, places third in the ASAA provincial cross country championships in a field of 53 runners. Shorter ran a 22:18 in the 6,000 metre race.
- 1978
 - Arthur Taylor sets another World Record as the first 50-year-old to break the 2:30:00 marathon mark with a clocking of 2:23:01, a record which stood for 25 years.
 - Arthur Taylor places second in the Fort McMurray Rugby Club 10 mile road race in a time of 59:30.
 - First place was a relay team of Adrian Shorter, Dennis Zacher, Gerry Breneman, Walter Paish, and Udo Spitzer in 58 minutes.
 - Fort McMurray Public School District Track and Field team is created.
 - Adrian Shorter moves into regional competition in 800 metre and 1,500 metre events while Bill Lodewyck advances in javelin and discus.
 - Arthur Taylor, 53, wins 10,000 metre Masters race at Commonwealth Games.
 - More than 300 Grade 6 students take part in the inter-school cross country race held at Birchwood School.

- Adrian Shorter places third in juvenile cross country Alberta Age Class cross country running 5,000 in 16:40.17.

1979

- Arthur Taylor sets a world record in the Masters Mile Race at the Edmonton Journal Invitational Indoor Games. Taylor, 52, runs a 4:51.52.
- A few months later he claims the 10,000 m over-50 championship at World Veterans Road Racing Championships in England. His time was 27:04 against 237 other runners.
- Fort McMurray Fun Run finds David LaPierre winning the 10,000 and Linda Burns the 5,000.

1980

- Nearly 550 people participate in the Fort McMurray YMCA Fun Run.
- FMCH Miners' Rick Royer wins junior boys 100 m in 12.5 at Northeastern Zones High School track and field meet He joins Darren Hutchinson, Rick Corless, and Tim Gendreau to win junior boys 4 x 100 relay Scott Wiley takes the 1,500 m in 4:48.
- With 39 marathons under his belt, runner David LaPierre defends his title in the 10,000 metre Fun Run.
- Dennis Zacher wins the annual Turkey Trot 3½ mile course in 18:33.
- Harold St. Croix crosses the finish line first in Canada Day 10k with a time of 33:22.
- Project 85: 30 local runners complete the trek from Fort McMurray to Calgary as they deliver Fort McMurray's bid to host the 1985 ASG. The group covered 740 kilometres in less than 72 hours.

1983

- Dennis Zacher places 15th in a field of 511 runners at the Edmonton Journal and YMCA 10 Mile Stadium Run with a time of 56:12.3.
- Fort McMurray Fire Department's Wayne Freestone wins two silver medals at the 7th Firefighter Police Olympics with a long jump of 5.8 m (19.02 feet) and triple jump of 9.72 m (31.08 feet).
- 6th Rugby Road Club attracts 211 runners. Harold St. Croix, Dennis Zacher, Randy Bennett, and Dale Irwin set a course record of 58 minutes 17 seconds. Women's champions clock a time of 1:22:18.
- Dave Guss claims Blueberry 10k run in 34:49.

1984

- Dave Guss wins the Smitty's Blueberry 10k road race in a time of 33:14. Guss will go on to become one of the greatest runners in Alberta Masters history.
- David LaPierre sets a Canadian Masters Ultra Distance record covering 214.7 kilometres in 24 hours.
- The Fort McMurray Running Club holds five local races in its second year of operation.
- Dave Guss places 7th in a field of 375 runners at Edmonton Journal 10 miler with a clocking of 54:13.
- Father Patrick Mercredi Trappers win first ever Challenge Cup event at the Trappers Trek 5k run. Trappers Manuel Rodriguez (18:30) and Steve Courts (19:07) place 1st and 2nd. Dave Courts from Composite Miners ties for 2nd and teammate Daryl Smith is 3rd overall at 19:26. There are only four female runners with Merc's Denise Long the top in the 3k at 19:11.
- Turkey Trot finds Dale Irwin (35:36) and Hella Versfeld (50:52) crossing first in men's and women's running.

1985

- At ASG Shawn Goertzen claims silver in 100 m hurdles with a clocking of 16.31. Sisters Mary and Sonja Frank strike gold and silver respectively in the 10,000 m.

- Roddy Castor is named Alberta Native Athlete of the Year. Roddy wins five gold in track and field at the Alberta Indian Summer Games and two gold at the Friend in Sports Festival.
- At provincial high school track and field championships, FMCH Miner Claudia Olson is second in senior girl's discus (29.91). Father Patrick Mercredi Trappers' Bridgette Morin is 4th in junior girls 100 m (12.97).
- Challenge Cup track showcases talents of athletes from the two high schools. FMCH High School Miners: Craig Bartler (junior boys 100 m 12.3, 200 m 25.9), Doug Bourassa (senior boys discus 34.30 m). Father Patrick Mercredi Community High School Trappers: Joby Oomen (high jump 1.73 m), Annette Keufler (400 m 70.5, 800 m 2:49), Doug Briegel (100 m 11.85, 200 m 24.04).
- Fort McMurray Road Runners set a new team record at Fort McMurray Knights Rugby Football Club Road Race in 55:37. The team is composed of Dale Irwin, Phil Meagher, David LaPierre, Dave Guss, and Steve Court.
- Blueberry Festival 10k run division winners: Dave Guss 32:28, Pam Schrama 43:48, Manuel Rodrigues 34:50, and Bill Nielsen Sr. 36:20.
- City Centre Mile winner is Adrian Shorter at 4:27.

1986

- Blueberry Festival City Centre Mile winner is Dave Guss in 4:47.97.
- Smitty's 10k winner is Dave Guss in 33:41.
- The relay team of Brady Young, Daryl Michelin, Chris Chetkiewicz, and Colin Vigilance place second in 4 x 100 juvenile boys at the provincial junior high track and field championships.
- Outstanding performances in Challenge Cup track and field include Joby Oomen (high jump 1.79 m), Daryl Smith (4:29.04 in 1,500 m), Doug Briegel (12.09 in 100 m), and Denise Long (3:02.10 in 800 m).
- Shawn Goertzen, 15, sets a Zone 7 record in 110 m hurdles with a time of 15.92.

1987

- The 10th Fort McMurray Knights Rugby Football Road Race attracts 230 runners.
- Fort McMurray's three senior high schools collect a total of 27 medals at northern regional track and field championships. A total of 14 athletes advance to provincials. Sonja Frank silver in 3000 metre open. Brigitte Morin bronze in senior girls 80 m hurdles.
- Carol Anne Martin hits bronze in junior girls long jump at ASAA track and field provincials. Brett Marchand takes gold in 1500 m athletics. Sonja Frank wins gold in senior girls 3000 m and bronze in 800 m and 1500 m. Roddy Castor earns silver in junior boys 100 m and bronze in long jump. Shauna McHale wins silver in senior girls 100 m.
- Phil Meagher qualifies at the Canadian Olympic trials with a first place at the Victoria Marathon with a 2:27.48 clocking.

1988

- Six runners from Fort Chipewyan Athabasca Delta Community compete in Bloomsday Run in Spokane, Washington, along with 60,000 entries.

1989

- Brett Marchand takes silver in ASAA junior boys 1,500 m. Sonja Frank wins silver in open girls 3,000 m. Andrea Goodyear earns bronze in intermediate girls 400 m and gold at summer games 400 m.
- Thirteen students from Fort Chip go to California to participate in the Bay to Breakers 12k run as part of the Osackocihi'wew Running Club.

1990

- Andrea Goodyear silver in senior girls 400 m and 800 m. Brett Marchand takes silver in intermediate boys 800 m ASAA. Colin Vigilance wins bronze in senior boys 110 m hurdles and long jump at high school provincials.
- Phil Meagher wins the inaugural Oilsands Marathon. He will defend his title a record 15 times.
- At Calgary track and field championships Melanie Leach, Cory Larocque, Brett Marchand, Bryan McHale, Jamie Hobbs, and Joel Yuskiw earn 14 medals.
- Phil Meagher places second at Calgary Miracle Marathon, which was also part of Alberta Provincial Championship, which he won in 29:35.
- Composite Miners cross country team wins 4 of 6 gold at zone meet.

1991

- Sonja Frank places 2nd at ACAC cross country provincials with a 14:58.0 4k.
- Second annual Fort McMurray Marathon is won by Phil Meagher in 2:25:32. Half marathon winner is Bill Nielsen Jr. in 1:25:36. 10k winner is Mike Quinn in 36:44.
- Brett Marchand wins gold in 400 m and bronze in 800 m at high school provincials. Composite Miners' Travis Dawson takes silver in senior shot put (13.58). Melanie Leitch earns bronze in junior women's javelin.

1992

- Colin Miller pole vaults to 2nd place and Troy Bond finishes third in 1,500 m at high school provincials.
- Lindsay Pinkney wins the ASG 1,500 m and 3,000 m races. She also captures gold in the ASAA's (ASAA) 1,500 m race.
- Joe Blake earns four medals at the 2nd World Firefighters Games in Las Vegas: grand master silver in 400 m and 400 m steeplechase, bronze in 1500 and 800 m.

1993

- Sue MacEachern starts the Northeastern Alberta Track and Field Club.
- Lindsay Pinkney runs 4:59 in intermediate girls 1,500 m at provincials, winning silver in 3,000 m. Troy Bond silver in senior boys 1,500 m and 3,000 m with times of 4:18 and 6:20. Ange Ritter bronze in senior girls 3,000 m with a time of 11:47. WCHS kids Chad Kozak silver in intermediate boys 3,000 m (9:28). Willie Boutilier bronze in senior boys hurdles (15.91).
- Fort McMurray Running Club hosts the Provincial Championships.
- Chad Kozak of the WCHS Trojans wins senior boys cross country at the ASAA track and field provincials.

1994

- Troy Bond wins the ACAC Grand Prix Cross Country title.
- Darcy Berard wins Turkey Trot Challenge Cup 5k in 16:55, a new record, helping Merc win cross country. Composite's Jill Percy wins 14:12 in 3k.
- Tony Pichert finishes 40th in men's age group 50-54 at World Triathlon Championships in New Zealand. Sonja Frank finishes 50th overall in women's open.
- Fort McMurray Marathon is won by Adrian Larkin (2:45:04) and Kirsten Bjornson (3:21:48). Half Marathon winners: Joanne McGoey 1:36:08, Gerry Breneman 1:22:53, 10k winners: Lindsay Pinkney 43:14, Rob Schwartz 33:30.
- Chad Kozak (University of Hawaii Hilo) finishes 5th at Pacific West Conference Championships and 63rd at National Championships.

- Miners' Lindsay Pinkney wins her 2nd gold medal in 3,000 m. Chad Kozak (WCHS) silver in 3,000 m senior boys. Composite's Jackie Ham silver in senior girls javelin.
- Bill Nielsen Jr. places 2nd at Kananaskis Ultra Marathon running 80k in 7:53.
- Kirsten Bjornson wins Metro-Dade Miami Marathon.

1995

- At ASG, Dion Ackerman wins Special Olympics shot put silver.
- Ten runners from Fort McMurray capture the mixed championship at the Kananaskis 100 mile relay.
- Darcy Berard (Merc) gold at provincials track 800 m and 1,500 m.
- Rob Schwartz wins 14th Turkey Trot 10k in 35:27.
- Challenge Cup portion winners include Paul Cayerm (WCHS junior men), Kristina Coady (Merc junior women), Neil Hicke (Merc intermediate men), Jill Percy (Composite intermediate women), Jared Breneman (Merc senior men), and Lena Aitken (Composite senior women).
- Eric Wong silver in 100 m, 200 m, and 4 x 100 relay junior boys track and field at Composite High.
- Merc wins 3A cross country title. Paul Caver posts fastest boys 5k time at 18:21. Miners' Jill Percy runs fastest girls 3k at 13:53.
- Composite's Brent Alexander takes silver in 6.24 m long jump senior boys.
- Phil Meagher claims sixth Oil Sands marathon in 2:41:27.
- Kirsten Bjornson wins women's marathon in 3:15:41.
- Darcy Berard secures Fort McMurray TODAY city mile in 4:24.9.

