

Fortune Bay and Manhattan Uranium Commence Drilling at the Murmac Uranium Project, Athabasca Basin, Saskatchewan

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Drilling to start with 15 priority targets at the Murmac Project followed by additional fully funded drilling at the Strike Project.

[Fortune Bay Corp.](#) (TSXV: FOR) (FWB: 5QN) (OTCQB: FTBYF) ("Fortune Bay" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that diamond drilling has commenced at the Murmac Uranium Project ("Murmac"), located near Uranium City in northern Saskatchewan. The program is targeting high-grade, basement-hosted uranium mineralization related to the Athabasca Basin.

The drilling forms part of the previously announced fully funded program at the Murmac and Strike Uranium Projects ("Murmac" and "Strike", respectively), funded by [Manhattan Uranium Discovery Corp.](#) (TSXV: MANU, OTC: MAUUF, FSE: J5B0) ("Manhattan") and operated by Fortune Bay under an option agreement. The large-scale program comprises approximately 5,000 metres of drilling across up to 25 targets, with drilling now underway on 15 priority targets at Murmac.

The Murmac drilling is taking place alongside continued advancement of Fortune Bay's flagship Goldfields Gold Project in northern Saskatchewan, where key technical, environmental and project de-risking activities are progressing, as outlined in the company's news release dated May 21, 2026.

Program Highlights

- Drilling now underway: Diamond drilling has commenced at Murmac, testing 15 priority targets selected from integrated geological, geophysical and geochemical datasets.
- Follow-up and new targets: The program includes both follow-up targets near previous uranium results and new targets that have not been tested.
- Multiple discovery criteria: Target selection considered favourable graphitic host rocks, electromagnetic conductor, structural settings, gravity lows, alteration and uranium anomalism, with priority given to areas where multiple criteria are present.
- High-grade uranium potential: The targets are designed to test for shallow, high-grade basement-hosted uranium mineralization in a proven district, building directly on previous intercepts such as 13.80% U₂O₈; over 100 metres hole M24-017.
- Partner-funded uranium exposure: The program is being funded by Manhattan, providing Fortune Bay shareholders with non-dilutive exposure to uranium discovery potential.

Gareth Garlick, VP Technical Services for Fortune Bay, commented: "We are pleased to have commenced drilling at Murmac. The initial phase is testing 15 priority targets with features commonly associated with high-grade basement-hosted uranium mineralization in the Athabasca Basin. Previous drilling has confirmed that the project's graphitic conductor corridors are prospective for uranium mineralization, and this fully funded program gives us the opportunity to follow up along strike from known mineralization while also testing compelling new targets generated from our broader exploration work."

Murmac Drill Targets

The Murmac targets were selected from current and historical exploration datasets, including VTEM/EM; electromagnetic surveying, ground gravity surveying, structural interpretation, prospecting, and previous drilling results. Targets are prioritized electromagnetic conductor breaks, inflections and highs where coincident with gravity lows and potentially diagenetic cross-fault settings, particularly along the extensive Armbruster and Howland graphitic conductor corridors.

The staged program will initially test priority targets at Murmac before moving to Strike, allowing time to review results and conduct follow-up drilling as warranted. Approximately 5,000 metres of drilling is planned to test up to 25 targets at Murmac and any positive results to be prioritized for follow-up during the current program.

Table 1 and Figure 1 summarize the 15 priority Murmac drill targets selected for testing during the current program.

Table 1: Priority Murmac drill targets selected for testing during the current program.

Corridor/ Conductor Target ID Description

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| Armbruster | A1 | Defined by an electromagnetic low, magnetic low and strong gravity low at a cross-fault intersection on the Armbruster conductor. |
| Armbruster | A5 | Located beneath the southern end of a small lake at a minor break on the Armbruster conductor, where it intersects a minor cross-fault. Nearby previous drill holes M22-015 and M22-002 returned 0.12% U ₃ O ₈ over 0.10 metres and 0.18% U ₃ O ₈ over 0.10 metres, respectively. |
| Armbruster | A8 | Gravity-low target on the shoulder of a small electromagnetic high at a fault intersection with the Armbruster conductor. The target is located near a radioactive spring, with reported readings up to 15,000 cps, and strong hematization close to resistant hangingwall conglomerate and quartzite. |
| Armbruster | A12 | Located on the shoulder of an electromagnetic high where the Armbruster conductor is intersected by a uranium-bearing cross-fault. Historical drilling tested the resistant footwall amphibolite and identified strong hydrothermal alteration associated with anomalous radioactivity; however, the nearby intersection of the fault with the graphitic conductor was not tested. |
| Armbruster | A23 | Located at an electromagnetic break/low on the Armbruster conductor, on the shoulder of a magnetic high and gravity low, in proximity to a cross-fault intersection. |
| Armbruster | A24 | Conductor-inflection target on the Armbruster conductor, located on the shoulder of an electromagnetic high and magnetic high at a cross-fault intersection. |
| Armbruster | A25 | Characterized by an electromagnetic low, magnetic low and gravity low at a cross-fault intersection on the Armbruster conductor. |
| Armbruster | A26 | Conductor-inflection target associated with an electromagnetic high, strong magnetic low and gravity low at a cross-fault intersection on the Armbruster conductor. |
| Armbruster | A27 | Defined by an electromagnetic low, magnetic low and gravity low at a cross-fault intersection on the Armbruster conductor. |
| Howland | H14 | Located on the shoulder of an electromagnetic high, associated with a magnetic low and gravity low at a cross-fault intersection on the Howland conductor. |
| Howland | H19 | Located at an electromagnetic high near the termination of the Howland conductor, associated with a strong magnetic low and cross-fault intersection. |
| Howland | H3 | Located at an electromagnetic termination on the Howland conductor, associated with a strong magnetic low, strong gravity low and cross-fault intersection. |
| Howland East | HE1 | Located at a conductor break on the Howland East conductor, associated with an electromagnetic low, magnetic low and cross-fault intersection. |
| Pitchvein | P4 | Located under the edge of a lake at a break on the Pitchvein conductor where it intersects the major cross fault which, at the Howland Conductor, hosts a 2024 drill intercept of 13.8 % U ₃ O ₈ over 0.1 m hosted in 0.30 % U ₃ O ₈ over 8.4 m. P4 is also located approximately 550 m along strike from holes M22-013 and -014, which in 2022 returned a best result of 448 ppm U over 0.3 m from the Pitchvein conductor. |
| Pitchvein | P8 | Situated at a broad inflection point on an extension of the southwestern Pitchvein conductor trend, at the intersection of a major northeast-southwest fault that displays extensive radioactive surface showings over an approximately five-kilometre trend through the Pitchvein, Armbruster and Howland conductor corridors. |

