

Sturgeon County features a well-established manufacturing sector comprised of world class firms developing consumer ready products. Voted one of the top 25 best communities for business in Western Canada¹, the County offers a competitive advantage in the petrochemical, agri-food, and natural resource processing industries. Expanding regional infrastructure, skilled labor in close proximity, and a growing segment of ancillary services fuel continued innovation and growth within the sector. Numerous opportunities for investment exist in food processing, chemicals, machinery, metal fabrication, and construction materials.

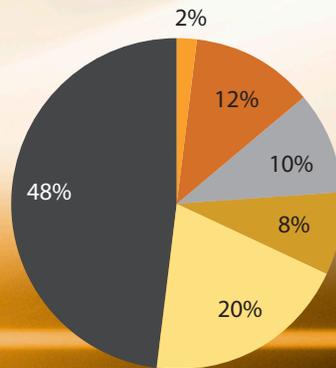
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Sturgeon County has an estimated 45 firms that make up its Advanced Manufacturing cluster. Fifty eight percent are sole proprietorships and partnerships that include contracted workers, family members or business owners, while 42 percent are registered corporations. Manufacturing firms in Sturgeon County provide products and support services for multinational firms specializing in oil sands, conventional oil and gas, construction, and agriculture industries.

Local Opportunities for Growth and Development

Sturgeon County appeals to companies of varying sizes due to the low cost of land and an abundance of raw materials. A wide variety of rich natural resources are found within the County, including heavy oil deposits, natural gas fields, coal, clay, sand, and gravel. Other advantages include road networks and rail linkages to the oil sands regions in northern Alberta and beyond.

Future projects slated for Sturgeon County are poised to bring considerable activity to the region. Most notable, North West Redwater Partnership's proposed 150,000 barrels per day bitumen refinery will produce clean, high value end products needed by Albertans and global markets. The Partnership estimates that construction of phase one will create an average of 8,000 jobs for two and a half years. This includes on-site construction, equipment fabrication at shops, and modularization yard fabrication. Engineering needs will average an estimated 600 individuals for two years, with as many as 250 permanent staff during ongoing operations. Throughout all three phases, the project will generate over 101,000 person years of employment during construction and 417,000 person years of employment over 30 years of operations.



- Automation Precision Machinery
- Commercial and Industrial Motor Vehicles
- Construction Components
- Engineering related
- Industrial Chemicals
- Industrial Metal Processing

¹ Alberta Ventures 25 Best Communities for Business in Western Canada (2011)

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Additional new construction and maintenance spending within the oil and gas industry will be predominantly in fabricated metal products and machinery. These consist of:

- **Machinery** manufacturing for sectors including agriculture, construction, mining, power transmission, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.
- **Metal fabrication** including architectural and structural metals; boiler, tank and shipping containers, coating, engraving, heat treating and related activities; and precision machinery for turned products as well as screw, nut, and bolt manufacturing.

In addition to business prospects in fabricating components for new facility construction, there is ongoing opportunity to service the processing sector during routine maintenance and facility upgrades.

Sturgeon Industrial Park

The Sturgeon Industrial Park is ideally located for light industry to capitalize on multi-billion dollar developments in Alberta's Industrial Heartland. With over 400 acres of serviced land and 800 acres of raw land available, Sturgeon Industrial Park is well suited for oil and gas servicing operations. The industrial park has paved roads and provides quick and easy access to an extensive highway network as well as direct access to the CN Sturgeon Industrial Lead Rail Line. Current tenants are involved in metal fabrication, oil and gas chemical processing, seed and grain processing, and logistics. Business activity in Sturgeon Industrial Park has increased by 400 percent as a result of major infrastructure upgrades underway and the current low cost of land relative to other major industrial parks in the Capital Region.



Overall size: 1200 acres **Parcel size:** 40-160 acres **Ownership:** Private **Existing uses:** Oilseed processing, industrial chemicals, steel tank manufacturing

Top Companies within the Manufacturing Sector

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| CB&I | Steel plate structures for the petroleum industry |
| Evonik Degussa | Hydrogen peroxide for the pulp and mining industry |
| Guardian Chemicals | Specialty chemicals for forestry, oil and gas, mining, and auto industries |
| Momentive Specialty Chemicals | Resins and sealants for wood and industrial markets |
| NSC Minerals | Bulk and packaged rock salt for road stabilization, water softening, etc. |
| Prospec Chemicals | Mining chemicals for processing base metals |

5 reasons you should invest in Sturgeon County:

- Diverse labour market
- Affordable and available greenfield
- Pro-business attitude
- Range of production opportunities
- Proximity to major markets

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