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Government seeks ideas for use of Michener Centre facility

Red Deer... The Government of Alberta is issuing an Expression of Interest to gather options for the possible restoration of the South Administration Building at Michener Centre.

The purpose of the Expression of Interest is to solicit development options for the South Administration Building to re-establish it as a productive and viable facility in the community and to preserve and maintain the municipally-designated heritage site and landmark. The facility was damaged by fire caused by a lightning strike in June 2003.

"I recognize that members of the Red Deer community and others feel a strong connection to the South Administration Building and would like to see it restored," said Infrastructure Minister Ty Lund. "We wanted to offer an opportunity for developers to submit their ideas on appropriate and viable uses for the building."

The South Administration Building has figured prominently in the Red Deer landscape for over 90 years. First, it was the site of the Alberta Ladies' College, then it became a treatment facility for World War I veterans and later, a training school for persons with developmental disabilities. Most recently, the building was used by administrative staff at Michener Centre, which today still provides services and support to adults with developmental disabilities.

"This building has served the Red Deer community for many years," said Gene Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development responsible for the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) program, "so I will look forward to hearing the community's Expressions of Interest."

"Over the past year I have heard from many people concerned about the future of the Michener Services Administration Building. The majority of calls have been to support the complete restoration of this historical building. This provides a great opportunity to see that happen," said Mary Anne Jablonski, MLA for Red Deer-North.

The closing date for the Expression of Interest is August 26, 2004. An information session will be held on site at Michener Centre on July 15, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

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