# The Pathways Alliance Vision



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### The Pathways Alliance

- The Pathways Alliance is a collaboration between Canada's six largest oil sands producers, which operate facilities representing 95% of oil sands production. The companies are working together on responsible development, including achieving the goal of net-zero carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from oil sands operations by 2050.
- Pathways Alliance works with the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta to help Canada meet its climate goals, including its Paris Agreement commitments and 2050 netzero aspirations.
- Our plan includes reducing current CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from oil sands operations by about 22 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year by 2030, and moving towards achieving net-zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from operations by 2050.
- Canada's Oil Sands Innovation Alliance (COSIA), is the innovation arm of Pathways Alliance. It brings together innovators in industry, government, science and academia to make Canadian energy part of a sustainable environment.















### What are oil sands?

#### Natural bitumen deposits in Alberta

Alberta's oil sands are the 4th largest proven crude oil reserves in the world, next to Venezuela, Saudi Arabia and Iran

Oil sands is a mixture primarily consisting of hydrocarbon (bitumen), sand, clay and water. Because of its unique characteristics, it can't be extracted using traditional drilling techniques.

Industry employs two different techniques of extraction based on the geology of the oil sands deposit.

- Surface mining: Using heavy equipment to dig and transport the material to an extraction plant where the oil is removed from the sand.
- In-situ extraction: Use of steam assisted-gravity drainage involving wells to inject steam and mobilize the oil to be pumped to the surface. This is how the 80 per cent of the resource will be produced.

Crude bitumen production (mined and in-situ) totaled about 3.3 million barrels per day in 2022

Source: Government of Alberta







### A phased approach

#### Phase 1

#### 2021-2030

- Enable a carbon capture network, CO<sub>2</sub> transportation line and carbon storage hub near in the Cold Lake region.
- Utilize CO<sub>2</sub> capture at multiple oil sands facilities.
- Deploy innovative in-situ oil sands recovery technologies
   (e.g. use of solvents such as propane to reduce the amount
   of steam needed in production).
- Make significant R&D investment to lower the costs of emissions-reduction technologies.
- Continue deployment of energy efficiency and cogeneration projects.
- Advance R&D on potential use of hydrogen and/or small modular reactors (SMRs) for oil sands power generation.





### A phased approach

#### Phase 2

#### 2031-2040

- Expand carbon capture within infrastructure corridor and progress next-generation carbon capture technologies toward commercialization.
- Expand application of low-emissions-intensity in-situ oil sands recovery/process improvements.
- Commercialize potential use of hydrogen and/or SMRs for oil sands power generation.
- Continue exploring potential non-combustion uses of bitumen.





### A phased approach

#### Phase 3

#### 2041-2050

- Further expand carbon capture on remaining accessible streams.
- Continue process improvements and innovations including fuel switching and electrification projects.
- Advance emerging technologies and expand hydrogen and/or SMRs capacity if successful.
- Use carbon removal technologies such as Direct Air Capture (DAC).







# Benefits of the foundational project

- Together and with governments, we expect to invest \$16.5 billion in a a proposed CCS project by 2030.
- Enables technology development to lower the cost of carbon capture projects.
- Accelerates opportunities to deploy innovative capture solutions and positions Canada to export this technology and expertise.
- The network will also accommodate other industries in the region interested in capturing and storing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- Expected to be a key economic driver with construction supporting key economic activity between now and 2030\*
  - \$16.5B GDP in Canada (\$13.3B in Alberta)
  - \$10.3B in labour income in Alberta
  - 105,640 person years of employment (between 15,000 and 35,000 annually) in Alberta
- The CCS transportation network would be able to be expanded in phases to gather captured CO<sub>2</sub> from 20+ oil sands facilities.
  - Phase 1: Volumes of 10–12 million tonnes per year from multiple existing facilities.





## Proposed transportation line **FORT MCMURRAY REGION** Oil sands upgraders, mining and in-situ area **IN-SITU SITES** 400+ km CO<sub>2</sub> transportation line **COLD LAKE REGION**

Oil sands in-situ recovery area



### Foundational project work to date

- Engagement and formal consultation with 25 Indigenous groups along the proposed transportation and storage network corridor.
- Selected by the Government of Alberta to continue exploratory work on the CCS hub to safely and permanently store CO<sub>2</sub> captured from oil sands operations and other interested industries.
- Formally working to acquire a carbon sequestration agreement from Alberta.
- Conducting engineering studies for the Phase 1 CO<sub>2</sub> capture facilities.
- 12 feasibility studies completed on oil sands sites with engineering work advancing.
- Engineering work continues on the 400-kilometre pipeline that will carry captured CO<sub>2</sub> to the storage hub.
- Ongoing discussions about potential economic opportunities with Indigenous communities
- Second season of environmental field programs conducted to support a regulatory application in late 2023.





