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## **Western premiers express support for the people of Fort McMurray**

*Joint news release*

VANCOUVER--Western premiers began their annual meeting in Vancouver today with an expression of support for Fort McMurray and other affected northern communities. Premiers praised the courage and dedication of local citizens and emergency responders in this challenging time of crisis and loss, and expressed appreciation for the generous spirit demonstrated by surrounding communities and the many Canadians who have donated time, money and energy to help people displaced by the fire.

Alberta expressed its appreciation for the support pouring in from across Canada. The resources and timely assistance provided by the federal, provincial and territorial governments will provide welcome relief to exhausted Albertans on the front lines.

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