1996

- Lindsey Pinkney continues to impress in middle distance at Marshall University, finishing in Appalachian Conference Top 10.
- Composite High wins 3A track and field title coached by Kathy St. Louis.
- Eric Wong leads with three medals: gold in intermediate boys 4 x 100, silver in 100 m and 200 m.

1997

- Chiann Blackmore claims gold in 800 m, shot put, and relay at Special Olympics Summer Games. She also won silver in long jump and 400 m and bronze in 200 m.
- Father Patrick Mercredi Trapper Alan Carter wins the 3,000 m event for the second year in a row at ASAA track and field provincials. He also wins the 1,500 m.
- The Oil Sands Marathon marks marathon number 50 for local Josef Frank at age 49. Ann Locke-Pope, organizer of marathon, is known as "the voice of the Fort McMurray Running Club."
- Tiffany Peden finishes third at ACAC cross country for Keyano Huskies.
- Fesaitu Inoke gold at the Oceanian Under 18 Track and Field Championships in shot put (13.94) and silver in discus (42.56).

1998

- Jozef Frank places second at 80k festival ultramarathon in Edmonton with a time of 7:13.

1999

- WCHS wins first Northeast zone track and field championship.
- Phil Meagher clocks 2:32.03 at 10th Oil Sands Marathon.
- Miners Sean Thomas and Myrnie Stonehouse each win four events at Challenge Cup track.
- Lindsay Pinkney concludes her four-year career at Marshall University by running 18:44 at 5k cross country event at conference championships.

- Rob Nish finishes 9th at CIAU 300 m and 5th in 4 x 200 relay.
- WCHS Trojans' Fesaitu Inoke throws to gold in senior boys shot put (15.39) and discus (42.3) at ASAA track and field provincials.
- FMCH Miners' Sean Thomas claims intermediate boys shot put (13.13) at ASAA track and field provincials.
- Tar Sands Turkeys win 5th mixed 100 mile relay at Kananaskis 100-mile relay in a row. Team members include Phil Meagher, Sonja Frank, Donna Peck, George Milne, Adrian Larkin, Lindsay Pinkney, Tiffany Peden, Bill Nielsen, Rob Schwartz, and Gerry Breneman.

2000

- Kirsten Bjornson is Canadian Ultra Marathon champion completing a 100- k course in nine hours and 32 minutes to set a new national record.

2001

- Rob Nish is part of University of Alberta Golden Bears silver 4x200 m relay team.

2002

- Craig Ewashko places 7th at Great White North Half Marathon with a 4:22 min/km pace.
- Composite Miners inaugural mile winners are Ashley Mackenzie (6:29 girls) and Ahmed Shalaby (5:08).
- Fesaitu Inoke places third at CIAU national in shot put.

2003

- Bill Nielsen holds nine Alberta Masters distance titles.
- Deon Flynn is part of the ACAC gold medal win at the CCAA championships, finishing 13th in a field of 77.
- Fastest time for women in the Mother's Day 5K run is Tania Kingdon at 23:11.
- Curtis J. Phillips starts the Fort McMurray Pacers Track and Field club for students Grade 6-12. Instructors include Phil Meagher and Adrian Larkin. This is just one of seven local sporting clubs that Phillips started.
- Keyano Huskies' Lisa Collins silver at the CCAA Cross Country Running Championships.

2004

- Rachelle Savoie wins ASAA girls long jump.
- Lisa Collins wins CCAA cross country silver.

2005

- FMCH High School principal and marathon runner Phil Meagher picks up his 14th win at the 16th Annual Oil Sands Marathon, finishing with a time of 2:48:43.

2009

- Jason Loutitt runs the 10th fastest time for a Canadian marathoner for the year, clocking 2:24:37 at the Seattle Rock n' Roll Marathon.

2010

- Jason Loutitt places second at the BMO Vancouver Marathon.

2012

- Jason Loutitt continues setting records, winning the Hawaii Hurt 100 Mile Run, Xterra Black Canyon Half Marathon, Cedro Peak 45 Miler, and 5 Peaks Squamish 11K.
- WCHS Trojans' Morgan Lawley is awarded the inaugural Fort McMurray Schools Athletic Association's Female Athlete of the Year.

- Kirsten Bjornson place first for women 45 and over at the Blackfoot Ultra 50 mile event. She had placed second the previous year.

2014

- Keyano Huskies cross country runner Idris Ahmed places eighth at the CCAA Cross Country Championships held in Calgary with a time of 28:08 in the men's 8 kilometre distance.

2017

- Jacques Saayman places third at the CCAA Cross Country Championships representing the SAIT Trojans.

2018

- Jared Todd and Colt Wandel win silver; Colt Wandel and Robbie Haggerman win gold in para track and field (Merc Games).
- Jacques Saayman, running for the SAIT Trojans cross country team, is named a CCAA All Canadian.
 - Kirsten Bjornson captures her age group in the Nimble Bear 50K

2022

- More than 650 participants at the Fort McMurray Marathon raise more than \$74,000 for local charities, with more funding being raised until October 16. Ben Jansen wins the men's portion.

2023

- Dau Dau, 17, wins three gold medals and sets a new ASAA provincial record in shot put (11.36m) in the Special Olympics category. The previous record of 9.86 metres set in 2018.

Triathlon

1982

- Randy Bennet triumphs in inaugural McMurray Triathlon in a time of 1:53:06. • Ian Peters is second at 1:56:33. Hella Versfeld tops the women's race at 2:20:09. Men's team of Larry Schulhauser, Adrian Corless, and Steve Courts finish in 1:43:14. Ladies' team of Julie Pope, Ann Locke, and Cheryl Chetkiewicz clock a 2:10:33. Mixed team composed of Lance Schulhauser, Diane Courshesne, and Rob White finish at 2:02:41.

1984

- Two-time Fort McMurray Triathlon women's champion Hella Versfeld loses title to Lori Shelenko.

1985

- ASG - Kelly Bowden, Jasen Pratt, and Mike Horrocks win gold in their respective classes in the triathlon. A few hours before the official ceremonies at Corless Field, the triathlon was held. Local triathlete star Howie Ewashko collapsed 50 metres from the finish line and had to be taken to the hospital "He is asthmatic and was oxygen starved," said his mother at the time. Ewashko recovered quickly and recited the athlete's oath later that night as nearly 3,300 athletes and coaches were led out by the Northwinds Marching Band. A special moment of the games was when Ina Matson, 12, captured the under-18 triathlon in a personal best time of 2:46:35. It was only a week prior that her twin brother Yves was injured during training for the ASG. A vehicle had crashed through a group of cyclists 20 kilometres northwest of Calgary, killing three teenage girls and injuring five others, including Yves. Of her brother not competing, Ina replied: "I think he would have gotten the gold."

- Dace Guss, Greg Inkster, and Larry Schulhauser won the triathlon team event with a time of 1:49:00.

1986

- Alberta Triathlon Provincials mixed team captured by Paul Regensburg, Dave Guss, and Lana Schulhauser.

1987

- The Alberta Provincial Triathlon Championships team event is captured by members of the Northern Lights Triathlon group: Lana Schulhauser (1.5 km swim), Greg Inkster (40 km cycle), and Dave Guss (10 km run).

- Mike Lane, 12, completes the last leg of the Northern Lights Triathlon 10-k run in his wheelchair where he is confined due to spina bifida.

1990

- Sonja Frank wins third Northern Lights Triathlon women's title.

- Mark Woodhouse defends his title.

1992

- Sonja Frank captures her fifth Northern Lights Triathlon championship and will go on to place third at nationals.

1994

- Tony Pichert finishes 40th in men's age group 50-54 at World Triathlon Championships in New Zealand. Fred Hemphill secures Canadian Triathlon Championships men's 45-49 category.

1995

- Sonja Frank places 4th at Canadian National Triathlon held in Fort McMurray. Fort McMurray hosts the Canadian Triathlon Championships with the assistance of 750 volunteers. More than 600 athletes participate. Over 100 athletes were local, and six athletes qualify to represent Canada in Cancun, Mexico. Hella Versfeld wins Canadian Triathlon Championships women's 45-49 category in 2:36:10.

1996

- Seven of 16 members of Alberta's Junior triathlon team are from Northern Lights Triathlon Club.

- Allan Carter (juniors under 20) and Hella Versfeld, 46, win their respective categories at Canadian Triathlon Championships in Welland, Ontario.

1997

- Hella Versfeld wins second straight triathlon world championship medal, a bronze.

- ASG results include 2 gold and 1 silver for triathletes.

1998

- Allan Carter places 57th at World University Triathlon in Germany.

1999

- Nicole Pichert qualifies for Canada junior elite team for 200 world triathlon championships.

- WCHS YMCA draws 50 teams, up to 5 people per team, to the Cross Canada Triathlon. One km in each discipline equals 50 km swimming, 35 km biking, and 2 km running.

- Fred Hemphill and Hella Versfeld win group titles at Canadian Half Ironman Triathlon.

2014

- Peggy Yetman wins ITU World Triathlon Women's age group 45-49 in Edmonton.

.Underwater Hockey

1986

- Fort McMurray Underwater Hockey is founded by Rob Hargreaves

Volleyball

1973

- Fort McMurray Ladies Volleyball League is formed.

1976

- Roadrunners win the regular season championship in the 14-team Fort McMurray Women's Volleyball League.

1978

- Grade 10 student Mark Humeniuk earns provincial status as a volleyball referee.

1979

- Fort McMurray School Athletic Association adopts standard rules for girls' sports and lowers the volleyball net from 7'6" to 7'2".
- Fort McMurray Ladies Volleyball League and Thickwood Ladies Volleyball League have 28 teams and more than 300 players.
- Fort MacKay, captained by Ron Hyde, participates in the Fort McMurray Men's Volleyball League.

1980

- Peter Pond secures the Fort McMurray Men's Volleyball League, coached by Bruce Gabriel.
- Snowbirds defeat Sam's Rookies to win A division Fort McMurray Ladies Volleyball League 15-9, 12-15, 15-9.
- Entertainers win the Thickwood Ladies Volleyball League.

1981

- AMP wins Fort McMurray Men's Volleyball League undefeated.

1982

- Snowbirds capture Fort McMurray Ladies Volleyball League A Division.

1983

- For the second consecutive year, men's beach volleyball is won by Eric Skinner, Curtis J. Phillips, and Wes Herbert at the Festival of the Lake at Gregoire Lake (Willow Lake).
- More than 9,000 people attend.

1984

- Grey Goose Northern Lights are formed as a women's rep volleyball team composed of players from Fort McMurray Ladies Volleyball League and Thickwood Ladies Volleyball League.
- Father Patrick Mercredi Community High School Trappers girls' volleyball team play overseas in the Netherlands.
- Head coach J.P. Desaulniers guides them to 10th place (out of 47 teams) in the 4th Kildricht International Volleyball Tournament held in Antwerp, Belgium.
- Canadian men's national volleyball team plays an exhibition game.
- Sapphires win the inaugural Fort McMurray Co-ed Volleyball Beach Tournament.

1987

- There are 52 ladies volleyball teams in town.

1989

- Keyano announces it will enter men's and women's volleyball ACAC for 1990-91.

- Canadian men's volleyball team take on Korea in exhibition action, losing 15-4, 15-5, 15-9 at WCHS Gym.

- WCHS Trojans win Zone girls volleyball beating Lloydminster Barons 15-7, 15-8.

1990

- December 9, Keyano Huskies women win their first ever ACAC game beating Olds Broncos at home 15-6, 15-10, 15-13 and 15-12, 15-11, 15-13. Middle blocker Janet Hrabec has 18 kills.

