



Community Capacity-Building and Empowerment Roundtable
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PAUL FIRST NATION



- First Peoples – Special Status – Treaty and Aboriginal Rights.
- 46 communities in Alberta, 633 in Canada.
- Wabamun 133 ABC comprised of two distinct languages, 1,926 people.
- Wabamun 133A primary residence.





Glenbow Archives NA-1463-30

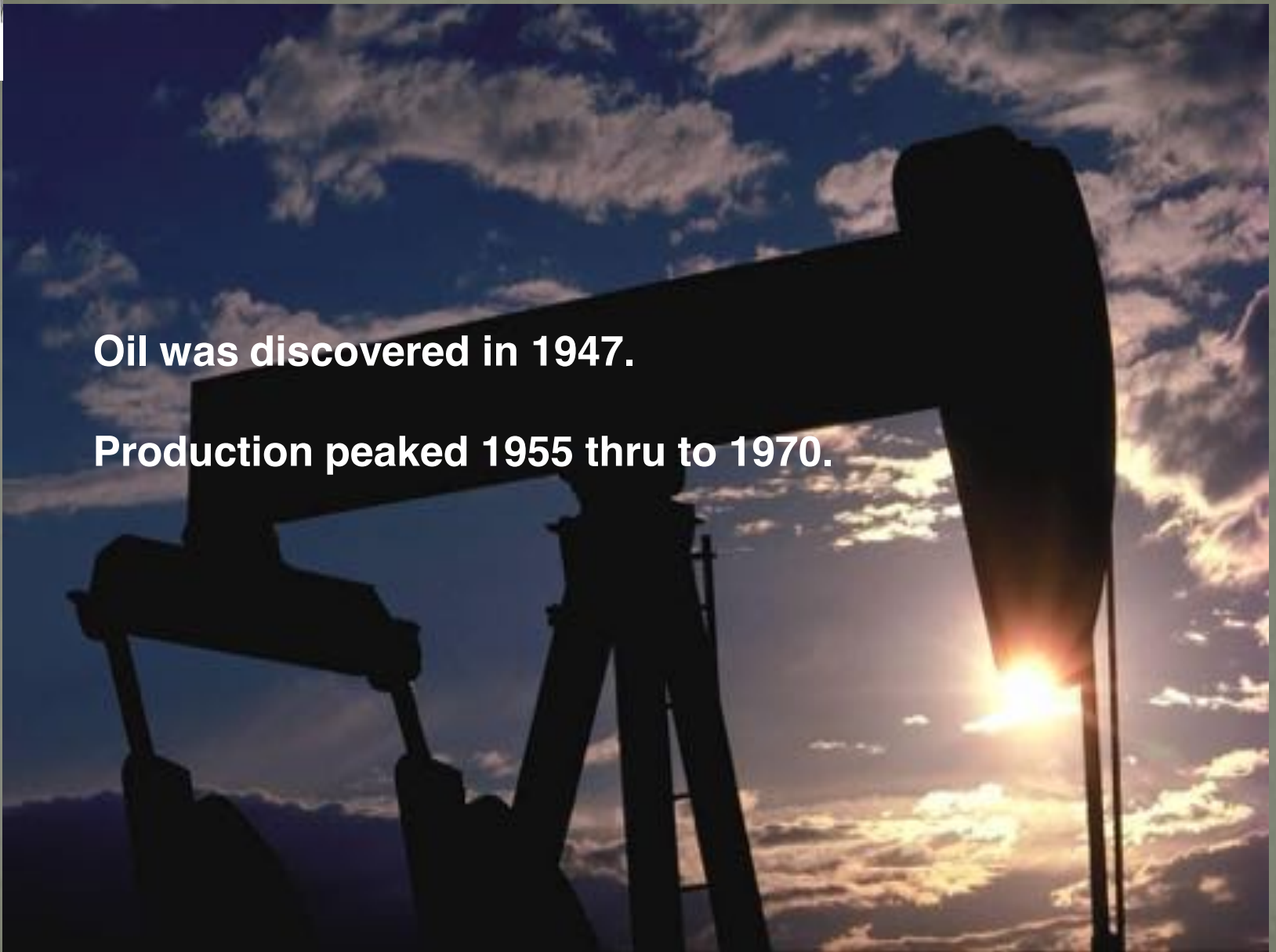


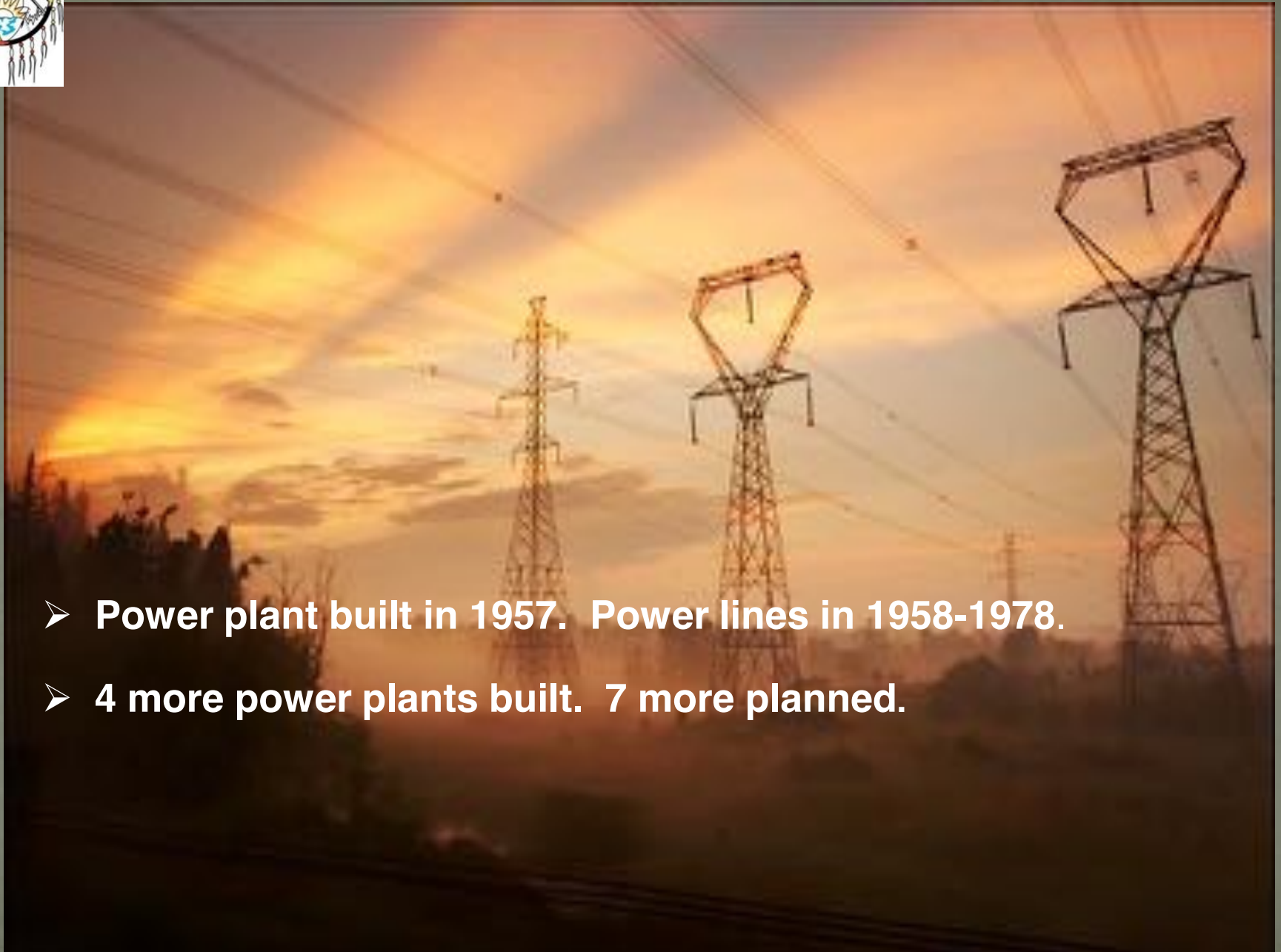
- Established June 16, 1892, Wabamun was set aside for Ironhead's people.
- Fishing was the main economy in the early 19th century.
- The government provided rations and blankets as well as basic medical needs.
- Passes were issued to those travelling to Edmonton.
- Children were removed and sent to industrial boarding schools.