### Working with Governments

#### **Government of Canada**

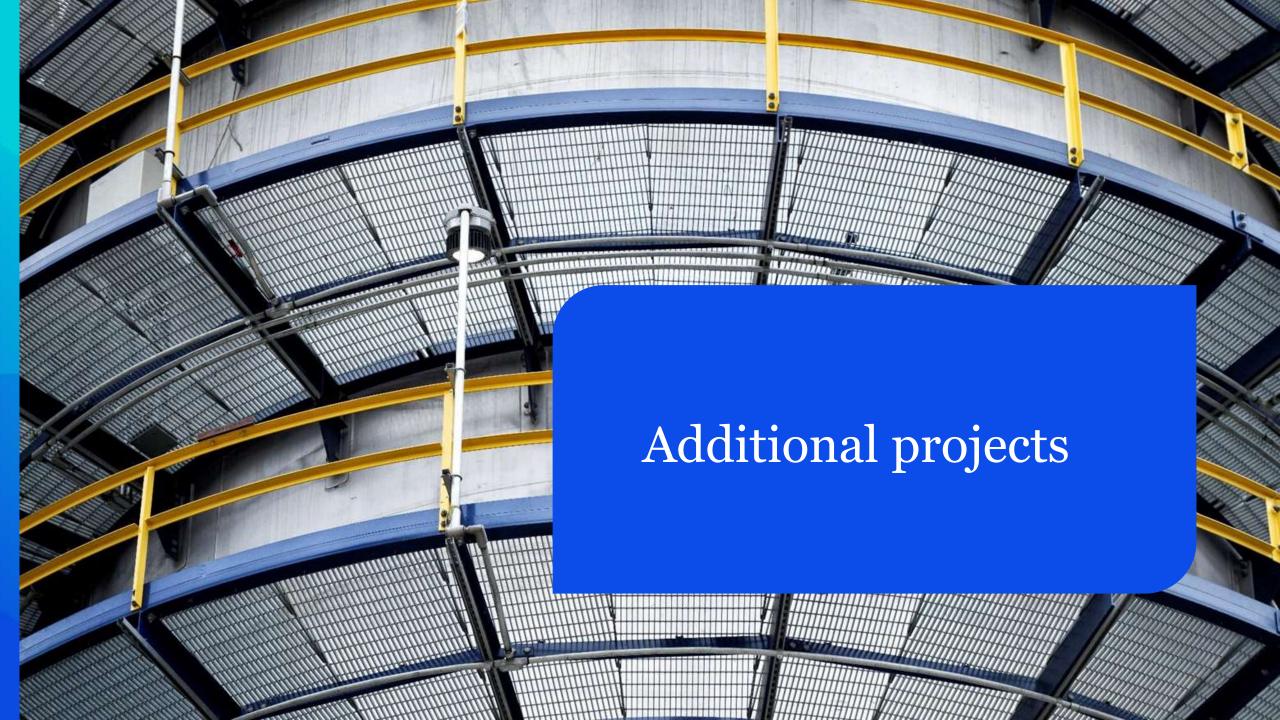
- The Investment Tax Credit announced in the Government of Canada's fall 2022 budget is a positive and welcome support for carbon capture and storage.
- We are in discussions with governments on different fiscal and policy tools for large-scale projects, such the proposed Pathways project. This will help de-risk the investments needed to build a competitive clean economy and help meet Canada's climate goals.

#### **Province of Alberta**

- Actively discussing other emissions-reduction programs with the Government of Alberta.
- Alberta has shown leadership on carbon pricing as the first province to implement output-based pricing in 2007.
- Alberta has cap on oil sands emissions, which aligns with the federal commitment to cap all oil and gas emissions.
- Alberta directs industry Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) Regulation payments to potential emissions-reduction technologies.