- FMC Miners 1990 3A Girls Volleyball win gold.

1991

- Jobina Bessant, Jackie Ham, and Joanne Satkunas make Team Alberta Midget girls volleyball team.

1992

- FMC Miners girls win silver at volleyball provincials 3A in Lacombe.

1993

- Huskies Midget Volleyball Club win Midget Boys Tier II Provincial Volleyball Tournament with a 7-0 record.

- Keyano Huskies beat High School All Stars 16-4 and 15-7. Men's All Stars beat Huskies 16-14, 15-13.

- WCHS Trojans book practice time at the Snake Pit a day prior to first Challenge Cup volleyball game vs host Comp.

1994

- High School All Stars beat Keyano Huskies men 10-15, 15-9, 15-9. Women's High School All Stars lose to Keyano women 15-6, 12-15, 11-15.

- Loren Jacula, 1993 KC men's volleyball MVP, leaves to play for Camosun College.

- Fiona Waters is named U Sports Women's Volleyball Championship MVP while playing for the University of Calgary Dinos.

1995

- ASG: Ivan Lee and Jonathon Walsh win silver in outdoor volleyball.

- Krista DeSilva and Julie Mulhall receive partial scholarships to play volleyball and fastball, respectively, for the University of Jamestown in Jamestown, North Dakota.

- Ian Allan, Huskies men's volleyball coach, is assistant coach for Team Alberta juvenile boys at 1997 Canada Games.

- Huskies coach Travis Guinand down to eight players due to injuries.

- Keyano Huskies women's volleyball team impacted.

1996

- Loreen Leavey earns All-Conference in women's North ACAC Keyano volleyball.

1997

- Angela Sereda's 7 kills lead FMCN Trappers to a 15-7, 15-6 win over WCHS for Challenge Cup title.

- Keyano College Athletic Director Ian Allan selected as assistant coach for Team Alberta men's volleyball team at Canada Summer Games.

1998

- Mical Dyck named to provincial midget girls volleyball team.

- Daniel Langille named to juvenile boys provincial volleyball team.

- In their last match of the year, Keyano Huskies men break a three-year winless streak in ACAC volleyball, beating King College 16-17, 15-13, 9-15, 15-13, 15-12.

- Keyano College Huskies men's volleyball team wins the ACAC Ron Lavery Fair Play Award.
 - Fernando Pardo named Keyano's new recreation director and men's volleyball coach for 1999-2000.
- 1999
- Greg Rowden, 44, suits up for Keyano Huskies men's volleyball team. Last played at Briercrest Bible College in 1978. Assistant coach fills in for short-staffed roster in January.
 - For the third year in a row, Trappers girls win Challenge Cup volleyball.
 - Mical Dyck, 17, part of WCHS and Team Alberta Juvenile volleyball team.
 - Christine Hartop, KC Huskies, leads ACAC in aces per set with 4.7 in 1999 and ties the league record with 14 aces in one match.
 - Christine Hartop, Huskies, named to first team ACAC women's volleyball.

2000

- Tracy Cunningham, Grade 7-8 coach of Westview boys volleyball, awarded TODAY Atco Electric Kids for Coaches annual award.

2002

- Northern Lights Volleyball Club is formed.
- Fort McMurray Huskies juvenile boys club volleyball win Tier II provincials in Grande Prairie.
 - Alberta North gold medal Nuuk, Greenland ARWG

2003

- Adib Kadi wins silver with Team Alberta at Western Canada Summer Games.
- Huskies Brian Garnett and Tracey Muyres named ACAC all-star volleyball players.

2006

- Jacqueline Doleman takes silver medal with Calgary's Julian Festival at Western Elites Beach Volleyball.

2007

- Alwyn Piche (Keyano) named National Aboriginal Role Model.
- Announcement: Keyano to host 2008-09 CCAA Men's Nationals (Syncrude Centre).

2009

- Coldwell Banker Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Men's Volleyball National Championships are hosted by Keyano Huskies.
- Huskies' Trent Mason is named CCAA Men's Volleyball Coach of the Year while Huskies' Alwyn Piche is named CCAA Male Volleyball Player of the Year.

2010

- Ivan Kartev joins the Keyano Huskies men's volleyball program. At 7-foot-1, he is the tallest post-secondary volleyball player in the world.
- Nicole Ban plays professional volleyball in Norway for the Oslo Volley Club.

2012

- Nicole Ban plays pro volleyball in Norway for Oslo Volley Club.
- Keyano men's volleyball ranked No. 11 in CCAA.

2013

- Alwyn Piche (Keyano Huskies) named CCAA Male Volleyball Player of the Year (2nd time).

2014

- 3A Boys Volleyball Provincials hosted (Nov. 20-22).

- Karen Waddington, a student advisor at Keyano College, is set to become an assistant coach with the Keyano Huskies women's volleyball team. Waddington played volleyball for the University of Oregon Ducks from 2004-2007 and was a two-time NCAA all-star.

2016

- Blazej Pellowski named CCAA All Canadian for Keyano Huskies men's volleyball.
- Keyano Huskies Niki Friesen named a CCAA All Canadian for women's volleyball.

2017

- Pan Am Cup U-21 Men's Volleyball Championships hosted by Keyano Huskies. Brazil wins.
- WBSHF inductees: Alwyn Piche (Volleyball), Lori Olson Johns (Curling), Ernie Kimball (Special Olympics), Curtis J. Phillips (Builder & Media).

2019

- Keyano Huskies Keegan Kuhr, for the second time, named ACAC men's volleyball Coach of the Year.
- Keyano Huskies win the ACAC Men's volleyball provincial title.

2020

- Ecole McTavish's Riley Brunet plays men's volleyball for Brandon Bobcats.
- Marauder boys are Alberta's 3A high school silver medalists.

2023

- ARWG Gold Medalists (Team Alberta North Female): Natasa Maric.
- ARWG Gold Medalists (Team Alberta North Male): Aneesh Jhanwar.
- Thunder VC 14U girls win national championship.

2025

- Men's Volleyball: Tim Ebbs (Keyano College) will compete for Australia.

Wallyball

1986

- The sport of Wallyball is a big hit at MIRC.

1987

- Wrecking Crew wins the Wallyball tournament at MIRC.

Water Polo

Rumour had it that a bid for the Water Polo World Championships was made for the future opening of the MIP world-class swimming pool

Water Skiing

1982

A water ski clinic is held at Willow Lake

2016

- Ellie Germain wins overall silver and Drew Germain bronze at Canadian National Water Ski Championships.

Weight Lifting

1971

- David Walsh and March Girard qualify for Canadian fitness test special awards of excellence.

1979

- The Fort McMurray Weightlifting Club changes its name to Family Fitness Club.
- A universal gym is brought into Father Beauregard School.

1983

- Footnotes opens as Fort McMurray's first health club just for women. One of the instructors is bodybuilder Mary Ann Lenc.

1985

- Dennis Comeau powers his way to the 198 lb. class trophy at the Western Canadian Powerlifting Championships.
- Max Leitz wins junior division (16 to 21) at Canada Cup Weight Lifting Meet, cleaning 67.5 lbs. in snatch and 87.5 lbs. in clean and jerk.
- Ben Goodyear sets a provincial powerlifting squat record in his class (181 pounds) with a lift of 534.6 pounds.

1987

- Ben Goodyear, 35, competes at Canadian National Powerlifting Championships with a squat lift of 574 pounds in masters division.

1989

- Ben Goodyear secures 198-pound weight division at Alberta Weightlifting finals.
- He squatted 550 pounds, bench pressed 319 pounds, and deadlifted 547 pounds.
- Fort McMurray Fire Department beats RCMP in annual three-event weight lifting competition with total weight of 5,278 pounds compared to 5,154 pounds.
- Jim O'Brien lifts 1,338 pounds for Fire Department and Bob Johnson lifts 1,196 for RCMP, top individuals.

1990

- Tony Perry wins Alberta powerlifting with combined lifts of 1,427 pounds.

1994

- Tony Perry (90 kilo), Darren Perry (100 kilo), and Glenn Novie win first place in their divisions at Alberta Open.

1995

- Tony Perry hoists 370 pounds in bench press, setting new provincial standard.

1996

- At Syncrude Canada firefighters World Firefighter Games, Tony Perry gold in powerlifting, Terry Edmunds silver in weight class.

1997

- Tony Perry and Glen Cormier place second and third in 181-pound class at Alberta Powerlifting Championships.

1999

- Matthew Yang takes gold in 16-and-under bench press 105 kg at Alberta School Power Lifting Foundation event.

2010

- Shane Dixon is World Champion in his weight division and age group at the 100% Raw Powerlifting Federation. The 6-foot, 240-pound athlete had a deadlift of 601 pounds, a 435-pound squat, and a 342-pound bench press.

2013

- The 5th Oilsands Classic Strongman/Strongwomen Contest is held at the Casman Centre. Magnus Ver Magnusson, four-time World's Strongest Man (1991, 1994, 1995, 1996), is the special guest.

2014

- Katrina Burton wins her fourth provincial title in Olympic Weightlifting.

2020

- Fort McMurray strongman Leif Palsen sets two Canadian records at the Shellshock 5 competition in Edmonton, setting the block press record at 301 lbs. and the axle deadlift at 700 lbs.

Windsurfing

1982

Coyote Ugly Board Sailing Club hosts its first Island Regatta at Willow Lake.

- Fred Kozlo places 17th at the Canadian Windsurfing Championships.

1985

At the ASG, Dennis Lewandoski takes second in windsurfing.

Wrestling

1977

- Gauntlet Wrestling is held at Peter Pond School with 28 matches.

1978

- AWG Medicine Hat wrestlers in 14-15 age group: Mark Humeniuk wins 127-pound gold, Cameron Petty gold heavyweight.

1979

- Jake "The Snake" Roberts and Brett "The Hitman" Hart entertain 600 fans as part of Calgary Stampede Wrestling.

- FMCH High School Miners' Guy Hayes is ASAA provincial wrestling champion in 63 kg class. Teammate Al MacMullin claims bronze in 61 kg class.

1980

- Composite High School hosts ASAA Rural Wrestling Championships. Guy Hayes wins 65 kg class at Rural Provincial Wrestling Championships.

1982

- AWG gold for wrestlers John Holmes (103 pounds), Sean Carberry (134 pounds), and James Holmes (191 pounds).

1985

- Father Mercredi and FMCH combined wrestling teams win team bronze at Rural Provincial Wrestling Championships.

1987

- Calgary Stampede wrestling in town. • Owen Hart wins 15-man Battle Royal against Bad News Allen before 1,200 at WCHS Gym. Guest referee is TODAY sports editor Curtis J. Phillips.

1988

- Colin Dickerson takes bronze in 88 kg wrestling for Father Mercredi.

1993

- Prime Time Pro Wrestling at Thickwood Arena May 15 features Rick "The Model" Martel vs Jacques Rougeau.

1994

- AWG Wrestling: Jody Peters wins 1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze. Brad Malley wins 3 bronze.

1995

- Father Mercredi wins 2 gold, 2 silver, and bronze at Provincial high school rural wrestling championships. Wade Sturge and Nicole Urness win gold.

1996

- Trish Leibel national title in senior women's 61 kg class wrestling.
- ARWG Dustin Booth title in 67 kg Inuit Traditional Wrestling.
- Wade Sturge wins senior men's open at Alberta Espoir and Senior Men's Wrestling Championships.

1998

- Trish Leibel, 20, wins gold in 62 kg weight class in wrestling at Pan Am Games. Places 4th at World Championships.
- Westview's Erin Ranville wins 42 kg class at University of Alberta junior and senior high provincial wrestling championships.

2001

- WCHS Trojans No. 1 at ASAA Rural Wrestling Championships.
- Local athletes shining for Alberta CIU university teams: Jennie Young (wrestling), Darren Langille (volleyball), Chad Kozak (cross country), Simon Pacey (football), Adrian Tull (swimming), and Heather Gladue (soccer).

