

Industrial Target Sectors & Advantages



Located just 25 kilometres northeast of Edmonton, the City of Fort Saskatchewan is a vibrant economic hub within Alberta's Industrial Heartland—the largest hydrocarbon processing area in Canada. As the region's largest urban municipality, Fort Saskatchewan offers unmatched access to world-class transportation and logistics networks supported by a young, educated, and skilled workforce.

For over 60 years, Fort Saskatchewan has led the region in industrial innovation. The City and surrounding region are home to major multinational organizations across several key industries like oil and gas processing, petrochemical production, advanced manufacturing, hydrogen production, carbon capture, value-added agriculture, industrial support services, and specialty metals and battery manufacturing.

Doing Business in Fort Saskatchewan



Competitive Advantages

- Access to some of the world's most cost-effective natural gas feedstock.
- A highly skilled workforce with talent pipelines from nearby universities, colleges, and polytechnic institutes.
- Excellent geological formations for carbon capture projects.
- Industrial land that's ready for immediate development.
- Business-friendly environment with competitive tax incentives, rapid permitting, and municipal support.



Unique Benefits

- No business tax.
- No municipal or provincial sales tax.
- ~1% municipal property tax rate.
- 8% provincial corporate tax rate (the lowest in Canada!).
- Municipal, provincial, and federal incentives.



Strategic Transportation Access

Alberta's Industrial Heartland has extensive transportation infrastructure with national highways, rail networks, and air access. The Port of Prince Rupert, a key shipping hub, is 500 nautical miles closer to Asia than other Pacific Northwest ports, cutting shipping times to Shanghai to just 11 days. This gives your business fast, easy access to global markets, with a direct rail connection to major manufacturing regions and distribution centres across North America.



Specialty Metals, Battery Manufacturing & Storage



Strategic Advantages

Transportation Access

Goods can be transported via railway channels like trainload yards, terminals, rail spurs, and the CN/CPKC rail networks. The Edmonton International Airport, 60 kilometres from Fort Saskatchewan, also provides passenger and cargo air access.

Large Potential Workforce

There are 1.3 million people living in the greater Edmonton area, providing a large pool of potential workers for construction and operations.

Shovel-Ready Industrial Land

Fort Saskatchewan has large parcels of shovel-ready industrial land available, ideal for battery manufacturing. Sections of greenfield land are also held in reserve for industrial processes.

Access to Skilled Workforce:

With 66% of residents having a post-secondary diploma, degree, or certificate, Fort Saskatchewan offers industrial businesses a talented and trained labour pool.

Strong Industrial Focus

With over 40 world-scale companies in Fort Saskatchewan in the oil and gas, energy, petrochemical, manufacturing, processing, and metal sectors.



Fort Saskatchewan is a major player in the production of high-performance metals like nickel, cobalt, titanium, and zirconium, serving industries like aerospace, automotive, and medical devices. The region is also home to battery manufacturing and storage operations, and it supports renewable energy by storing excess power from sources like solar and wind.

Because almost 25% of Canada's refined nickel comes from Fort Saskatchewan, the region is highly competitive in the specialty metals and energy storage sector. With a strategic location in Alberta's Industrial Heartland, Fort Saskatchewan is in the perfect position to meet rising global demand for sustainable energy and advanced materials.

Potential Investment Incentives

Municipal

- Industrial Support and Manufacturing Incentive

Fort Saskatchewan Companies

- Sherritt
- Umicore

Regional Companies

- Graymont
- Fortune Minerals

