Former CTR superintendent named interim president of Calgary's St. Mary's University

By Western Wheel Staff

Former Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools superintendent Dr. Scott Morrison has been named interim president of St. Mary's University in Calgary.

St. Mary's has accepted the resignation of Dr. Sinda K. Vanderpool, president and vice-chancellor since 2022, to support her appointment as the next president of the University of St. Thomas – Houston.

While the university's board undertakes a search for a new president, Morrison, one of Alberta's leading education executives, has agreed to serve as interim president and vicechancellor from Aug. 5 until that search is complete.

Through his extensive career in education, Morrison has held a variety of influential leadership roles in Alberta, including as executive director of the Catholic School Superintendents of





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Alberta, which granted him a leave from his current position to support St. Mary's University during its transition.

Morrison left Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools in 2023 after acting as a servant leader within the division for many decades. During his time as a teacher, principal and superintendent, Morrison consistently embodied the principles of Catholicity, setting a commendable example and role model for others within the organization.

For the past 17 years, Morrison has been a sessional instructor at St. Mary's, teaching an undergraduate course in the Faculty of Education and leadership certification courses. He also helped shape the university's Bachelor of Education program for secondary students and its soon-to-be launched Master of Education program. "To serve St. Mary's as its interim president will be a labour of love," he said. "I have long been an advocate for St. Mary's and the transformative power of the Catholic intellectual tradition it blends through their degrees in education, arts and science."

Situated on a 35-acre campus adjacent to Fish Creek Provincial Park, St. Mary's University offers undergraduate degrees in education, arts and science, along with diploma programs in business that emphasize entrepreneurship, innovation and social responsibility.

Notice of Appeal

Notice is given pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board: NOTICE OF APPEAL HEARING within the municipal boundaries of Okotoks

Take notice that an appeal has been filed against the decision of the Town of Okotoks Development Officer as follows:

59 MOUNT RAE HEIGHTS / LOT 18, BLOCK 3, PLAN 151 2886

Against the approval of Development Permit Application Number 2025-0133 for Short



Those wishing to provide a written submission prior to the Hearing must provide comments no later than 12 p.m. (noon) on the day of the Hearing through the following means:

email Legislative Affairs (legislativeservices@okotoks.ca); or
 drop-off at the Municipal Centre reception or drop box;

If received in time, submissions may be included in the agenda package. Written submissions not included in the agenda package will be read into the record by Administration at the hearing and provided to the Appeal Board.

Those wishing to provide an oral presentation may do so by attending the Hearing in person, or by submitting a request to appear via remote access during the Hearing to Legislative Affairs (legislativeservices@okotoks.ca) prior to 12 p.m. (noon) on the day of the Hearing. Access and instructions will be given to those persons to join the meeting remotely. Please note that all public information provided, including letters, emails, or in person appearances, become part of the public record.

Hearing Date: Thursday, July 24, 2025 Time: 7 p.m. or shortly thereafter Place: Council Chamber – 5 Elizabeth Street

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