



Sanatan Mandir Cultural Society of Fort McMurray

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Support building our RoofAn Invitation to Participate in Celebrating the Contribution of East Indian Community to the Capital of Oilsand - Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Over the last number of years, media has often portrayed the Wood Buffalo Region and Fort McMurray in particular as an undesirable place to call home. The portrait portrayed has been a warning to families, “Don’t bring your families here.” This has not been the experience of the local East Indian community as has been demonstrated by its rapid growth in numbers over the last few years. In fact, the community size now has reached the point where it could support a cultural center and place of worship. Helping us make this dream a reality, is the opportunity we’d like to explore with you.

Wood Buffalo has a rich cultural heritage spanning several centuries. Many different cultures were involved in the region’s development into a modern society. Among them were members of East Indian community who, in the 60’s, were land surveyors carrying out geological studies in the region. These individuals laid the ground work for what would eventually become an organized community.

The Sanatan Mandir Cultural Society of Fort McMurray ([SMCS](#)) is a registered, charitable society. From a modest beginning in 1987, the East Indian community has flourished to more than 500 families. Even though the Society is under pressure to restrict membership due to lack of infrastructure facilities, over 500 families enjoy the benefits of our cultural activities, every month.

The society and the people represented are active in the Fort McMurray community. Externally, the Indian community participates in charitable, cultural and fundraising activities. Internally, the society conducts regular cultural and spiritual programs for the East Indian community and language classes for children.

The society conducts its monthly cultural events in rented facilities such as churches or schools. While the society envisions many more events, it has become increasingly difficult to continue, never mind grow without a permanent place or building.

The Indian community in the Wood Buffalo region will continue to grow and call this home for our families. The community will continue to contribute meaningfully to the regions prosperity and quality of life.

We need a roof to support our long-term programs to the community, charity work to the homeless, cultural programs, offices, classroom, possible daycare and many more.... We are writing you today to ask your support in this endeavor.

All donations above made to SMCS will receive a tax receipt. No gift is too small, and we encourage you to tell your family, friends, coworkers, and networks about our need and ask them to give as well. We strongly believe that within our community we can raise the necessary funds to support a roof for us.

Donations can be made by cash, chq, Visa, or MasterCard. You can mail your gift to PO Box: 5122, Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada – T9H 5N3 or pay through our website or hand over your payment in person to any of the Executive Committee members listed in the [website](#).

On behalf of the East Indian Community of Fort McMurray, we thank you for your continued support, and thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.
