



March 8, 2010

Dr. J. William Brennan, Chair
Heritage Regina
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Dear Dr. Brennan: *Bill*

Thank you for your letter of February 12, 2010 regarding the future of Scott Collegiate. I commend Heritage Regina for its work, since 1977, in advocating for the preservation of Regina's built heritage.

As you know, *The Heritage Property Act* provides for the formal protection and recognition of heritage property in Saskatchewan. However, as Scott Collegiate is not currently designated as either a Municipal or Provincial Heritage Property, my ministry has no direct regulatory authority over its re-development or disposition.

I recognize that historic schools can contribute significantly to a community's social, economic, and environmental sustainability, and I support and encourage their conservation or sensitive rehabilitation wherever possible. For that reason, my ministry officials are working with the Ministry of Education to improve coordination and to ensure that alternatives to demolition of historic schools such as Scott Collegiate are afforded appropriate consideration in capital funding decisions.

I appreciated, by the way, your very informative summary of the architectural and historical significance of Scott Collegiate. You also presented compelling arguments for a fix it first policy for historic school buildings.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with me. I look forward to working with Heritage Regina, the City of Regina, the Regina Public School Board and others in considering conservation alternatives for the province's built heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dustin Duncan".

Dustin Duncan
Minister of Tourism, Parks,
Culture and Sport

cc: Honourable Ken Krawetz, Minister of Education
Dr. Barbara Young, Chair, Board of Education, Regina School Division #4