Oil was discovered in 1947.

Production peaked 1955 thru to 1970.





- **Power plant built in 1957. Power lines in 1958-1978.**
- **4 more power plants built. 7 more planned.**



➤ Subsistence hunting- traditional territory and trap lines.



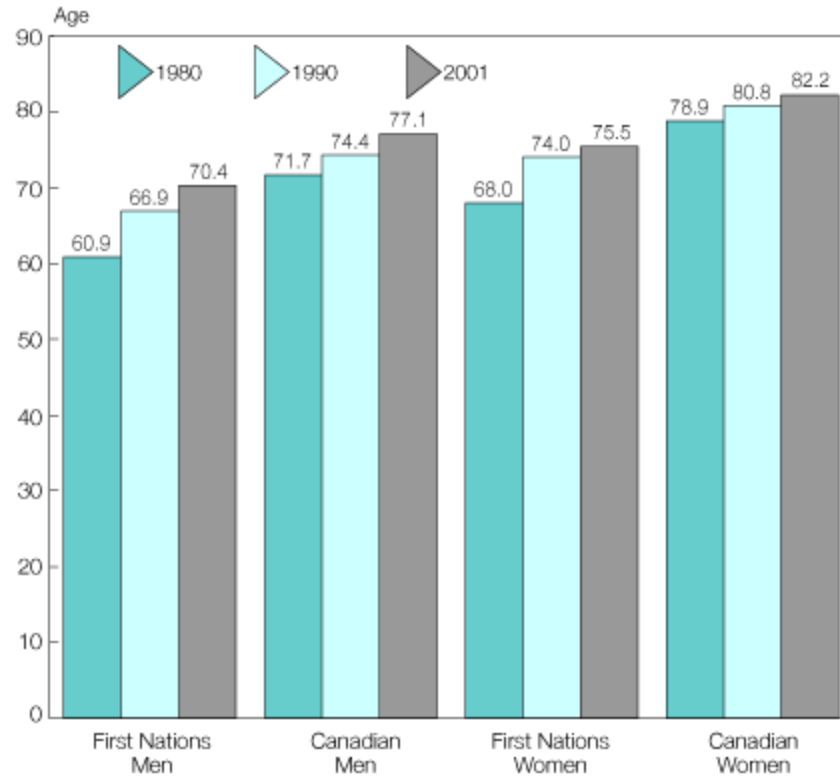
➤ **Medicinal herbs, berries, ceremonies - protected by legislation.**



- **Economic Development - JVPs, Co-Management, LP, GP and Strategic Partnership Initiatives.**



Life Expectancy for First Nations People and Canadians, by Gender, Canada, 1980, 1990, and 2001

