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WLFN ISSUES RESPONSE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT 27'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED SALE OF POPLAR GLADE

In response to the statement issued by the Board of Education of School District Number 27 regarding the proposed sale of the Poplar Glade site, Williams Lake First Nation (WLFN) Chief Willie Sellars offered the following statement on behalf of WLFN:

"We're grateful that the Board of Education of School District #27 has conditionally accepted our offer to purchase the site of the former Poplar Glade School. WLFN very much values its relationship with SD#27, and we fully intend to deliver a quality project that will meet the needs of all residents of the region and add value to the City of Williams Lake. As we've demonstrated with all our recent projects, we aspire to innovate and elevate the standard for development in the Cariboo. We're confident that a project on the Poplar Glade site can address housing needs for our members, the needs of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people who are currently living within Williams Lake looking for permanent housing, and for others who are seeking to relocate to the Cariboo. We're also very keen to work with the School District to address their need for housing for teachers and other School District personnel. Even in advance of the development of the Poplar Glade site, there is an opportunity for us to try to service the School District's needs through the units that are to be constructed as part of the Osprey Nest project, which will be completed in Spring of 2023. Kukstemc to the Board of Education. We look forward to advancing the development of the Poplar Glade site in the months and years to come."

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