2003

- WCHS Trojans win three golds at ASAA provincials (Nick Edmunds 90 kg).
- Nick Edmunds wins 2003 Canadian 90 kg Roman Greco championship.
- Meghan Young earns bronze in girls freestyle 75-90 kg.

2004

- Father Mercredi wrestling girls win gold with Sarah MacDonald.

2005

- Meaghan Young goes undefeated and captures gold in women's wrestling 75–90 kilogram weight class at Canada Summer Games in Regina.

2023

- Monster Pro Wrestling returns to town after 20 years absence. Features local Cameron Brake, who wrestles as "Buckshot" Bobby Brake.

2025

- WCHS wrestlers Joel Pilgrim (82 k) boys and Kameko Fuchihara (47 k) girls win gold in ASAA rural wrestling provincials.
- Ecole McTavish Corbin Thomas earns gold in boys 90 k weight class.

Miscellaneous

1936

- Sports rivalry starts as St. John's Roman Catholic School, with 45 students ranging from Grade 1 to 10, competes against McMurray Public School, which has been open for 24 years.

1948

- McMurray Boys Club holds a dance and raffle, raising \$125 for sports supplies. • R.H. (Happy) Cave is elected president of Dominion Sports Day.

1956

- St. John School gymnasium opens.

1966

- Chuck Knight begins campaigning for a year-round recreation facility to be located at MIRC.
- John Lambert arrives in Fort McMurray as Recreational Director for Great Canadian Oil Sands. He is instrumental in assisting with the development of the Miskanaw Golf Course, Noralta Figure Skating Club, Fort McMurray Tennis Club, and the Ski Club on the Simons-Lukas property in Abasand.

1968

- The Board of Administrators agrees to expand the King Street arena with an addition to provide extra locker room facilities. It is named Townsite Arena.

1975

- The YMCA opens a branch in Fort McMurray.
- Fort McMurray Town Council appoints a Steering Committee to oversee the construction of the MIRC.
- MIRC is announced a "go" for \$18.5 million.

1976

- YMCA hires its first full-time director, Colin Mangan.

1977

- MIRC Steering Committee rejects a proposal that the golf, tennis, and curling clubs have control over the building project.

1978

- The MIRC opens, featuring the Miskanaw Golf Course, three baseball fields, a football and soccer field, four tennis courts, cross-country ski trails, a cricket pitch, archery, and an indoor facility that includes ice rinks and a 12-sheet curling rink. MIRC opens its doors in November.
- There are nine tennis courts, 15 diamonds, and six soccer pitches.
- The Fort McMurray Schools Athletic Association is formed. Chairman is Lawrence Chomos, principal at St. John's School.
- Syncrude opening wheelbarrow race – 10 men push 50 pounds of tar sand in a wheelbarrow for a distance of 24.3 kilometres. Winners are Dave Matthews, John Ackerman, Gil Whyatt, Grant Burson, Paul Sutherland, John Gibbs, Dave Donald, Glen McNamara, Anthony Valadz, and Roy Jahelka.

1979

- Birchwood Junior High School's new scoreboard is dedicated to John Austin, who died in 1978 in a bicycle accident.
- Glass backboards are installed at Gregoire Recreation Centre.

1980

- Thickwood Heights Arena opens in December.

- Junior High Male and Female Athletes of the Year: Ben Bhatti and Kerri Hewitt (Peter Pond), Lisa S. and Brian McConnell (Birchwood), and Val Dakin and Blair Dakin (St. John's).

1981

- Profoot Sports closes its doors.
- In May, Fort McMurray TODAY featured its first-ever five pages of sports in a regular daily edition. This included the Friday weekly column by Sports Editor Jerry Skowronski.

1982

Mark Connolly is the first radio play-by-play announcer for the Fort McMurray Oil Barons Junior A hockey team on CJK

1983

- Construction starts on Spruce Valley Ski Hill located in Sapræe Creek.
- Fort McMurray is awarded the 1985 ASG.
- The Challenge Cup is established with guidelines by physical education leaders Judy Haleko, Pam Joslin, and Fort McMurray TODAY sports reporter Curtis J. Phillips. It is a series of competitive athletic events between Fort McMurray's senior high schools.
- Friday, October 21, the Fort McMurray TODAY sports section exceeded five pages for the first time (outside of special editions), totaling seven pages. Local stories covered Labatt's Gentlemen's Hockey League, minor softball, Suncor Blades, Fort McMurray Oil Barons, Fort McMurray Voyageurs, Fort McMurray Black Hawks, boxing, Nordic skiing, and stock cars. Sports Editor Jerry Skowronski and Sports Writer Curtis J. Phillips provided the coverage.

1984

- MIRC announces it will build a 6,000-seat arena along with a wave pool and 50-metre pool.
- September 20, students from Father Patrick Mercredi Community High School and FMCH High School meet at the centre of Grant MacEwan Bridge to sign a proclamation stating that the Challenge Cup is officially on.
- December, Fort McMurray TODAY published six full pages of local sports, with Curtis J. Phillips as sports writer assisted by editor Lou Kohlman and staff writers Mike Board, Kevin Martin, and others.
- The show This Week in Sports premiered on ABC Channel 10, hosted by Guy Boutilier.

1985

- Keyano College Recreation Department Co-coordinator Wayne Thomas announces on May 29 that Keyano College will enter the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference. To be known as the Huskies, they will compete in 1985-86 in badminton, bowling, curling, and racquetball.
- Harbir Bains and Marguerite Whiffen are named Father Patrick Mercredi Male and Female Athletes of the Year.
- Keyano Huskies award their inaugural Guy and Gal Sports Awards to Joel LeBlanc and Lorrie Lemay.
- Led by Edmonton Journal's Marty Knack, Curtis J. Phillips from Fort McMurray TODAY served on the committee selecting Alberta Sports Male, Female, and Team of the Year.
- Rene Bornowsky wrote the "Summer in the City" column with updates from City Parks and Recreation.
- This Week in Sports hosted by Guy Boutilier on ABC Channel 10 won the top award for sports production at the Midwest Region Community Cable Awards.

1986

- A total of 203 local athletes win 85 medals at the Northeastern AWG. Badminton and gymnastics account for 46 of them.
- Fort McMurray TODAY temporarily suspended coverage of the Fort McMurray Black Hawks and Fort McMurray Voyagers (Northern Alberta Junior B Hockey League, 1984–85) due to organizational and fan-related issues. The Slave Lake Wolves won the league title, defeating the Black Hawks 12-4 in the final game of a three-day, six-game playoff.
- Guy Boutilier began writing a local column called “The High Five” in Fort McMurray TODAY.

1987

- Fort McMurray hosts the 1988 Winter Olympic Games Torch Relay on February 5 as it travels to host city Calgary. Due to extremely frigid weather, it is televised on ABC Channel 10 so students can watch from local schools. Hosts are Curtis J. Phillips and Mike Whalen.
- Northern Lights Winter Sports Festival is held with alpine skiing, bobsleigh, biathlon, Nordic combined ski jumping, speed skating, luge, and figure skating.
- Challenge Cup III is captured by FMCH High School.

1988

- Les Szucs of Composite High is named Fort McMurray TODAY Coach of the Year.
- Willie Hoflin receives Celebration '88 award for his volunteer work in local sports.

1989

- Don Reid, 37, is named Coach of the Year by Fort McMurray TODAY.

1991

- Local athletes win 73 medals at the ASG – 19 gold, 27 silver, and 27 bronze.
- WCHS Trojans win Challenge Cup for the second year in a row.
- Keyano Huskies Athletes of the Year are Trish Shea (swimming) and Todd Ripka (men’s volleyball).
 - Sandra Hofer wrote a column titled On the Island for Mac Island in the TODAY.

1992

- The 1992 AWG were viewed across Canada thanks to Bob Lamb, owner of Alberta Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), which is now under the Shaw banner. More than 350 volunteers for broadcast.

1993

- On behalf of its citizens and its Council, City of Fort McMurray Mayor Guy Boutilier renames the MIP Complex the C.A. Knight Recreation Centre.
- The WCHS YMCA has a membership of 1,900.
- Dr. Ken Nickerson and Leo Robert are appointed Co-Chairs of the Organizing Committee for the 2003 Alberta Senior Games.

1994

- Jackie Ham and Bruce Rumbolt are named FMCH Miners Female and Male Athletes of the Year.
- Lori Olson and Chad Kozak earn the same distinction at WCHS.
- Peter Golanski is named Coach of the Year by Alberta Sport Council, Alberta Energy Company Pipeline, and Fort McMurray TODAY.

1995

- FLY Dome opens on MacKenzie Boulevard as a multi-sport air-supported structure. It will close two years later.

1997

- Craig Bussey and Jerry Skowronski hosted Plugged In, a sports show on ABC TV10.
- Mike Parker, blind at birth, hosted Five Star Fishing on Shaw Cable 10.
 - After 11 years as the Oil Barons play-by-play man Mark Stiles heads to Calgary to announce for the WHL Calgary Hitman.

2013

- Robert Murray starts as sports writer at the Fort McMurray TODAY.

Fort McMurray Oil Barons 1981 – 1999

Ice hockey isn't just a sport in Canada; it's a way of life, especially in regions like Fort McMurray and Northern Alberta where the passion for the game runs deep.

The Beginning: A Visionary Leader

In the early 1970s, Fort McMurray, Alberta was on the brink of transformation.

Arriving from Nova Scotia in 1973, Ches Dicks quickly became a cornerstone of the community. A dedicated volunteer, Dicks was involved in various local initiatives, including serving as emcee for numerous events and holding the presidency in various adult sports leagues, including gentlemen's hockey and men's fastball.

However, it was his unwavering commitment to ice hockey that would leave an indelible mark on the community; he became the Founding Father of the Fort McMurray Oil Barons which are part of the Alberta Junior A Hockey League (AJHL)

In June 1981, Ches Dicks made a compelling presentation to the AJHL board in Red Deer, showcasing his vision for a professional hockey team. He had the backing of notable NHL players, including Mark Messier and Kevin Lowe of the Edmonton Oilers, Danny Gare of the Buffalo Sabres, and Mickey Volcan of the Hartford Whalers. This notable support helped legitimize the Oil Barons' bid for an AJHL franchise and generated excitement within the community.

As a sign of local commitment, 751 fans promised a \$25 down payment for season tickets at the Thickwood Heights Arena (THA), demonstrating strong community backing for the new team. With these steps completed, Fort McMurray was officially granted an AJHL franchise for the 1981-1982 season, alongside the Hobbema Hawks.

Coach Larry Billows

Larry Billows, a seasoned veteran of the semi-pro hockey circuit, was the perfect choice. Having enjoyed an impressive career where he played for 11 years in North American semi-pro hockey, Billows returned to his home province of Saskatchewan, where he coached the Moose Jaw Canucks to remarkable success in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL). His teams recorded back-to-back 40-plus win seasons between 1979 and 1981, showcasing his coaching abilities and tactical acumen.

With a remarkable 75% winning record in the SJHL, Billows was the ideal candidate to lead the Oil Barons as they embarked on their inaugural season in 1981. His experience, expertise, and passion for the game resonated with the community's aspirations for the new team.

The 1981-1982 season marked the beginning of a new chapter for Fort McMurray. Under the guidance of Billows, the Oil Barons quickly established themselves as a competitive force in the AJHL. The community rallied around the team, fueling its growth with dedicated fans that filled the local arena. The excitement surrounding the team not only highlighted the talent of local players but also fostered a sense of pride and unity throughout the region.

Team Naming and Local Involvement

A highlight of the early days was the name selection process, which engaged local youth. Darren Marcischuk, then just 10 years old, won the "Name the Fort McMurray AJHL Team" contest by proposing the name Fort McMurray Oil Barons. Other suggestions included creative options such as Fort McMurray Ice-o-laters, Fort Mac Attackers, and Fort McMurray Muffalooses, but ultimately, the "Oil Barons" became synonymous with the team.

