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Mayor and Council Unanimously Support Continuation of the National School of Dental Therapy in Prince Albert

The existence of the National School of Dental Therapy in Prince Albert is in jeopardy and Prince Albert City Council has expressed its unanimous support of the organization and the vital service it offers the province. With federal funding being eliminated in March 2011, the School is looking for community support which would demonstrate to the province that continued funding is a necessity.

The dental therapy graduates from “the First Nations University of Canada come away as highly skilled dental therapists. Many, in fact the majority, of these graduates return home to their isolated communities with an education and a profession waiting for them,” said Mayor Jim Scarrow in a letter to the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration.

In the letter, Scarrow highlights the significant role dental health plays in overall health of Saskatchewan residents and the growing demand for dental therapists, especially in Northern Saskatchewan.

“The Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, need to make this issue a priority,” said Scarrow. “All options must be reviewed with an effort to keep the National School of Dental Therapy in Prince Albert”.

Mayor Scarrow also made himself available for a meeting with the Minister.

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