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Re: St. Thomas More Catholic School

As you are aware, St. Thomas More School located in Fairview, Alberta, has been closed and plans are being made to relocate the school. At a joint Town of Fairview/M.D. of Fairview No. 136 council meeting on January 11, 2024, the future of the St. Thomas More Catholic School was discussed at length.

The Councils of the Town of Fairview and the M.D. of Fairview No. 136 have not been privy to any discussions regarding the relocation, but they were informed that the Ministry of Education is paying to have a consultant review future potential locations prior to any decisions being made.

Both Councils have been informed that the Grande Prairie Catholic School Division has been in consultation with the Peace River School Division, regarding the potential relocation of the St. Thomas More Catholic School to the Northwestern Polytechnic grounds. These discussions are proceeding without public engagement or municipal stakeholder involvement.

There are land use planning/development and safety concerns regarding the potential relocation of the school to the Northwestern Polytechnic grounds – these must be explored. Further, it would be prudent to investigate other locations, with municipal stakeholder involvement, prior to any decisions being made.

The Councils of the Town of Fairview and M.D. of Fairview No. 136 are requesting that you arrange a meeting in the Town of Fairview with the Minister of Education, Grande Prairie Catholic School Division, Peace River School Division, Northwestern Polytechnic President and both Municipal Councils to discuss the future of St. Thomas More School.

Yours truly,

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