



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**DEMOLITION OXFORD SCHOOL**  
**NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION**

**Date: November 15, 2022**

On September 27, 2022, at the Regular Meeting of Council the difficult decision was made to undertake demolition of Oxford School. The decision was not made lightly and was based on the significant cost to repair the building due to major concerns including deterioration of the roof, load-bearing brick walls and foundations. The estimated cost for repairs to the building was more than \$1.2 million dollars. Due to this significant cost to repair, as well as an analysis of current utilization of other community buildings, Mayor and Council approved a motion with the following directions:

- to undertake any required hazardous material abatement and authorized administration to demolish the building.
- Complete a formalized concept plan and present that plan through an additional public information session in the future to seek further feedback and finalize design and cost estimates of park improvements. Also, once that feedback has been incorporated into a finalized design to present it at a future council meeting in 2023
- Once a design has been finalized and been approved by council that a fundraising campaign be established to fund that design.

Subsequent to this decision, Town administration undertook a hazard assessment and identified that there was lead paint only that required specialized disposal, and that there is no asbestos in the building.

Administration also requested quotes from 3 central Alberta demolition contractors that were qualified to undertake the work. Moore's Backhoe was selected through that process and is a local contractor within the Bentley area.

Moore's Backhoe Service will be on site at the Oxford School Building location to undertake demolition of the Oxford School building and salvaging of the bricks beginning today November 15, 2022.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS AN ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION SITE**

We ask that you be mindful of the work being undertaken and ensure you maintain a safe distance from Machinery and Equipment. The area has been fenced with construction fencing, however, please ensure that if you are watching the activity being undertaken that the machine operator is aware of your presence, and you maintain a safe distance from the machines and any potential falling debris.

**DO NOT ENTER THE FENCED AREA FOR ANY REASON**

Sincerely,

  
Marc Fortais  
Chief Administrative Officer