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1981-1982 Season

Player Development and Milestones

The inaugural season boasted significant milestones, including the signing of Robert Lacroix as the first local player to join the Oil Barons with an AJHL card. As the season progressed, the Oil Barons made headlines on the ice and off it.

Home Opener and Early Season Success

The team kicked off its season on September 26, 1981, with a two-game series against the Fort Saskatchewan Traders, splitting the series (losing 3-2 in the first game and winning 5-3 in the second). Key contributions came from players like Blaine Rolling, who scored twice in the victory, and Darren Gardiner, who assisted on four goals during that win.

Despite some player changes, including Greg Squires seeking professional opportunities in Austria, the Oil Barons continued to make strides. The Oil Barons also signed Ron Dunville, the leading scorer from the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) (Estevan Bruins 1979 - 1981 135 games 146 goals 148 assists), further bolstering their offensive options.

All-Star Recognition

The Oil Barons showcased their talent at the AJHL All-Star Game in Red Deer, with Larry Sentes tying the game at 1-1 in the third period. The North Division ultimately triumphed over the South Division, 3-1.

Call the Cops

Oil Barons final game of the season is marred by a second period fight at 5:55. RCMP are called in to calm things down for third period

Successful Season and Awards

Finishing the regular season with 31 wins and 29 losses, the Oil Barons placed second in the five-team AJHL North Division, showcasing their competitive spirit. Max Bell finished third in AJHL scoring with an impressive 54 goals and 50 assists, followed closely by teammate Greg Squires with 31 goals and 64 assists.

In recognition of their achievements, the Oil Barons received several awards at their annual banquet:

AJHL

Most Valuable Player (MVP): Greg Squires

Coach of the Year Larry Billows

Oil Barons Awards

Rookie of the Year: Gilles Gervais

Best Defenceman: Larry Sentes

Offensive Player of the Year: Greg Squires

MVP: Greg Squires and Max Bell shared this honor.

Postseason Performance

Advancing to the AJHL postseason, the Oil Barons defeated the Fort Saskatchewan Traders in a best-of-seven quarterfinal series, winning four games to two. Unfortunately, their playoff run came to an end as they were swept in the semi-finals by the St. Albert Saints, who ultimately won the Centennial Cup as the AJHL champions.

“They were able to get a coach that was well-known (Billows) and he was a no-nonsense guy and he knew exactly what he wanted,” recalled Jerry Skowronski, Fort McMurray TODAY Sports Editor (1980 – 1984). “He wanted toughness. In practice, he would have them fire the puck from centre, past the net. Then one player from the left and one from the right would skate in after the puck and he would have them crash into each other going after the puck.

“He helped establish the team in my mind. He was the right man at the right time for that team.”

Several players on the Oil Barons initial roster, would go on to hockey acclaim: Greg Squires would play three years in the American Central Hockey League, of which two were with the Carolina Thunderbirds; Blaine Rolling would later become an assistant coach with Oil Barons in 2004-05 and 2007-08; Kermit Ecklebarger, a native of Littleton, Colorado, would play three years for University of Denver 1983-86 while teammate Pat Ryan, would wear the jersey of the Western Michigan University Broncos followed by a lengthy pro hockey career in Europe.

Ecklebarger is also credited with the first ever regular season goal for the Oil Barons.

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1982-1983 Season

After a promising inaugural season, the Fort McMurray Oil Barons entered the 1982-1983 AJHL season with new leadership and high aspirations. Having learned valuable lessons from the previous season, they were eager to solidify their place in the junior hockey landscape.

Coaching Transition

With Gary Braun, previously the assistant coach, taking over the head coaching duties for the season, the Oil Barons looked to build on their success. Born in 1948, Braun brought with him a wealth of experience from semi-professional hockey, having played for seven years with 11 different teams. His diverse experience was expected to benefit the team as they ventured into a new season of competition.

Record-Setting Performances

The 1982-1983 season saw some remarkable individual performances. Notably, Rod Slatten made headlines by setting an AJHL record for Most Goals in One Period by scoring five goals against the Hobbema Hawks on February 27, 1983. Despite Slatten's explosive performance, the Oil Barons fell short, losing the game 8-7 in overtime, highlighting the intense competition of the league.

Player Changes

Midway through the season, after 25 games, goalie Randy Workman left the Oil Barons to pursue an opportunity with the Portland Winter Hawks in the Western Hockey League (WHL). His departure marked a significant transition for the team's goaltending responsibilities.

Unique Game Day Atmosphere

Adding a unique flair to home games, Maurice Harvey entertained fans by playing his accordion at Oil Barons games. His presence contributed to a lively atmosphere in the Thickwood Heights Arena, further enhancing the community's enthusiasm for the team.

Scoring Leaders

In terms of scoring, the Oil Barons were led by Rick Pankiw, who had a standout season with 26 goals and 80 assists, totaling 106 points, ranking seventh in the AJHL. Rod Slatten also provided significant offensive contributions, netting 55 goals along with 42 assists. This one-two punch created a formidable offensive lineup that put pressure on opposing defenses throughout the season.

Regular Season Success

The Oil Barons finished the regular season with a strong record of 38 wins and 22 losses (with no ties), outscoring their opponents with 324 goals for and giving up 308 goals against. Their offensive prowess, combined with robust team dynamics, positioned them well for the playoffs.

Playoff Run

In the playoffs, the Oil Barons laid claim to their dominance in the North Division. They swept the Fort Saskatchewan Traders in the quarterfinals and moved on to face the St. Albert Saints in the best-of-seven series for the North Division title. After facing a setback with a loss in Game 2, Oil Barons player Rick Pankiw rallied his teammates with a spirited declaration: "Nobody beats us in our own arena." The Oil Barons bounced back impressively, winning the series 4 games to 1.

Championship Series

The Oil Barons advanced to the AJHL Championship, facing the Calgary Canucks. Although they fought valiantly, they ultimately lost the series 5-4 in Game 4 on April 4, resulting in the Canucks claiming the championship four games to two. The Canucks would go on to face the Abbotsford Flyers in the Doyle Cup, representing the Alberta and British Columbia champions.

Team Awards and Recognition

At season's end, the Oil Barons celebrated individual achievements, with several players recognized for their outstanding contributions:

Oil Barons Awards

Most Valuable Player: Rod Slatten

Most Popular Player: Kermit Ecklebarger

Mr. Hustle: Darren Steer

Most Offensive Player: Rick Pankiw

Best Defenceman: Dale Argue

Rookie of the Year: Mike Reidy

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1983-1984 Season

The Fort McMurray Oil Barons had an eventful season filled with notable events and performances. Here are some highlights:

Exhibition Game: The Toronto NHL Oldtimers Hockey Club, featuring NHL legends like Ron Ellis, Andy Bathgate, Norm Ullman, and Eddie Shack, played an exhibition game against the Oil Barons, showcasing a blend of past and present hockey talent.

Affiliation with Junior Teams: The Oil Barons maintained an affiliation with the Fort McMurray Black Hawks, competing in the Alberta Rural Junior C Hockey League, further enhancing local hockey dynamics.

Broadcasting Partnerships: CJOK Radio established a connection with the Oil Barons by airing 14 home games, with Mark Connolly providing play-by-play commentary and Rodger Cuzner serving as the colour commentator. Connolly later transitioned to a successful career with CBC Sports, becoming a recognizable voice in Olympic coverage.

Confrontation with the Moose Jaw Canucks: Former Oil Barons coach Larry Billows brought the SJHL Moose Jaw Canucks for a matchup against his former team. Unfortunately for the Oil Barons, the Canucks dominated both games, winning 9-3 and 9-0.

High-Scoring Performances: Rob Semchuk had a standout performance, scoring five goals in a thrilling 9-6 victory against the St. Albert Saints, highlighting the offensive capabilities of the team.

Notable Players: Dale Kushner, just 17 years old, showed promise for the future, later enjoying a career in professional hockey, including brief stints with the New York Islanders and Philadelphia Flyers.

All-Star Representation: The Oil Barons were well represented in the AJHL All-Star Game, with Greg Button, Grant Seidlik, Mark Davis, Trevor Pohl, Darren Steer, and Gerry Lamoureux all earning selections.

MVP Recognition: Mark Davis was named the Oil Barons' Most Valuable Player.

Regular Season Record: The Oil Barons wrapped up the regular season with a record of 24 wins, 35 losses, and 1 tie, scoring 255 goals while allowing 315, indicating both offensive potential and defensive struggles.

Playoff Results: In the AJHL North quarter-finals, the Oil Barons faced the Fort Saskatchewan Traders but were swept in four straight games. Coach Gary Braun noted, "We didn't play that bad. We just took some stupid penalties," reflecting on the challenges faced during the crucial playoff series.

This mix of exhibitions, individual highlights, and team challenges made it a memorable season for the Fort McMurray Oil Barons and their fans.

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1984-1985 Season

The 1984-85 season was a challenging yet pivotal period for the Oil Barons as the franchise transitioned to community ownership under the Northern Alberta Athletic Association (NAAA). This move was essential for the team's survival, especially given the financial difficulties experienced by previous private ownership. Bob Campbell, who played a significant role in this transition, underscored the community's backing when he stated, "We went to people in the community and said 'We need help to keep them (Oil Barons) here...!' and we had great support from the community and we were able to pull it out.

"We basically acquired the franchise for \$1," said Campbell, who would also serve as the Oil Barons' President (1984-1987). "The private owners were in hock for big money and we had to go to the AJHL and say, "Hey. Here is what we are able to do."

Under the NAAA, the Oil Barons' season was marked by both tragic incidents and notable statistics. A significant incident occurred when 15-year-old defenceman Doug Bourassa suffered a ruptured spleen after colliding with the goal post during a game on October 18, necessitating emergency surgery.

The team faced competitive struggles, finishing the regular season with a dismal record of 9 wins and 51 losses—the lowest in the franchise's history. They scored 204 goals while allowing a staggering 386, leading to significant challenges on the ice. Coaching changes, such as the dismissal of head coach Dick Olson, who was replaced by former NHL player Barry Gibbs.

Olson's tenure with the Oil Barons came to an end after a disappointing start to the 1984-85 season, as the team recorded a mere 5 wins against 30 losses.

Gibbs had been selected as the No. 1 overall pick by the Boston Bruins in the 1966 NHL Amateur Draft. Over the course of his professional career, Gibbs played a total of 14 years in the NHL, showcasing his skills on the ice as a defenseman.

His experience in the league provided the Oil Barons with a fresh perspective and the hope of turning around a struggling season. Gibbs' knowledge of the game and leadership potential were seen as valuable assets in attempting to bring stability and success to the team amid a challenging year..

The 1984-1985 season for the Oil Barons not only faced struggles on the ice but also dealt with unexpected challenges off the ice. One of the most alarming incidents occurred in late February when the team was returning from a four-game road trip. Tragically, the bus carrying the Oil Barons was hit by flying logs that fell from a logging truck, resulting in minor injuries to 10 players. The incident highlighted the precarious nature of travel for junior hockey teams and added to the overall tumultuous season.

Moments of notable achievement came during a game against the Red Deer Rustlers on January 6, an AJHL record was set for the most shots on goal in a single game at 81, with the Oil Barons' Jamie Stewart recording an impressive 74 saves.

Additionally, while no players were selected for the AJHL All-Star Game, individual players received recognition within the team. Local awards went to Monty Dewey for the Hustle Award, Randy Keller as Best Defensive Player, Mike Yaceyko as Unsung Hero, and Tim Whaley as Rookie of the Year for his performance as a goaltender.

