



## **The Paskwa Fire (HWF030) | May 25, 2023, at 8:00 PM**

Today, a new Incident Management Team assumed command of the Paskwa Fire and will continue working on established priorities.

Fire crews continued work to strengthen the wet line and retardant line on the northeast perimeter of the fire to prevent fire spread toward the community of Garden River. This work will continue tomorrow. The fire is inside the Wood Buffalo National Park boundary and is approximately 8km from the community of Garden River.

Along the southwest perimeter, fire crews worked to extinguish hot spots and reinforce the dozer line, a fireguard created by heavy equipment, to prevent further fire spread toward Little Red River. Work will continue in this area tomorrow including helicopter bucket support as needed.

In Fox Lake, crews finished extinguishing hot spots within 30 metres (100 feet) around every structure. Hot spots remain in other areas throughout the community, many burning deep in the ground. Work will continue in Fox Lake to fully extinguish remaining fire in the area.

There are 79 firefighters, 10 helicopters, and heavy equipment working on the Paskwa fire.

### **Evacuation alerts and orders**

- Currently, Garden River remains on evacuation alert. Given work completed on the north perimeter along with favourable weather and vegetation conditions greening up, it was, downgraded to a 72-hour evacuation alert.
- Little Red River Cree Nation has an evacuation order in place for the community of Fox Lake.
- For information regarding the evacuation, please stay informed by visiting the Little Red River Cree Nation's Facebook page.

### **Background**

The Paskwa fire was detected on May 2, 2023, in the community of Fox Lake. This fire is classified as Out of Control (OC) and the last recorded size is 73, 936 hectares.

### **Weather Forecast | Paskwa Fire (HWF030)**

The area received some precipitation today. Cooler temperatures and high humidity overnight along with further spring green up are helping limit fire behaviour. No precipitation is anticipated for the coming days and temperatures are expected to be in the low to mid-20's.

### **Current information on wildfires in Alberta can be found:**

- [Wildfire.alberta.ca](https://wildfire.alberta.ca)
- Download the Alberta Wildfire Status App [https://open.alberta.ca/blog/?page\\_id=206](https://open.alberta.ca/blog/?page_id=206)
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