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His Worship Gord MacLeod
Mayor
Town of Fairview
P.O. Box 730
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Dear Mayor MacLeod:

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to the future of the Fairview campus. I am writing to update you on the Government of Alberta's approach and to outline the important role the Fairview community will be playing as we move forward together.

Alberta's government is committed to a "Made in the Peace Country" solution – one that is community-driven and reflects the full range of opportunities the region is exploring. One of our immediate priorities is ensuring learning continues in the Town of Fairview for the upcoming academic year.

As part of this approach, I am confirming that Northern Lakes College will be the post-secondary education provider at the Fairview campus beginning in September 2026. This will maintain continuity for learners and ensures that Fairview campus remains an active training site next academic year.

The Fairview Regional College Transition Committee (FRCTC) will play a new and unique role through the establishment of a community-based not-for-profit entity that will take on the stewardship of the Fairview campus. This role includes exploring new uses and opportunities to shape the future direction of the campus lands and buildings and fostering partnerships both in post-secondary education and beyond. It also includes the management and long-term planning of the Fairview campus lands and assets, in collaboration with the Government of Alberta. Given the scope of this new responsibility, we recognize that this transition will require time, preparation, and clarity. Alberta's government will be actively engaged with the not-for-profit during this transition.

Our immediate priority is to ensure the continuation of post-secondary programming at the Fairview campus in September 2026. Any future opportunities will be considered once operations are stable and the community not-for-profit is established. While future programming is still being assessed, I am confirming that the cattle and farm equipment utilized for the Veterinary Technology program will remain in the Town of Fairview. I am committed to ensuring the Veterinary Technology program is offered at the Fairview Campus as soon as practicable.

I also acknowledge the concerns raised by the FRCTC in your February 27, 2026 letter regarding campus assets and equipment, and the importance of managing these matters in a transparent and orderly manner. Alberta's government understands the need for transparency during this transition, and we are working closely with Northwestern Polytechnic to support a coordinated approach to any decisions related to equipment. My department will also remain closely engaged with Northern Lakes College as implementation planning progresses and program equipment needs are confirmed. I am committed to working together to ensure a smooth transition and strong foundation for learning in Fairview.

Finally, Advanced Education will work with Northwestern Polytechnic to ensure that the remaining facility renovations associated with the library and atrium are appropriately addressed. Maintaining a safe and functional environment for learners remains a priority for Alberta's government.

I want to thank all FRCTC members for their continued engagement, their dedication to the future of the Fairview campus, and the willingness to take on a leadership role needed to support long-term success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Myles McDougall', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Honourable Myles McDougall, ECA
Minister of Advanced Education

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