Social Studies 10-1

Unit 3: Globalization and sustainable prosperity

Interdependence and resource decisions

An oil sands decision

- A Canadian trade official tracks export rules, buyer requirements, and royalty revenue from the Athabasca oil sands.
- A Cree or Dene land guardian from a Treaty 8 nation brings evidence about water, wildlife, and harvesting.
- A town worker in Fort McMurray depends on project wages and lives with the same air and water as the neighbours.

Relationships and speakers

- Politics, economics, the environment, and people's daily lives all sit inside one global resource decision.
- A perspective becomes usable when the speaker, the priority, and the evidence are named together.
- Interdependence appears when extraction moves wages, water, and the next approval at the same time.

Key terms

perspective

A perspective is a reading of a decision that comes from a person's role, values, and the evidence that person treats as decisive.

interdependence

Interdependence is a link among people, the economy, and the environment in which a change in one part moves the other parts.

royalty

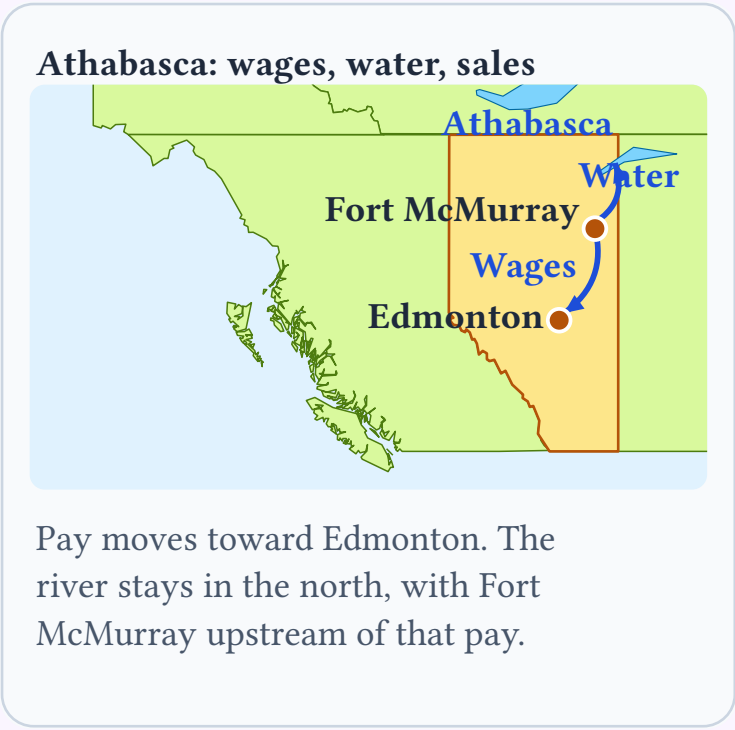
A royalty is a payment a firm makes to a government for the right to develop a publicly owned resource.

land guardian

A land guardian is a person who watches water, wildlife, and a community's use of territory and speaks from that evidence.

Two-way chains

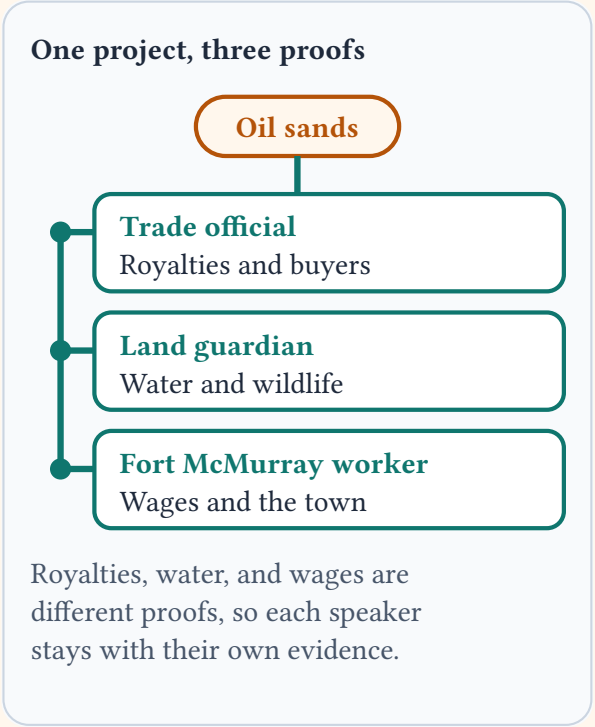
- Follow extraction into wages, royalties, and the public services those payments help fund.
- Follow the same extraction into water use, disturbed land, and habitat for animals people harvest.
- Follow community responses back into approvals, monitoring, and the trade positions governments defend.



Pay moves toward Edmonton. The river stays in the north, with Fort McMurray upstream of that pay.

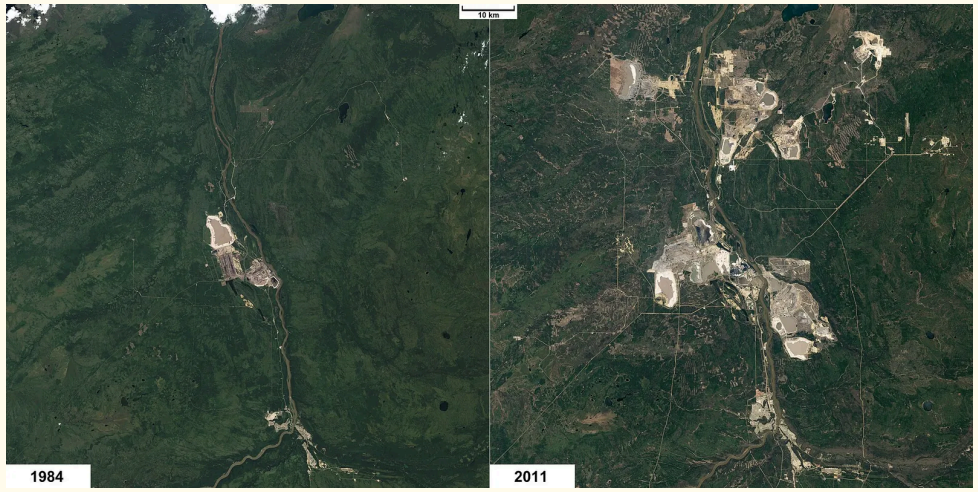
Comparison table

- Trade official: market access and royalty revenue matter most, with export rules and buyer requirements as evidence.
- Cree or Dene land guardian: water, wildlife, and treaty livelihood matter most, with land use and community monitoring as evidence.
- Fort McMurray worker: wages and a livable town matter most, with the job, housing, and the family's daily surroundings as evidence.



Interdependence chain

- The official's link runs from bitumen sales to royalties, public revenue, and Canada's export stance.
- The guardian's link runs from water and wildlife to harvesting, health, and a treaty duty.
- The two links meet where a government sets conditions on a project that also feeds trade.



A Fort McMurray worker’s view

- The worker’s evidence includes a paycheque, a shift schedule, and the cost of housing in town.
- The same person also breathes the local air and may fish or drink water from the region.
- The worker’s row can support the project and still carry environmental evidence.

Review

- A trade memo praises a proposed expansion for royalties and foreign sales.
- A Treaty 8 land user files a comment about caribou habitat and river access.
- A full answer builds a short interdependence chain that includes both writers.

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