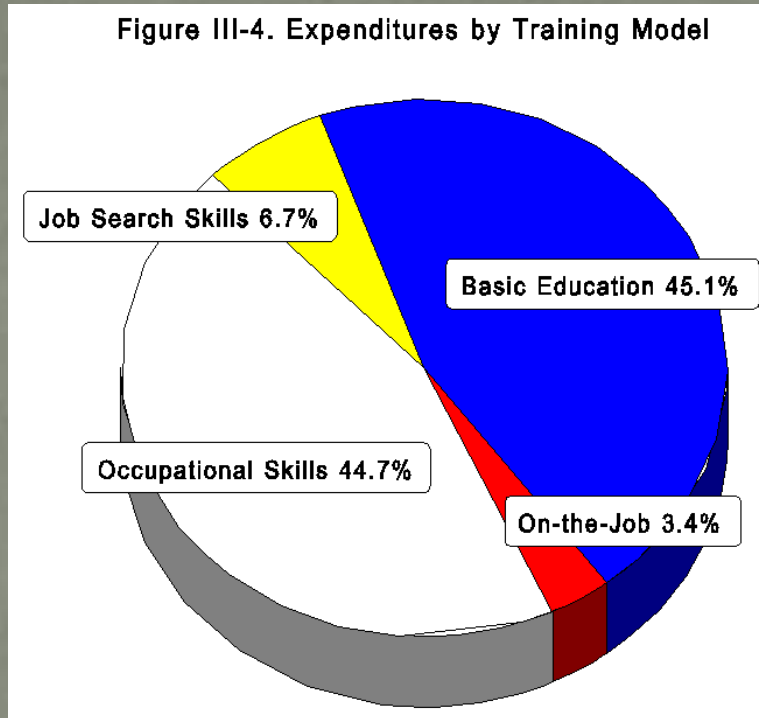


Source: Health Canada, 2004, and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, 2004

➤ Community Wellness - Social Customs and Practices



Figure III-4. Expenditures by Training Model



Social Development - Training and Certification Opportunities



TREES

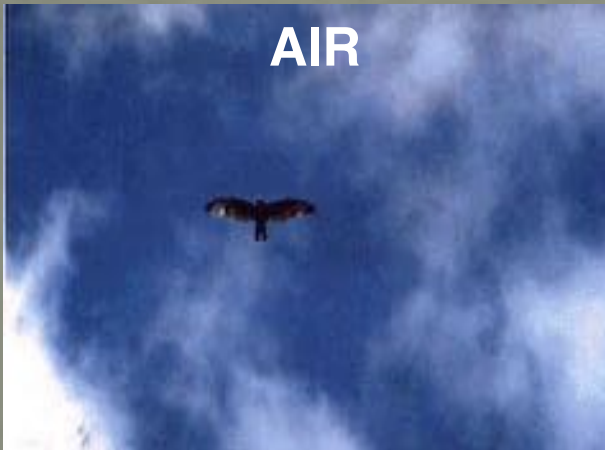


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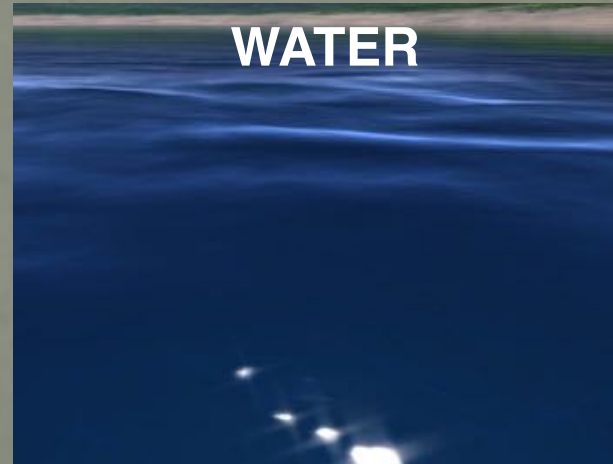


Sacred Elements, Essential to Life!

AIR



WATER





“Our duty is to ensure adequate conditions for future generations.”



“Our obligation is to honour our ancestors and our history.”





Beautiful Mother Earth

Our Priority is the Creator, Mother Earth and the People!





Our future...

- Economically viable and sustainable resource development.
- Gainful employment and a prosperous long term outlook.
- Building relations in the global economy.
- Keeping with tradition.
- Keep the fires burning.

Federal and Provincial Governments

- ✓ Federal Grants for Training and Business Opportunities
- ✓ Federal Monies for On the Job Training (AHRDA)
- ✓ Provincial Grants for Business Development
- ✓ Provincial Safety Certification
- ✓ Community Capacity-Building and Trades Certification

Thank You...

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