

The Tim Hortons was a bonus.

"We're all very happy about it."

Sinclair said the tribal council would like to see more grocery-store expansions and more urban amenities added in other northern First Nations communities.

"We're always looking for new joint ventures. We need to grow."

McMullen, who is executive vice-president of the North West Company's northern Canada retail division, said the Oxford House redevelopment project cost \$6.2 million and took 16 months to complete.

He said the only other Northern Store with a Tim Hortons kiosk is in Iqaluit, Nunavut, although there are plans to add two more next spring -- one in northern Saskatchewan and one on Baffin Island.

He said Oxford House got one because the company was expanding the store there, the population was big enough -- about 2,600 people -- and the community wanted it.

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