### Additional major projects

- With anticipated co-funding with governments,
  Pathways Alliance plans to spend an additional \$7.6
  billion on other significant emissions reduction projects by 2030.
- These projects are also key to our goal of a 22million-tonne reduction by the end of the decade.
- This planned funding would be for major decarbonization projects advanced by member companies such as:
  - Wider use of steam-reduction technologies in production
  - Increased energy efficiency
  - Additional cogeneration and electrification projects
- Pathways members are also investing in R&D to enable future phases of the path to net-zero emissions from operations to be achieved.





### Additional technologies

Technical working groups are studying and advancing more than 80 technologies that could potentially be deployed to help reduce emissions in later phases.

Examples include:



#### **Electrification**

An alternative, efficient fuel source for mine haul trucks, to reduce their reliance on diesel.



#### Hydrogen

An alternative fuel source that could reduce the need for natural gas in industrial processes.



#### **Small modular reactors**

A safe, scalable source of zeroemissions energy for heat, steam, and electricity applications.



#### **Direct air capture**

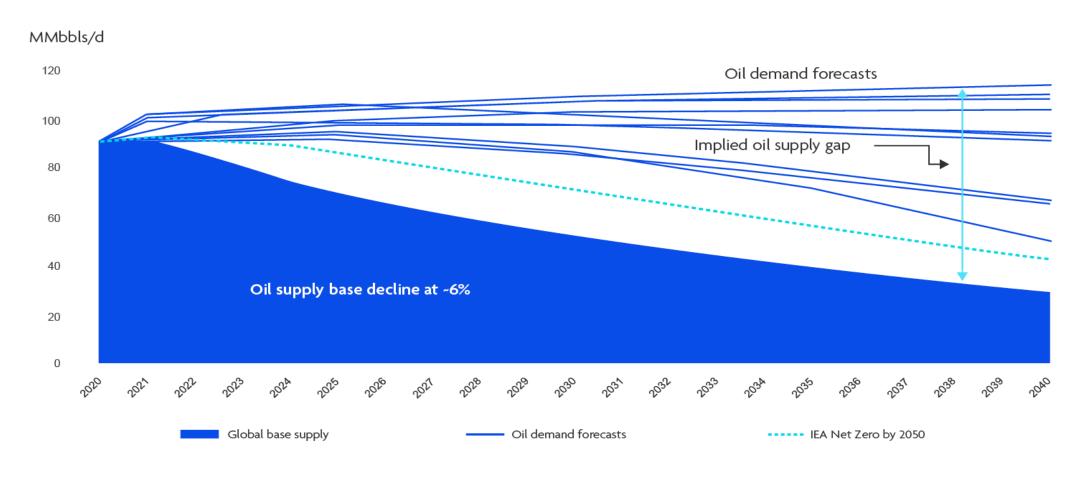
A new technology that can remove CO<sub>2</sub> directly from the air, transport it and store it permanently underground.





### The world will continue to require oil

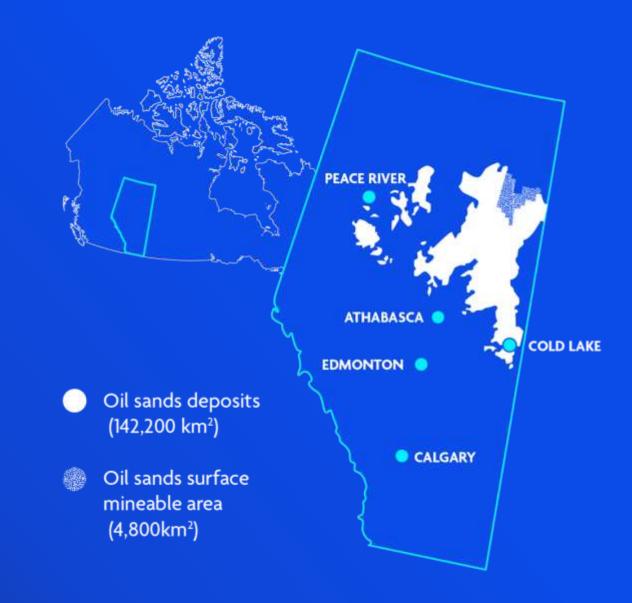
IEA's Net Zero by 2050 scenario shows a significant oil demand and incremental oil supply required to meet demand