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1985-1986 Season-

The season kicked off positively with an exhibition win against the University of Alberta Golden Bears, led by Dan Hart's two-goal performance. However, inconsistencies quickly plagued the team. On November 17, they suffered a 7-4 defeat against the Hobbema Hawks on home ice, with local players Shawn Wheeler and Darryl Harpe shining in the win, each contributing two goals.

Midway through the season, head coach Barry Gibbs made the decision to step down from his coaching position, citing business commitments that prevented him from dedicating adequate time to the team. Assistant coach Rodger Cuzner also resigned, leading to Ivan Prediger taking over the coaching duties. Gibbs remained involved with the Oil Barons as General Manager, intending to foster the team's development while managing broader organizational responsibilities.

"The main reason behind the decision was that his (Gibbs) business commitments were taking him away from the team more than he wanted to." said NAAA President Bob Campbell

One notable incident during the season was a two-game series against the Calgary Spurs, which spiraled into chaos, resulting in a staggering 262 penalty minutes over just five periods before the series was called off after the second game.

in an exciting AJHL All-Star Game held in Fort McMurray, the North team showcased their talent by decisively defeating the South with a score of 5-1. Dwayne Willis stood out among the players, earning the title of Game MVP for his exceptional performance.

Other notable Oil Barons players included Brent Morrison, Dan Hart, and Barry Kress, all of whom contributed to the North's victory. The event attracted a notable crowd, including scouts from several prominent teams and universities, such as the Minnesota North Stars, Edmonton Oilers, University of Denver, University of Wisconsin, and North Dakota Fighting Sioux. These scouts were on the lookout for talent in the AJHL, making the showcase an opportunity for the players to gain attention for their future hockey careers.

The team showcased several standout players who provided balanced offensive output. Barry Kress led the team with an impressive 89 points (47 goals, 42 assists), matched by Brent Morrison, who also reached 89 points (38 goals, 51 assists). Other offensive contributors included Dan Hart with 79 points (42 goals, 37 assists) and Dwayne Willis with 76 points (17 goals, 59 assists). Their contributions demonstrated a potent scoring ability that hinted at the team's potential.

In terms of overall performance, the Oil Barons finished the season with a record of 16 wins and 36 losses. They scored 243 goals while allowing 317, and accumulated a staggering 2,567 penalty minutes, reflecting both their competitive spirit and the intense nature of their play.

In the playoffs, the Oil Barons managed to secure a victory against the St. Albert Saints in the AJHL quarterfinals. However, their run came to an end in the semi-finals when they faced the Sherwood Park Crusaders.

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1986-1987 Season-

Oil Barons opened the season with a dominant performance against the Olds Grizzlies, winning 8-0 and then 8-6, with Barry Kress standing out in the latter game by scoring three goals and adding two assists. Head coach Ivan Prediger praised Kress's talent, noting that while his conditioning could improve, his skills were unmatched.

Throughout the regular season, Lubo Dzurilla emerged as a star for the Oil Barons, tallying an impressive 86 assists and 40 goals, leading the AJHL in scoring with a total of 126 points. He also tied the AJHL career points record with 369 points, accomplishing this feat in a thrilling 4-3 victory over the Olds Grizzlies in their final game of the season.

Local hero Trevor Buchanan made his mark by appearing in two games this season. He would be drafted by the Hartford Whalers in the 10th round, 199th overall, in the 1989 NHL Entry Draft.

The AJHL All-Star Game showcased the talents of several Oil Barons, including Darin Day, Shane Prestegard, Randy Keller, Barry Kress, and Lubo Dzurilla, who collectively helped the North team secure a convincing 10-4 victory.

Over the course of the regular season, the Oil Barons finished with a record of 30 wins, 28 losses, and 2 ties, accumulating 300 goals while allowing 292 against. However, their playoff run was cut short as they fell to the St. Albert Saints 4-2 in the best-of-seven AJHL quarter-finals.

Numerous players received accolades at the season's end, with Gates Genereux being named the Oil Barons' MVP and Brian Shantz earning Rookie of the Year honours. Other awards included Shane Prestegard as Best Defenceman, Randy Keller as the Hustler award recipient, and Barry Kress recognized as the Offensive Player of the Year.

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1987-1988

The Oil Barons began the season on a rough note, with a three-game road trip that saw them outscored 29-9, setting a difficult tone for the season ahead.

Former player Max Bell was honored as the first member of the Oil Barons Wall of Fame, with his jersey number 18 set to be permanently worn by the team starting in 1988 to celebrate his contributions.

As morale plummeted, the team made a major coaching change on November 22, firing Coach Ivan Prediger after a disappointing record of three wins and 19 losses. Rick Pankiw, a former player, was appointed as interim coach.

Game Highlights

The Oil Barons faced tough competition, exemplified by an 8-4 loss to a touring Czech junior club. Despite the team struggles, Randy Keller emerged as a standout player, being the sole representative of the Oil Barons to make the AJHL All Star Game.

Ron McNeill garnered attention for his aggressive play, racking up 66 penalty minutes in a single game against the Fort Saskatchewan Traders on January 10.

Tribute and Remembrance

A poignant moment occurred when the team retired the jersey of Richard Warwick, who tragically passed away at age 18 in a car accident while en route to the Oil Barons training camp the previous September.

Standout Performances

Todd French and Allan Stafford both achieved remarkable feats by scoring just three seconds into games after the opening faceoff.

Randy Keller led the team with an impressive 64 goals and 47 assists, receiving the MVP honor of the AJHL for his performance.

Brian Shantz also had a stellar season, contributing significantly with 34 goals and 80 assists.

Season Statistics

The season ended with a disappointing regular season record of 19 wins and 41 losses, with the team scoring 244 goals while allowing 356, highlighting struggles in both offensive and defensive play.

For the second consecutive year, the Oil Barons faced elimination in the AJHL quarterfinals, this time at the hands of the St. Albert Saints.

Awards

The Oil Barons recognized excellence and improvement within their roster with the following awards:

Top Defenceman: Rich Van Ry

Rookie of the Year: Rod Schultz

Hustler of the Year: Don Jordan

Most Improved Player: Todd French.

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Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1988-1989

In July 1988, Terry Maslyk, an accomplished NCCP Level 4 hockey technical coach and Level 3 in theory, was appointed as the new head coach of the Oil Barons. Under his leadership, the team faced significant challenges during the 1988-89 season, culminating in a record of 10 wins, 47 losses, and 3 ties, with a franchise-low total of 160 goals scored and 334 goals against.

Despite the struggles, there were moments of triumph, such as Blaine Keller's power play goal at 5:24 of the third period on December 18, which secured a hard-fought 4-3 victory against the Olds Grizzlys, breaking a daunting 10-game losing streak.

Individual performances stood out as well, particularly that of goaltender Tony Hilderbrand, who earned the Most Valuable Player award for his efforts, stating, "Personally, it was a good year. The team could have done better and made the playoffs, but that's how it goes." Another notable player, Tyler Romanchuk, contributed significantly with 11 goals and 14 assists and would continue his hockey career in the WHL from 1989 to 1994, playing 255 games and scoring 29 goals with 63 assists.

At the end of the season, the Oil Barons recognized several players with annual awards: Todd French was honored as the Top Defenceman, Jamie Soanes earned the Rookie of the Year title, Mark Prefontaine was named Most Improved Player, Shawn Goretzen received the Masterson Award, and Jason Loy was recognized as the Unsung Hero.

On March 1, 1989, Terry Maslyk decided to step down from his head coaching position, remarking, "As much as I enjoyed coaching in McMurray this season, I guess within my philosophy I didn't feel it would be the right situation." This marked the end of a challenging season for the Oil Barons, as they looked to rebuild and improve in the following years.

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1989-1990

Organizational Decisions:

On May 16, 1989, the NAAA voted 14-1 to not withdraw from a planned year of absence in the AJHL, with city council support for advertising rights cited by president Mike Filion.

Rick Pankiw was signed as the head coach for the 1989-90 season, marking his second stint in this role, providing financial relief to the franchise by reducing debt.

In-Season Highlights

Game Performance:

The Oil Barons faced the Soviet Under-18 team as part of the Viking Cup on December 22, 1989, losing 7-5 in front of a packed crowd.

Several players, including Todd French, Reg Cardinal, Kevin Higo, and Blaine Keller, participated in the AJHL All-Star Game.

Under Pankiw's leadership, the team achieved a record of 32 wins, 23 losses, and 2 ties by February 25 but suffered a setback with the loss of defenseman Rod Schultz due to injury.

The team finished the regular season with a North Division title, recording 33 wins, 24 losses, and 3 ties, boasting a positive goal differential with 278 goals for and 273 against.

Playoff Performance

Despite a strong regular season, the Oil Barons were swept in the AJHL North quarter-final series by the Sherwood Park Crusaders.

Awards

Player awards for the 1989-90 season included Rod Stard (MVP), Brad MacQuarrie (Best Hustle), Kevin Higo (Rookie of the Year), Reg Cardinal (Offensive Player), Darryl Romano (Unsung Hero), and T.J. Bahniuk (Most Improved).

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1990-1991

Management Changes:

Five members of the Oil Barons executive resigned after the team's decision to secure a full-time coach and general manager amidst ongoing financial struggles from the previous campaign. In a bid to stabilize and improve the franchise, Brian Blackburn was appointed as President of the Oil Barons. He expressed enthusiasm for the challenge ahead, stating, "I'm excited about it. I think it's a great challenge. I'm going in with my eyes wide open."

Player Highlights:

The team welcomed back forward Brian Shantz, who returned after a promising two-year stint with the WHL Kamloops Blazers. During his time there, Shantz played in 133 games, amassing 72 goals and 126 assists. Upon his return, Shantz made an immediate impact, scoring 26 goals and providing 55 assists in 44 games. Jamie Graham also performed notable well, contributing 40 goals and 34 assists over 50 appearances, ranking second on the team in scoring.

Another highlight of the season was the entry of Sean McFatridge, who, at only 16 years old, earned a spot in the AJHL All-Star Game alongside teammates Jamie Graham, Brian Shantz, and Kevin Higo.

McFtridge expressed growth in his confidence, stating, “It gives me a lot of confidence. Now I don’t have to shy away so much.”

Goalie Challenges:

In a season marked by inconsistency in net, the Oil Barons cycled through eight different goaltenders. John Mulhall played the most, participating in 30 games with a record of 7 wins, 14 losses, and 2 ties, accompanied by a 4.54 goals against average.

Season Performance:

The Oil Barons finished the regular season with a record of 20 wins, 32 losses, and 4 ties, scoring 312 goals and allowing 263 against. The team demonstrated resilience in the playoffs, defeating the St. Albert Saints in the AJHL quarter-finals in a 4-game sweep. However, they faced a tough challenge in the semi-finals, succumbing to the Calgary Royals, being swept in four straight games.

Awards:

The season also saw individual accolades recognizing player contributions. Mike Denison was honored as Best Defenceman, Troy Seibel earned MVP honors for the playoffs, Chris Bannerholt was recognized as the Unsung Hero, and Glen Carrier was named Rookie of the Year.

Notable Events:

The season was also marked by a special event where NHL icon Bobby Hull was a guest at the Oil Barons Sportsman Dinner, adding a touch of glamour and nostalgia to the proceedings.

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1991-1992

New Coach: Bob Murray was appointed as the head coach for the Oil Barons, bringing 15 years of playing and coaching experience from Germany. He would later be recognized as the AJHL Coach of the Year for the season.

New Players:

Marc Pethke and Mirko Ludemann joined the team from Germany. Both were members of the German national junior team.

Pethke would go on to become an AJHL All Star and represent Germany in the 1993 World Junior U-20 Championships.

Ludemann later had a notable career in the WHL and then played for the Cologne Sharks from 1994 to 2016.

Standout Performances

Daryl Romano made headlines on December 1, 1991, scoring three shorthanded goals in an 8-6 victory against the Sherwood Park Crusaders, and finished his career with 164 assists as a member of the Oil Barons.

