

## Save-On-Foods in downtown Fort McMurray set to reopen after major flood in early 2020

(June 8, 2021 – Fort McMurray, Alta.) Save-On-Foods will officially reopen its downtown Fort McMurray store on Thursday, June 10 following devastating floods in early 2020. After nearly a year of rebuilding, the store is set to open its doors for grand reopening celebrations kicking off Thursday and continuing all weekend.

The store has been closed since April 2020 when extremely high waters in the Athabasca and Clearwater Rivers resulted in a mandatory evacuation order and severe flooding.

To open again, the store required major renovations to repair flood damage and become operational. Save-On-Foods took advantage of this opportunity to update and renovate the location, giving downtown Fort McMurray the latest and greatest offering in a clean, modern, refreshed store.

Customers can expect to find a fully renovated interior and new programs, with highlights including:

- A fresh and fantastic meat and seafood department stocked with Western Canadian AAA beef, a large selection of fresh sausages, kabobs, marinated chicken breasts and Ocean Wise Seafood.
- A new bakery stocked with baked-in-store treats, a custom cake program and freshly baked breads made with Western Canadian wheat.
- A large selection of Save-On-Foods Kitchen grab 'n' go items including signature sandwiches, homestyle fried chicken and in-store rolled sushi.

Store manager Cathy Weiss is returning to lead the team at Save-On-Foods Fort McMurray. Weiss was also the store manager back in 2016 when the store was forced to close following the largest wildfire evacuation in Alberta's history.

"We could not be more excited to reopen our downtown store and welcome back our community," said Weiss. "Our friends and neighbours in Fort McMurray have incredible spirit and strength and we are excited to open our doors and serve them once again."

"I am so incredibly proud of the resilience of this team and of this community," said Save-On-Foods president Darrell Jones. "It was only a few years ago back in 2016 that this store was forced to close because of a wildfire, but these natural disasters have not stopped our team. It is challenging to stay closed for so long, but we are thrilled to be back in downtown Fort McMurray better and stronger than ever. Our amazing team is back and ready to showcase the best that Save-On-Foods has to offer!"

Grand reopening celebrations include in-store specials and giveaways. Starting June 10, one lucky shopper will be randomly selected each day to win their groceries for free until June 16.

Save-On-Foods is thrilled to once again have 3 stores to serve the customers in Fort McMurray, all open with enhanced safety protocols in place from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

- Save-On-Foods Downtown Fort McMurray      8406 Franklin Avenue
- Save-On-Foods Stoneycreek                      100 Riverstone Ridge
- Save-On-Foods Thickwood                        131 Signal Road

Photos of Save-On-Foods Downtown Fort McMurray will be made available upon request through [mediarelations@saveonfoods.com](mailto:mediarelations@saveonfoods.com) on Thursday, June 10, 2021 following grand reopening celebrations.



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## **About Save-On-Foods**

Save-On-Foods is a Jim Pattison business, committed to Going the Extra Mile for customers in every community served, every day. Known for its unique approach in customizing each store to best suit the needs of the neighbourhood by carrying more than 2,500 locally-made products from more than 2,000 local growers and producers, the company has been innovating and putting customers first for over 100 years. Save-On-Foods, its supplier partners, team members and generous customers have donated more than \$40 million to children's hospitals and contribute \$3 million in donations to food banks across Western Canada each year.

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