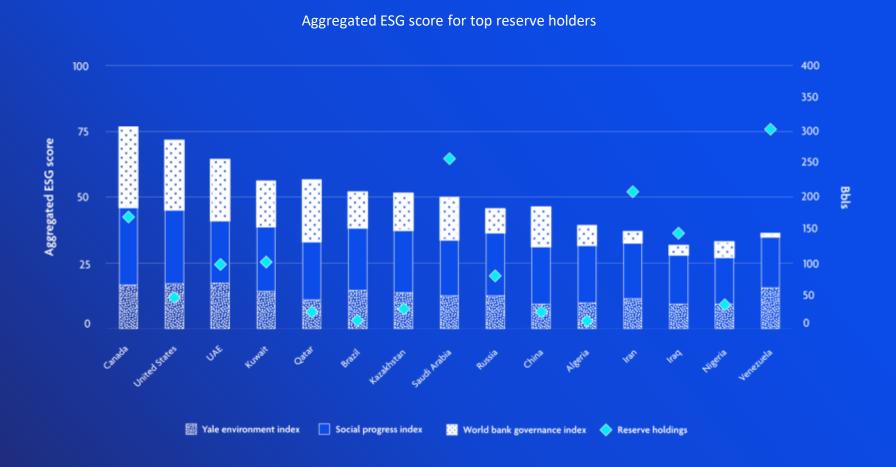
# Canada's oil sands are produced responsibly

- 80% of resource recoverable using in-situ methods<sup>1</sup>, including steam-assisted gravity drainage (SAGD).
- Working to reduce emissions and water use and accelerate land reclamation.
- Investing in potentially game-changing technologies.
- Operating under stringent environmental and governance regulations.
- Through new technologies and innovations, emissions intensities have dropped 22% (average per barrel) between 2011 and 2019<sup>2</sup>.





### Canadian oil should be preferred barrel globally

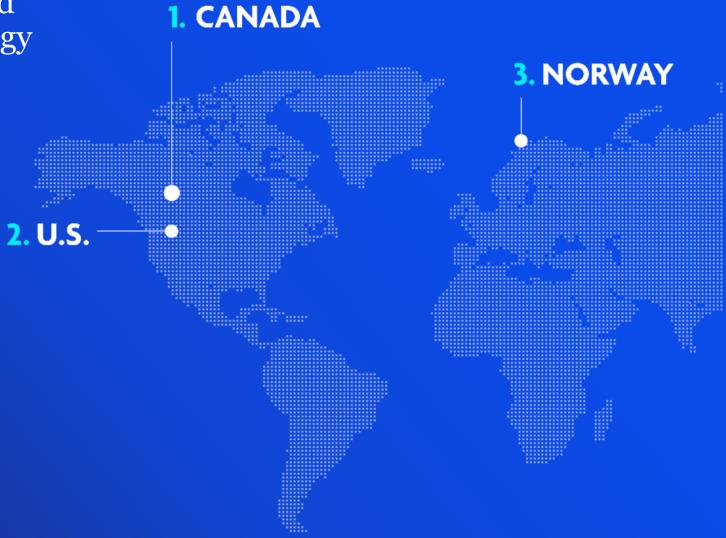




Canada is the preferred global supplier of energy

A 2022 global study about energy security, respondents ranked eight oil-producing nations.

- Canada was ranked in the top three preferred suppliers of oil 55% of the time.
- Canada had the most top three selections of any supplier in three of the five regions surveyed.





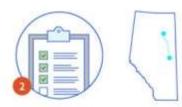


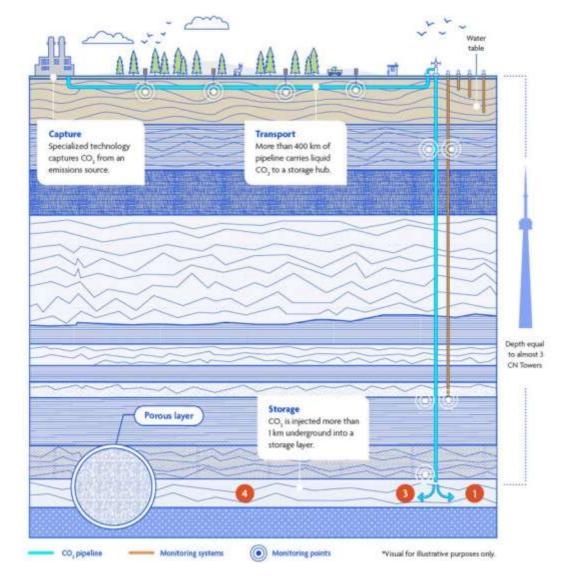


#### **Layer 1: Prevention**

Risk management begins at the design stage and continues through construction and operations. Engineers and other experts must build multiple safety layers into these plans. That means every potential problem has a solution, as well as additional backup solutions.