Chris LaFreniere returned from the Spokane Chiefs, now a Memorial Cup champion, and earned recognition as the AJHL Top Defenceman. He, along with Ludemann, Romano, Reggie Cardinal, Ryan Austin, and Travis Cunningham, was named to the AJHL All-Star Game.

Goalie Richard Parent was acquired in November, strengthening the team's lineup.

Banquets and Recognition

The Oil Barons hosted their 2nd Sports Celebrity Banquet, featuring appearances by hockey legend Gordie Howe, goalie John Davidson, and baseball icon Ferguson Jenkins.

Team Performance

The Oil Barons achieved a strong regular season record with 38 wins, 18 losses, and 4 ties, scoring 312 goals for and allowing 263 goals against.

They successfully navigated the playoffs, defeating the Calgary Canucks 4-games-to-3 in the quarterfinals and edging out the Lloydminster Blazers 4-games-to-3 in the semifinals.

Championship Outcome

The Oil Barons reached the AJHL Championship but were ultimately defeated by the Olds Grizzlys with a series score of 4-games-to-1. The Grizzlys, however, fell to the Vernon Lakers in the Doyle Cup.

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1992-1993

The 1992-1993 season was notable for the Oil Barons, highlighted by remarkable performances from several players and a competitive season overall. Hometown hero Bobby Stewart made a significant impact, being named the AJHL Rookie of the Year. Stewart had an outstanding season, recording 40 goals and 47 assists in 55 games, including an impressive performance on November 7, 1992, where he scored four power play goals against the Bonnyville Pontiacs in a dominant 13-2 victory.

Another standout was Tony Frenette, who wasted no time making his mark, scoring just six seconds after the opening faceoff against the Sherwood Park Crusaders on October 24, 1992, leading the team to a 5-3 victory. Travis Cunningham also impressed with his scoring ability, contributing 34 goals and 51 assists over 54 contests.

The Oil Barons had a solid regular season, finishing with a record of 33 wins, 22 losses, and 1 tie, scoring 293 goals while allowing 238 against. Their hard work paid off in the playoffs as they swept the Lloydminster Blazers in the AJHL quarterfinals, winning the series 5-games-to-none. However, their playoff run ended in disappointment as they were swept by the Olds Grizzlys in the semi-finals.

In addition to these individual achievements, several players, including Bret Mohninger, Trent Kapfhamer, Chad Seibel, John Murgatroyd, and Bobby Stewart, were selected to participate in the AJHL

All-Star Game, further showcasing the talent within the team. Overall, the season was a mix of impressive individual performances and team successes, setting a promising foundation for the future

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1993-1994

Bobby Stewart leads the team in scoring during this season with a total of 35 goals, 55 assists, and 135 penalty minutes in 54 games.

Newcomer Ross Harris scores 54 goals and 25 assists in 45 games. He becomes the fourth Oil Baron to achieve 50 goals in a season, scoring two goals in a game against the Lloydminster Blazers on February 13.

Historical Context for Ross Harris:

Harris joins an elite group of Oil Barons scorers, previously represented by Max Bell (54 goals in 1980-81), Rod Slatten (55 goals in 1982-83), and Randy Keller (64 goals in 1987-88). After two seasons, Harris turns professional and becomes a prolific scorer, amassing 325 goals and 376 assists over eight years in professional leagues.

Goaltending Performance:

Rich Parent records 1,000 saves with a commendable save percentage of 0.917 while accumulating 1,722 minutes of play in 30 games.

Overall Team Performance:

Regular Season Record: The Oil Barons finish with a record of 29 wins, 22 losses, and 5 ties, scoring a total of 251 goals while allowing 214 goals against.

Playoff Performance:

Quarterfinals: The Oil Barons win a hard-fought series against the Calgary Canucks, clinching the series 4-games-to-3.

Semifinals: They advance past the Sherwood Park Crusaders with a 4-games-to-2 victory.

Championship Finals:

The Oil Barons face the Olds Grizzlys in the AJHL Championship but fall short, losing 4-2 in the best-of-seven series.

The Grizzlys go on to win the Doyle Cup and subsequently capture the Centennial Cup.

Individual Awards:

Chris Phillips, at just 15 years old, is recognized as the AJHL Rookie of the Year, contributing six goals and 16 assists over 56 games.

Terrence Oliver earns the AJHL title of Best Defenceman.

A.J. Aitken is awarded the AJHL Most Sportsmanlike Player.

Leadership Changes:

Nick DeHoog is appointed the fifth president of the Oil Barons, a role he will maintain until 2008. Fran Gow, having previously served as the assistant coach for two years, is named head coach and guides the team through the 1999-2000 season.

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1994-1995

Key Player Acquisition: The Oil Barons acquired Harry York, the 1993-1994 AJHL MVP from the Bonnyville Pontiacs, where he scored 38 goals and added 62 assists in 56 games.

Team Milestones:

Greg Squires was inducted into the Oil Barons Hall of Fame.
Wendell Hodgson was named assistant coach, replacing Gates Genereux.
Chris Phillips was selected to represent Team Canada at the Pacific Cup.

All-Star Recognition: Harry York, Chris Phillips, A.J. Aitken, Russel Sharp, and Sean Halifax were chosen to participate in the 1994-95 AJHL All-Star Game.

Player Performances:

Harry York led the AJHL in scoring with 36 goals and 73 assists in 54 games.
Centre A.J. Aitkens, 19, registered 16 goals and 46 assists in 55 games.
Bobby Stewart returned to the Oil Barons after a semester with the University of Alaska NCAA Division I hockey program, playing 13 games and contributing 8 goals and 6 assists.

Regular Season Record: The Oil Barons finished with a record of 31 wins, 20 losses, and 5 ties. They scored 258 goals and allowed 221 goals.

Playoffs: The Oil Barons advanced to the quarter-finals, defeating the Calgary Royals 4 games to 1, but were eliminated in the semi-finals by the Calgary Canucks, losing the series 4 games to 3.

Summary

The Oil Barons had a notable season marked by significant player acquisitions, coaching changes, player achievements, and a competitive playoff run. Harry York's outstanding perform

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1995-1996

. AJHL All-Star Players:

A.J. Aitken, Darren Tiemstra, Brad Mueller, Russell Sharp, and Kent Baumbach were selected to represent the Oil Barons in the AJHL All-Star Games.
Fran Gow served as the coach for the North Division team.

A.J. Aitken:

A.J. Aitken was named the AJHL MVP, showcasing an outstanding season with impressive statistics of 46 goals and 48 assists in 58 games.

Brad Mueller:

The 18-year-old Brad Mueller finished as the second-highest scorer in the league, achieving 37 goals and 42 assists.

Notably, both Aitken and Mueller are from Fort McMurray.

Russell Sharp:

Russell Sharp was recognized as the AJHL Most Dedicated Player, highlighting his commitment and contribution to the team.

Regular Season Record:

The Oil Barons concluded the regular season with a record of 35 wins, 19 losses, and 6 ties. They scored 257 goals and allowed 203 goals against.

Playoff Performance:

In the playoffs, the Oil Barons swept the Fort Saskatchewan Traders in the quarterfinals.

They then defeated the Calgary Canucks with a series score of 4-1 in the semifinals.

Unfortunately, they lost in the AJHL Finals, marking a strong playoff run but falling short of the championship.

Summary

The Oil Barons showcased impressive talent during the, highlighted by the achievements of A.J. Aitken as the MVP and the standout performance of Brad Mueller. With a solid regular season and strong playoff showing, including a sweep in the quarterfinals and a semifinal victory, the team demonstrated its competitiveness within the AJHL, although they ultimately fell in the finals. St. Alberta Saints 4-3 in the best-of-seven series

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1996-1997

The 1996-1997 season was a landmark year for the Oil Barons, culminating in their first AJHL Championship.

Here are the key highlights and achievements from that season:

Key Achievements and Events

Regular Season Performance: The Oil Barons finished the regular season with a record of 34 wins, 22 losses, and 4 ties, scoring 241 goals while allowing only 180 goals against.

Playoff Performance: Oil Barons swept the Olds Grizzlys in the quarter-finals. They overcame the St. Albert Saints with a 5-2 series advantage in the semi-finals.

AJHL Championship: The Oil Barons captured their first AJHL crown, defeating the Calgary Canucks in a thrilling best-of-seven final that ended 4-1. This victory allowed them to advance to the Doyle Cup.

Doyle Cup: In the Doyle Cup, the Oil Barons faced off against the South Surrey Eagles of the British Columbia Hockey League, where they were defeated 4-1 in the best-of-seven series.

Individual Honors:

- Goalie Trevor Anderson was named both the AJHL Regular Season and Playoff MVP, highlighting his outstanding performance throughout the season.

- Paul Cabana earned a spot on the AJHL All-Rookie Team, indicating his impressive debut in the league.

- Darren Tiemstra was recognized as the top AJHL Defenceman.

Hall of Fame Induction: Brian Shantz became the sixth player inducted into the Oil Barons Hall of Fame, following esteemed players such as Max Bell, Rick Pankiw, Randy Keller, Jason Wood, and Greg Squires.

Notable Moment: December 14, 1996, Todd Jacobs scored just seven seconds into a game against the Bonnyville Pontiacs, contributing to a decisive 7-2 victory for the Oil Barons.

Coach's Reflection

Gow, who later became AJHL Vice President of Hockey Operations, reflected on the season, emphasizing the team's growth and unity through challenging series: "We finished fourth in the regular season that year and we had a great series against St. Albert which was a tough one and which brought us as a group together," recalled Gow. "Then we took Calgary in a seven game series. It was pretty exciting.

"We had always been there and to finally get it done in 1997 was very satisfying. We were now at a point where we wanted to keep going. The program was running very well at the time. It also meant a lot for the town as there were parades and such. It was an exciting time for the Oil Barons and the community."

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1997-1998

Coaching Staff Changes: Kevin Higo joined the team as an assistant coach, contributing to the coaching staff's efforts to develop the team.

Top Performers: Paul Cabana was the standout player for the Oil Barons, leading the team in scoring with a total of 80 points derived from 48 goals and 32 assists in 52 games. He also accumulated 121 penalty minutes, indicating a physical style of play.

Regular Season Performance: The Oil Barons finished the regular season with a record of 36 wins, 21 losses, and 3 ties. They scored a total of 226 goals while allowing 216 goals against.

Playoff Outcome: In the playoffs, the Oil Barons faced the Calgary Canucks in the quarter-finals. Unfortunately, they were swept in the best-of-seven series, marking a disappointing end to their playoff run.

Team Awards: Colin Murphy was recognized for his impressive performance during the season, earning both the Rookie of the Year award and the Playoff MVP award for his contributions.

Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Highlights of the 1998-1999

Main Camp Attendance: The Oil Barons hosted 82 players at their main camp.

Public Address Announcer: Paul Telford concluded his 11-year tenure as the Public Address Announcer following his last game on January 16, 1999.

Penalty Minutes: The team accumulated a hefty total of 2,897 penalty minutes during the regular season.

Individual Penalties: Shane Frank led the team with an impressive 389 penalty minutes over 60 games.

Notable Game: November 20, 1998, the Oil Barons faced the Fort Saskatchewan Traders in a high-scoring affair that ended with the Traders winning 10-8. Remarkably, 11 of the 18 goals scored in the match were shorthanded, with the Traders netting 6 and the Oil Barons 5.

All-Star Selection: Despite limited participation in only 35 games, Vladislav Serov was named to the AJHL North Division All-Star team. He would later enjoy a notable semi-pro career, including a championship season with the Quad City Mallards in 2000-2001.

Regular Season Record: The Oil Barons finished the regular season with a record of 31 wins, 28 losses, and 3 ties, scoring 247 goals and allowing 267 goals.

