

## 3.0 Cultural Heritage Assessment Baseline Report

### 3.1 Key Findings

In the assessment of cumulative impacts of industrial development on Fort McKay's cultural heritage from the 1960s to 2008, the CHA Baseline focuses on three key areas of cultural change: those that stem from changes to the land, those with connection to full-time wage employment, and those that stem from changes in daily lives. To understand these changes, Fort McKay identified twelve cultural *values* and eight key *activities* that reflect cultural values. Figure 3-1 portrays the relationship between values and Fort McKay culture. The activities identified by the Community include: hunting, fishing, trapping, berry picking, wage employment, education, visiting, raising children. The CHA Baseline approach assumes that when changes in traditional activities occur, values – and ultimately Fort McKay cultural heritage – is affected (see Section 5.0, *CHA Baseline* and HEG 2009).



Figure 3-1: Fort McKay Cultural Model