



## The Paskwa Fire (HWF030) | May 11, 2023 as of 9:00 a.m.

The Paskwa fire is located in the community of Fox Lake and was detected on May 2, 2023. This fire is classified as Out of Control (OC) and the last recorded size is 24,634 hectares.

The slight reprieve in weather has allowed firefighters and aircraft to safely continue their work on putting out hotspots within the community to reduce fire spread to homes and critical infrastructure. On the southwest side, firefighters and heavy equipment have been making good progress creating control lines along the fire perimeter, working their way up from River Road towards the Peace River in an effort to prevent spread towards the Little Red River.

The forecast for the coming days will see a return in continued hot and windy conditions. As of this update the fire is approximately 2.9 km away from the Little Red River cultural heritage site and remains on the south side of the Peace River.

Firefighters are using all of their available tools to control this wildfire. Ignition operation tactics reduce fire spread by using current natural barriers to control the fire line. Ignition plans will continue to be created to find opportunities to burn areas of concern along the fire perimeter. As the fire situation changes firefighters, helicopters, support staff, heavy equipment and airtankers will be working hard to re-evaluate their tactics to prevent fire spread to homes and critical infrastructure.

Today there is 70 firefighters, 12 helicopters, heavy equipment and airtankers as needed. Additional firefighters and resources have been requested.

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.

### Weather Forecast | Paskwa Fire (HWF030)

Weather Forecast – The Incident Management Team has a dedicated Fire Behaviour Analyst and therefore the weather briefing will be fire area specific. Today's forecast is as follows, a temperature of 26 degrees, a relative humidity of 15 per cent with winds from the east 10 km/h to 15 km/h.

### Where can I find more information about the wildfires?

Current information on wildfires 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)
- High Level Forest Area Updates: <https://srd.web.alberta.ca/high-level-area-update>
- Follow Alberta Wildfire on Facebook, twitter and Instagram.

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