Team Scoring Leaders: Adam Redmond, 28 goals 65 assists; Colin Murphy, 29 goals 37 assists and also accumulated 231 penalty minutes and Justin Trudeau who at 17, played 56 games, scoring 27 goals and 25 assists, earning a selection to the AJHL All-Star unit.

Special Recognition: Brent Coutu was honored as the AJHL Most Dedicated Player for his contributions during the season.

Rookie: Jeff Nuttall the youngest Oil Baron at 14, plays in one game.

Heading into the 1999-2000 campaign the excitement would only get better!

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For the 1999-2000 season, the Oil Barons were awarded the hosting of the Royal Bank Cup which is symbolic of Junior A Hockey supremacy in Canada from coast-to-coast-to-coast

Gow would go out and recruit and sign Western Hockey League vets Tyler Brough, Scott McQueen, Chad Ketzler, Craig Strain and Quinn Sherdahl.

He would mesh local talent with Travis Gladue, Colin Murphy, Nick Roberts, Ron Staudinger and Scottie Upshall.

Behind the goaltending of Mike Brown and Brent Zelenwich, allowing only a 2.55 and 2.63 goals against average respectively, the Oil Barons would achieve a franchise best 52 wins. They would also set a standard for AJHL unbeaten streaks with 26 in a row.

Heading into the 2000 Royal Bank Cup, held May 5-14, 2000, there were three main questions to be answered.

Question 1: Would the Rayside-Balfour Sabrecats, of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League, live up to their season long No.1 billing?

Question 2: Were the host Fort McMurray Oil Barons a team of destiny? A team with an AJHL title and Doyle Cup – symbolic of Alberta-British Columbia Junior A hockey – already in the trophy case. Also a team with a powerful seventh man behind them in the fans.

Question 3: Or would it be a millennium miracle on ice for either of the three other competing teams: the Chilliwack Chiefs, Cornwall Colts or North Battleford Stars.

After 10 days and 14 hard fought contests, it would be discovered who the champion would be.

A discovery that originally found its energy three years prior with the vision of two men – Guy Boutilier and Bob Campbell – who along with 650 volunteers, nurtured this challenging experience in earnest to the point that it was championed by the entire community of Fort McMurray and never relinquished.

Fort McMurray finished first in the round-robin with a 3-1 record, and beat the Stars 5-2 in the sudden-death semi-final while the Sabrecats edged the Chiefs 2-1.

In the championship final, held Mother's Day, and watched by a national television audience, it would be a battle of goalies.

Sabrecats' Sebastien LaPlante ranked No. 1 in the nation and Oil Barons' Zelenewich, ranked No. 7.

Both goalies were up against scoring machines.

The Oil Barons having notching 321 goals in 64 regular season games and the Sabrecats an amazing 315 goals in only 40 contests.

The Sabrecats knew how to win and so did the Oil Barons.

Rayside-Balfour was the top performing Junior A team percentage wise in Canada during the last five years.

The Oil Barons reached a No.2 ranking at one point during the 1999-00 campaign which was a 51 ranking improvement from the previous year.

After 60 minutes of play, the score was 3-1 and Oil Barons were "Kings of Junior Hockey".

Of interesting note, of the 25 Oil Barons players, all but one went on to post secondary education and several others semi-pro and the NHL for Upshall, where he remains today with the St. Louis Blues.

"Obviously we knew it would be challenge," recalls Gow. "Hosting the tournament we wanted to be a team that was worthy of representing the AJHL."

The Oil Barons had advanced to the Royal Bank Cup sweeping the Camrose Kodiaks for the AJHL crown and then the Chilliwack Chiefs for the Doyle Cup.

"I've said it before, many times, I don't know if you will ever see a team like that in the AJHL again," continued Gow. "A team that could play any way you wanted. We could play the skill game and if you wanted to play in the back alley, we could do that also."

Gow would leave the Oil Barons after the championships to coach the AJHL Grande Prairie Storm.

2000-2010

Coaching stability in the coaching ranks would once again prove fruitful with Gord Thibodeau taking the reins from 2003-14.

During his 11 years, Thibodeau teams would qualify for the AJHL Championship finale an unprecedented six times from 2003-04 to 2011-12.

With a franchise best of fewest goals allowed with 110, they would claim their third AJHL title in 2005-06 beating the Camrose Kodiaks.

Jimmy Bernier would also record an AJHL record 10 shutouts.

Oil Barons would lose the Doyle Cup to the Burnaby Express who featured current Ottawa Senators centre Kyle Turris and defenseman Brad Hunt of the Nashville Predators.

The 2005-06 Oil Barons team also featured several players that would go on to earn a paycheque in the minor-pro hockey ranks, including Jesse Craige, Matthew Glasser, Tyler Helfrich, Jody Pederson, Mike Schreiber and Chevan Wilson.

The year prior, 2004-2005, the Oil Barons allowed only 117 goals. In back-to-back seasons they set records that stand No. 3 and No. 5 in AJHL annals.

2010-2017

November 26, 2010, the Oil Barons hosted Canada's first-ever outdoor Junior A regular season hockey game.

Tabbed as The Northern Classic, the Oil Barons defeated the Drayton Valley Thunder 4-2 in front of an AJHL attendance record 5,726 fans at the outdoor rink built adjacent to MacDonald Island Recreation Centre.

A few months later, August 2011, the Oil Barons would travel to Omsk, Russia to play in the World Junior Club Cup Tournament.

The highlight of the trip was an exhibition contest against the 2011 Russian Champion Red Army team.

Bolstered by the positive vibes and team unity of the trip, the team would go on to the AJHL finals for their eighth time in the last 16 seasons, losing the 2011-2012 banner to the Brooks Bandits.

The Oil Barons had a high-scoring team with Justin Rose, 38 goals, 37 assists; Markus Gerbrandt, 32 goals, 32 assists and Killan Hutt, 23 goals and 38 assists, all managing to pass the 60-point plateau.

These Oil Barons have not made it to the AJHL finals since, suffering a five-year drought.

Oil Barons management continued to raise the bar, with the hosting of the 2015 Western Canada Cup.

2016-2017 was perhaps the most unique for the Oil Barons franchise.

Tom Keca named the Oil Barons head coach for 2015-2016, guided the team to one of the best turnarounds in AJHL history this season.

Going from a 2015-16 performance of 10 wins and a franchise low 137 goals, the boys in blue-and-yellow regrouped to win 44 games; a 34-win improvement!

They would be knocked out April 9 in the North Division final by the Whitecourt Wolverines.

“The biggest thing (turnaround) was the leadership,” said Keca, a former Oil Barons player, later to be named assistant coach in 2001-02, with his first AJHL head coaching duties for the Lloydminster Bobcats (2007-09).

“We had guys like Brandon Ralph, a 20 year -old with WHL experience and he understood what it means to be part of the organization. We had everyone buy in...not just one or two guys...but everybody.”

The emotions were also high earlier this season, February 3, 2017, when Thibodeau, now coaching the Whitecourt Wolverines, returned to Fort McMurray to secure a 2-1 victory.

The win made him the winningest coach in AJHL history with 833 victories.

Passing Calgary Canucks’ coach Don Phelps, Thibodeau had only recently, for the fourth time, faced off against non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma which he had been first diagnosed with in 1989 when playing hockey for the University of Alberta Golden Bears.

Due to a technical glitch the Oil Barons history from the 2017-2018 season to the 2024-2025 season was lost and due to time restrictions we only may provide a basic look at those years until publishing our final product.

2017-2018

Lost in division semifinals to Whitecourt Wolverines

Fort McMurray Oil Barons’ Shane Fraser is awarded the Don McNabb Memorial Trophy as the Most Dedicated Player in the AJHL.

Defenseman Curtis Roach named to Viterra North Division All League team along with forward Will Conley who the team in scoring with 48 goals and 32 assists in 58 games
Shane Fraser named Most Dedicated player in the AJHL

2018-2019

Lost in division semifinals to Sherwood Park Crusaders

Reed Morrison named to Viterra North Division All League team and also earns the Viterra Cup.
Goalie Chriss Curr named to Viterra North Division All-Rookie team

2019-2020 Lost in first round to Whitecourt Wolverines

Fort McMurray Oil Barons announced that head coach and GM Bob Beatty is out. Assistant coaches Mike Brodeur and Justin Rose are stepping into the breach on an interim basis. Gord Thibodeau is hired as coach. Thibodeau is no stranger to the organization, previously coaching the Oil Barons from 2003 to 2014. During those years, the Oil Barons reached the AJHL finals five times and won the AJHL Championship in 2006.

2020-2021 Season cancelled due to Covid-19

2021-2022 Lost in division semi-finals to Drayton Valley Thunder
Tyler Wallace named to Viterra North Division All League team

2022-2023 Lost in division quarterfinals to Sherwood Park Crusaders
Oil Barons President David Fitzgerald is honoured with the Ken Bracko Award as Alberta Junior Hockey League Executive of the Year!

2023-2023 Did not qualify for post season (fifth time in franchise history)
2024-2025 Lost in division semifinals to Whitecourt Wolverines

What do the Oil Barons mean to the community?

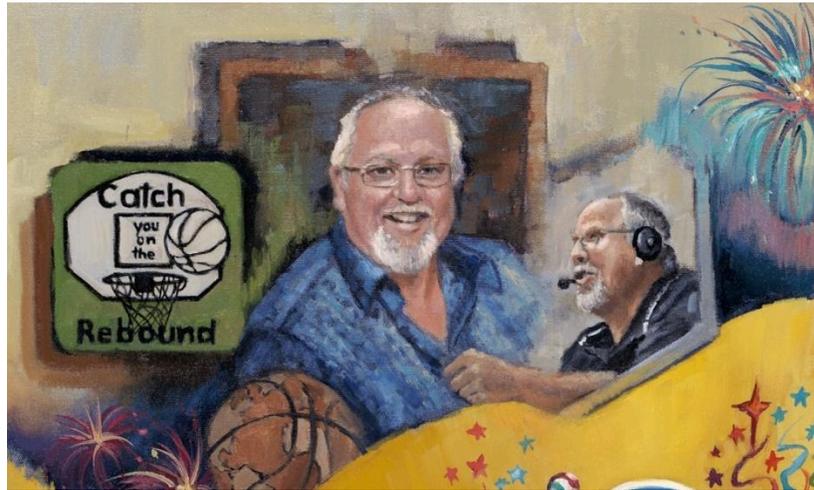
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“First it is a flagship to the community. It is an ambassador for the community and it brings people together. It is important for community morale. It is a goal for the young guys playing hockey in the community to strive for. They can have goals that they can see right in front of them and then achieve. That team in 2000 which won the Royal Bank Cup, put it all together for me,” Bob Campbell.

The final word is to the team’s founder Ches Dicks: “The Oil Barons have paid off they are a real tribute to the community. People say to me what are your rewards, Rewards are getting a team here that the people really support and they are a trademark in this town now. It has been a real symbol for the town...a positive symbol.”



Curtis J. Phillips is a veteran Canadian sports journalist and broadcaster who has called Fort McMurray, Alberta home since 1982.

Active in sports media since the late 1970s, he has worked across print, radio and television, while also serving as longtime Sports Information Officer for the Keyano College Huskies and as a writer for the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC).

Beyond journalism, Phillips has devoted much of his career to strengthening local sport and community life.

He co-founded the Fort McMurray's high school Challenge Cup, launched in 1984, and was instrumental in establishing the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame.

He has also played a key role in revitalizing community traditions while continuing to organize and promote a wide range of local sports events and groups.

Phillips's volunteer leadership has earned recognition at both regional and national levels

He has been inducted into multiple sports Halls of Fame, including most recently the ACAC Hall of Fame (Builder category), and was awarded the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal in 2022 for his community service.

Phillips also received two inaugural national tributes honoring his contributions as a volunteer. Currently, he is assisting in the establishment of the Alberta Basketball Hall of Fame

Basketball has been his passion since the age of 12 and he is recognized as a leading historian in relationship to the game.