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November 5th, 2025

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Dear Hon. Minister McDougall:

Re: Closure of the Fairview College Campus

In reference to the above noted, please accept this letter expressing our grave concern with respect to the recent announcement by Northwestern Polytechnic that they are closing the Fairview College Campus.

This educational institution has been in existence since the 1950's, originally opened as the Fairview School of Agriculture and Home Economics. In 1978 Fairview College transitioned to a public college governed by a Board of Governors, moving away from direct government administration. This change allowed for greater autonomy and growth. Under the leadership of Ian Macdonald, who served as the chair of the Board of Governors, the college underwent significant expansion, increasing its enrollment from 200 to over 1000 students and adding various programs beyond agriculture, including trades and specialized courses. The college has been recognized for its contributions to the Alberta cattle industry and has introduced innovative programs, such as the first Animal Health Technologist program in Western Canada. Fairview College's history reflects its evolution from a local agriculture school to a comprehensive educational institution, playing a vital role in the community and broader educational landscape of Alberta. Some of the courses offered at our Fairview College over the years have included (but not limited to): agriculture, turf grass, beekeeping, trans vocal, partsman, power engineering, small engine, outdoor power equip., marine mechanics, instrumentation, commercial cooking, accounting, business. Over the 70 + years the Fairview College has served its students (from all across Canada) faculty, and the Peace Region in general very well. Fairview and the greater Fairview community has been built in and around this campus – giving consideration to all aspects of what this campus brings to a region with respect to social and economic factors.

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It is our understanding that Northwestern Polytechnic has stated this closure is a result of the operating deficit of this campus, but as a community watching it appears this may be more like a purposeful starvation of an institution to ensure its demise for motives to which we can only speculate. We ask the Minister to halt this pending closure, intervene and ensure that none of the assets of the Fairview College Campus are disposed of or moved off campus, and allow the community a 3-year window to try and recruit another educational institution to partner with us in our Fairview Campus. Assets from our Fairview Campus should only be transferred to another campus as an absolute last resort, and only after progressive consultation and engagement with the greater Fairview community and their support for same.

It is our understanding the Town and Municipal District of Fairview both have significant investment in this campus through joint use facility initiatives and other municipal incentives over these 70 + years (pool, theatre, fitness centre to name a few – St. Thomas Moore Catholic School) The Fairview College Campus is, and has also been, a staple in our community and its very existence has paved the way to our communities development, desires and outcomes. We understand that should we lose this educational institution, besides the direct negative economic impact on our community, another more silent trickle down effect would be the loss of probably 2 members of our Fairview RCMP detachment. This cannot happen.

We further request consideration that a forensic audit, or at the very least a cost benefit analysis, be undertaken by the provincial government through a third-party company and that you allow 2 community members to be appointed to assist in this review. Let's find out what the true costs/benefits are in running this campus. What has happened over the years to the College Foundation funds and the College Endowment funds? It is our understanding that the entities involved in running this campus (Prov. Gov't, NAIT, NWP) have stopped investing and maintaining the infrastructure over the years, leaving a significant infrastructure deficit now. Let's find out if this is true, let's find out why, let's find out how we can salvage what is left and develop a strategy to take us on a strong and robust path forward.

We also ask for an emergent meeting with yourself and whomever of your colleagues you feel need to attend, including but not limited to our MLA Todd Loewen, and a representative of Hines Creek will avail ourselves to your timetable and will attend at your office in Edmonton.

Yours truly,



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Mayor
Village of Hines Creek

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Dear Dr. Lindsey Kurach,

Re: Urgent Request for a Moratorium on the Closure of the Veterinary Technology Diploma Program at Northwest Polytechnic Fairview Campus

On behalf of the Council for the M.D. of Fairview No. 136, I am writing to request you direct your immediate attention and leadership to the announced closure of the Veterinary Technology Diploma Program at Northwestern Polytechnic's Fairview Campus. Further, that the ABVMA advocate for a moratorium on this decision until a thorough, transparent review can be conducted.

For decades, the Fairview Veterinary Technology Program has been an essential source of well-trained, compassionate, and highly skilled veterinary technologists. Its graduates have played a vital role in supporting animal health, advancing veterinary medicine, and sustaining veterinary practices in communities across Alberta and beyond. The program's strength lies not only in its academic quality but also in its accessibility for students from rural and northern regions — areas that are already struggling to attract and retain veterinary professionals.

The closure of this program would have profound and lasting consequences. It would further strain the already critical shortage of veterinary technologists, deepen service gaps in rural veterinary care, and weaken the overall capacity of the profession to meet growing demands in animal welfare, agriculture, and public health.

A moratorium is not a rejection of institutional change — it is a responsible pause that allows for informed dialogue, collaborative problem-solving, and the exploration of alternatives that preserve educational opportunities while addressing any operational challenges. With input from students, alumni, faculty, practitioners, and community stakeholders, I am confident that sustainable solutions can be found.

We believe that the ABVMA is uniquely positioned to take a principled stance on this issue — one that reflects a commitment to the future of veterinary education and to the health and wellbeing of animals and communities across Canada.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter and for your continued dedication to supporting excellence within the veterinary profession. I trust you will give this issue the careful consideration and advocacy it deserves.

Sincerely,



Phil Kolodychuk
Reeve, M.D. of Fairview No. 136

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Dear Honourable Minister McDougall,

Re: Announcement of Northwestern Polytechnic Fairview Campus Closure

On behalf of the Council for the Municipal District of Fairview No. 136, as well as the citizens, businesses, staff, and students of our region, we are writing to express our deep concern regarding the announced closure of the Northwestern Polytechnic (NWP) Fairview Campus. We respectfully request that a moratorium be placed on this decision to allow time for full review and open consultation. We ask that all programs and courses continue as planned, and that no assets be removed from campus, until the following actions have been completed:

- A full review of the decision to close the campus,
- Consultation with all stakeholders on future options for the Fairview Campus,
- A third-party financial audit, and
- A third-party review of best practices for rural program delivery.

For more than seventy years, the Fairview Campus has been at the heart of our community-educating generations of students, supporting local industries, and providing opportunities to people across northern Alberta and beyond. It has helped shape the identity of Fairview and has been a source of pride and purpose for our region. The campus is not just an educational institution; it is an anchor for our local economy, a gathering place for innovation, and a symbol of what rural Alberta can achieve when education is accessible close to home.

The loss of this campus would reach far beyond Fairview. It would mean fewer opportunities for youth to learn and stay in the region, fewer skilled workers for northern industries, and the erosion of a legacy that communities like ours have built over generations.

We are requesting more time and resources to be allocated toward developing options before NWP closes the Fairview Campus, including the opportunity for meaningful regional consultation, which was not provided during the initial decision. Our community is ready to work collaboratively to ensure that access to education remains in northern Alberta and that rural communities like Fairview continue to thrive.

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