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Emma Lake Kenderdine Campus update

Good afternoon,

You may have also recently read an article in the Prince Albert Herald with an update on the Emma Lake Kenderdine Campus (ELKC). As an institution, we were planning to share this good news, but as things go sometimes, we were scooped by the media.

A few weeks ago, we were able to repurpose and move some of the buildings on-site to support the Montreal Lake First Nation and their urgent need for additional housing because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This quick move allowed the university to donate 22 cabins, which we had marked to remove anyway. We saw this as a great opportunity, and it signalled a move toward a potential new vision for the site.

I assure you that any buildings with any historical significance such as Kenderdine's cabin have not been touched. There are however plans to remove the dining hall in coming weeks to ensure public safety, given the deteriorating condition of the building.

While the plan to fully consider opportunities for a revitalized ELKC is currently underway, the university remains firmly committed to engaging key stakeholders on the future of the site. As we eagerly awaited moving into the consultation phase, we – along with the rest of the world – were put on hold due to COVID-19. When it is safe to do so, we will continue our plan to move forward with talking to key stakeholders about the opportunity for a revitalized ELKC.

The ELKC is important, and a gift to the province. It connects the university with communities in a powerful, creative and practical way; it promotes learning across the lifespan; it gives our students a chance to connect with creative minds from around the world. These attributes will continue through the next phase of the Emma Lake Kenderdine vision.

In closing, I thank you for your continued commitment and support of the University of Saskatchewan, and know that in turn, we are here to support the City of Prince Albert.

Should questions arise in the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind regards,
Debra Pozega Osburn

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