Murmac Project Overview

Murmac is located near Uranium City in northern Saskatchewan, on the northern margin of the Athabasca Basin. The project is prospective for high-grade, basement-hosted uranium deposits associated with

graphitic electromagnetic conductor corridors, structural reactivation, hydrothermal alteration and uranium-bearing mineralizing systems related to the Athabasca Basin.

Previous exploration by Fortune Bay and Manhattan at Murmac has included compilation of historical exploration data, modern airborne electromagnetic and magnetic surveying, ground gravity surveying, prospecting, radon-in-water surveying and diamond drilling. This work has confirmed favourable host rocks, prospective structures, uranium mineralization and multiple target areas warranting follow-up drilling.

Previous drilling at Murmac has confirmed shallow uranium mineralization associated with structured graphitic rocks. Drill hole M24-017, completed at Howland Lake North, intersected 8.40 metres grading 0.30% U₃O₈, including 1.20 metres grading 1.79% U₃O₈, with individual assays up to 13.80% U₃O₈ over 0.10 metres and 4.54% U₃O₈ over 0.10 metres. This high-grade mineralization was intersected at approximately 64 metres below surface.

Option Agreement

Murmac and Strike are subject to an option agreement dated December 15, 2023, under which Manhattan has the right to acquire up to a 70% interest in the projects by funding C\$6 million in exploration expenditures, making cash payments totalling C\$1.35 million, and issuing C\$2.15 million in common shares. Fortune Bay is the operator during the option period and is entitled to charge a 10% management fee on exploration expenditures.

Technical Disclosure

Fortune Bay drill results refer to drill core and surface grab samples submitted to the Saskatchewan Research Council ("SRC") Geoanalytical Laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025:2005 accredited) for uranium assay and multi-element characterization. Sample preparation for all samples included drying, jaw crushing to 60% passing -2 mm, and pulverizing to 90% passing -106 microns. Multi-element characterization was carried out by partial digestion (HNO₃:HCl), using ICP-OES and ICP-MS analytical methods. For selected samples U₃O₈ weight % was determined separately through partial digest (HCl:HNO₃) and ICP-OES (ISO/IEC 17025 accredited method).

Further details regarding the historical exploration/drilling and exploration results noted in this news release can be found within the Saskatchewan Mineral Assessment Database (SMAD) and the Saskatchewan Mineral Deposit Index (SMDI). Fortune Bay has verified several of these occurrences through field prospecting and sampling, however there is a risk that any future confirmation work and exploration may produce results that substantially differ from the unverified historical results. Historical drill hole locations, captured from georeferenced assessment report maps, are subject to uncertainty (considered accurate to +/-50 metres. The Company considers these unverified historical results relevant to assess the mineralization and economic potential of the property. The historical information referenced derives from SMAD references 74N07-0011, 74N07-0173, 74N07-0277, 74N11-SE-0016 and 74N11-0052.

Qualified Person

The technical and scientific information in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Gareth Garlick, P.Geol., Technical Director of the Company, who is a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Garlick is an employee of Fortune Bay and is not independent of the Company under NI 43-101.

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Manhattan Uranium Discovery Corp. (TSXV: MANU, OTC Pink: MAUUF, FSE: J5B0) is a newly consolidated North American uranium company committed to the discovery, development, and advancement of high-quality uranium assets. Following the successful acquisitions of Urano Energy and Pegasus Resources, Manhattan now holds a premier portfolio of 15 past-producing uranium mines across 25 underexplored properties covering 25,099 acres in the United States, complemented by high-grade exploration potential in Canada's Athabasca Basin. Backed by an elite technical and management team with decades of uranium discovery, project advancement, and capital markets experience, Manhattan is strategically positioned to capitalize on the growing demand for domestic uranium and the American nuclear renaissance. For more information about Manhattan, please visit: www.manhattanuranium.com.

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