- 1. Suitable geological formation
- Monitoring, Measurement and Verification (MMV) plans
- 3. Safe injection pressure
- 4. Permanent CO<sub>2</sub> storage





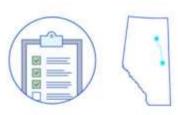


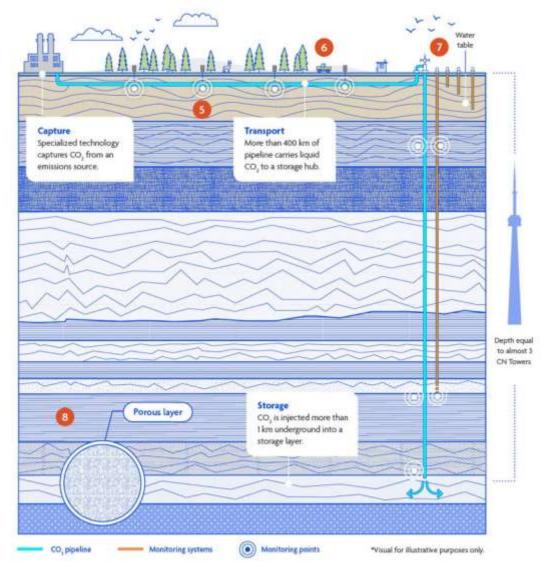


#### **Layer 2: Detection**

The second layer in the safety system is careful and constant monitoring. This technology is placed along the underground transportation pipeline, at the CO2 injection site and down into the storage hub. Any unusual activity triggers an immediate response.

- 5. Autonomous leak detection
- 6. Manual leak detection
- 7. Managing pressure in the hub
- 8. Seismic imaging







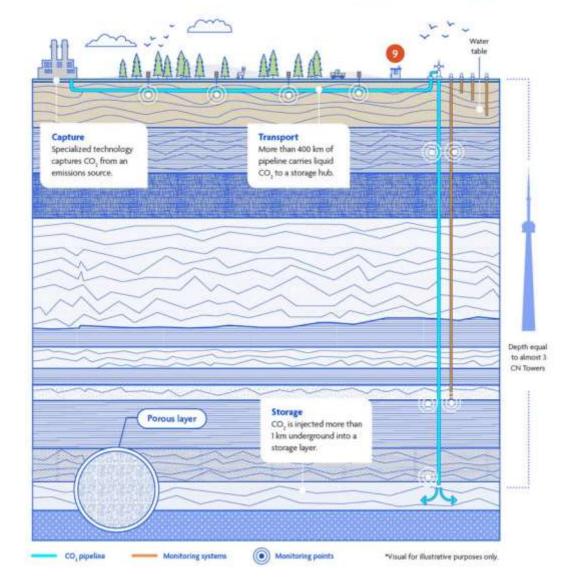


#### **Layer 3: Response**

The final layer of the safety system is response planning. If an incident occurs, detailed response plans set out actions to mitigate its effects.

- 9. Emergency shutdown procedures
- **10.** Community emergency response









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For more than 10 years, COSIA has brought together innovative thinkers in industry, government, science and academia to make Canadian energy part of a sustainable environment.

It's a collaborative, open-source model for innovation that has accelerated the pace of improvement in environmental performance.

Since its creation, COSIA has invested \$1.8 billion in tech development, and contributed more than 1,140 new clean technology projects.







### **COSIA**

As a division of Pathways Alliance, COSIA is responsible for significant ongoing innovation work in the following environmental priority areas.

- Greenhouse gases
- Land
- Tailings
- Water

COSIA is part of the Oil Sands Monitoring (OSM) program, which monitors and reports on the cumulative effects of oil sands development in the region on air, land and water.

It is also the cornerstone of our ambitious plan to reduce  ${\rm CO_2}$  emissions from oil sands production by 22 million tonnes annually by 2030, and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050—a key step toward meeting Canada's climate commitments.







#### **PATHWAYS ALLIANCE**

We will continue working in collaboration with Canada's federal and provincial governments on an effective fiscal and policy framework. Together, we'll work to meet the world's demands for lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, as well as the oil necessary to the energy mix.





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