

# REGINA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

## *Cemetery*

1891-1910

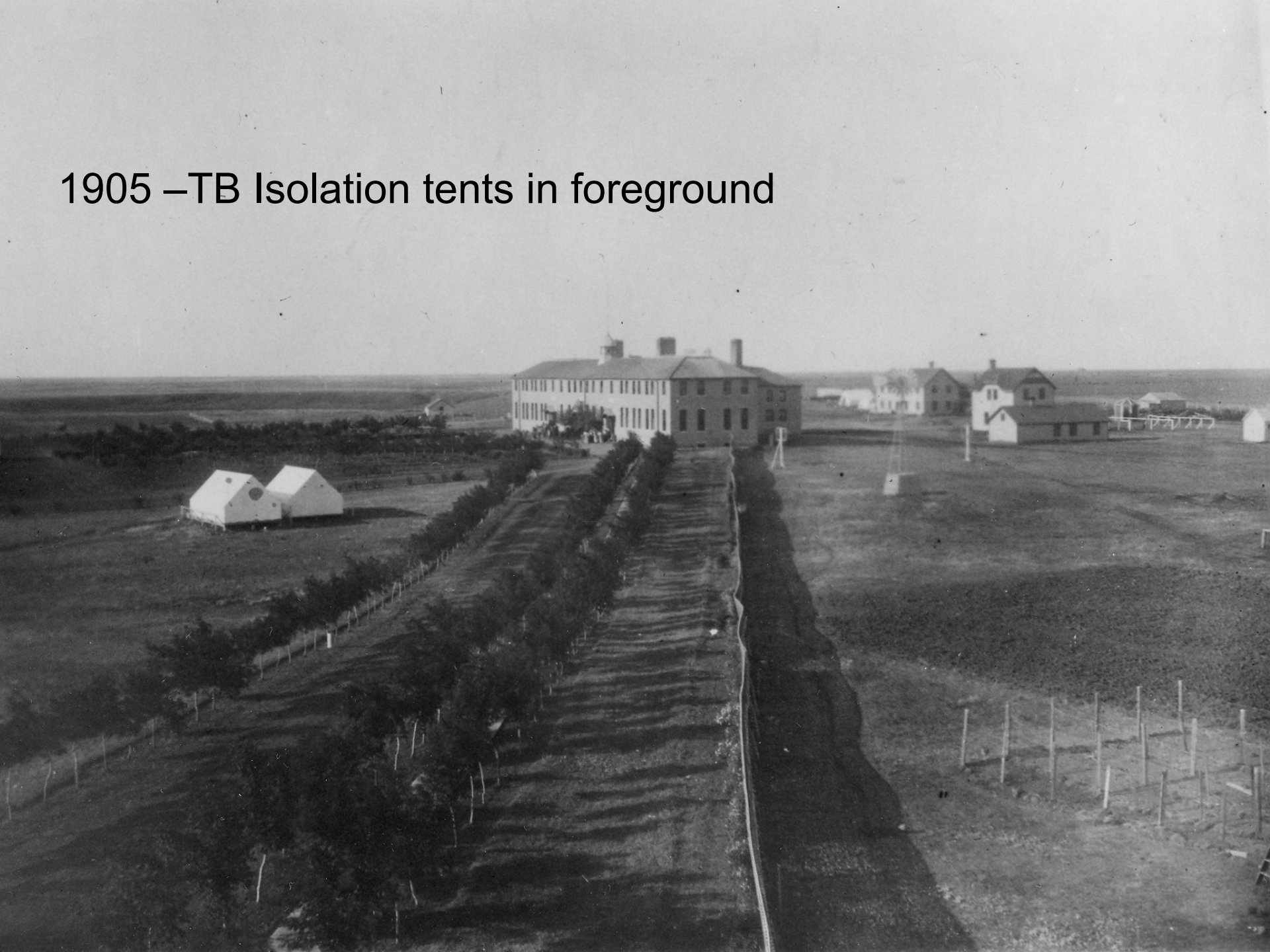


*RIIS Commemorative Association Inc.*

*October 22, 2022*



1905 –TB Isolation tents in foreground





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# ARCHIVAL LETTER NOVEMBER 14TH, 1912

## Womens Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church of Canada

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
of the  
Presbyterian Church in Canada,  
Saskatchewan.

2013 Victoria Ave. Regina.  
Nov. 14th, 1912.

W.M. Graham, Esq.,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Regina, Sask.

Dear Sir:

The following is a copy of a motion that was passed  
unanimously at our last Provincial Executive Meeting, (Nov. 4th)  
Moved by Mrs. Sinclair and seconded by Mrs. Gillespie,

"That Mrs. McKra write Commissioner Graham, asking if  
something definite cannot be done in regard to the  
cemetery at the old Seaside Industrial School, that he  
petition the Federal Government to put it in good order,  
and a lasting memorial to the memory of the Indians  
Missionary Rev. A.J. McLeod, who found the school,  
whose children lie in this little plot, side by side with  
the Indian children."

This plot of ground, we are informed, is now part of a field,  
that is or has been used as a pasture field. The fence has  
entirely disappeared, having been burned by Prairie Fire, the  
cattle have trampled all over the little mound, flattening them  
out, and destroying the little wooden crosses that marked the  
last resting places of some thirty-five or forty of our little  
Indian children; also the granite slab, placed there by Mr.  
and Mrs. McLeod, in loving memory of their dear ones.

Perhaps the dejection and neglect of this "God's acre"  
is felt more keenly by the mover and seconder of the above  
motion than by other members of the Executive. Mrs. Sinclair is  
the widow of the late Rev. J.A. Sinclair, who was successor to the  
late Rev. J.A. McLeod, as Principal of this Indian school. Mr. and  
Mrs. Sinclair took a great deal of pleasure and pride, in teaching  
and assisting the children to care for, and hold sacred the  
 graves of their little playmates. Mrs. Gillespie, the seconder,  
was a life long friend of the McLeod family, being close  
associated with them, both in their school and private life.

This land, we understand, is still the property of the Federal  
Government, and we feel confident that if we leave this matter  
with you, that our wish will be granted, that it be put in good  
order, and a deed of the small portion of land be given to  
the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

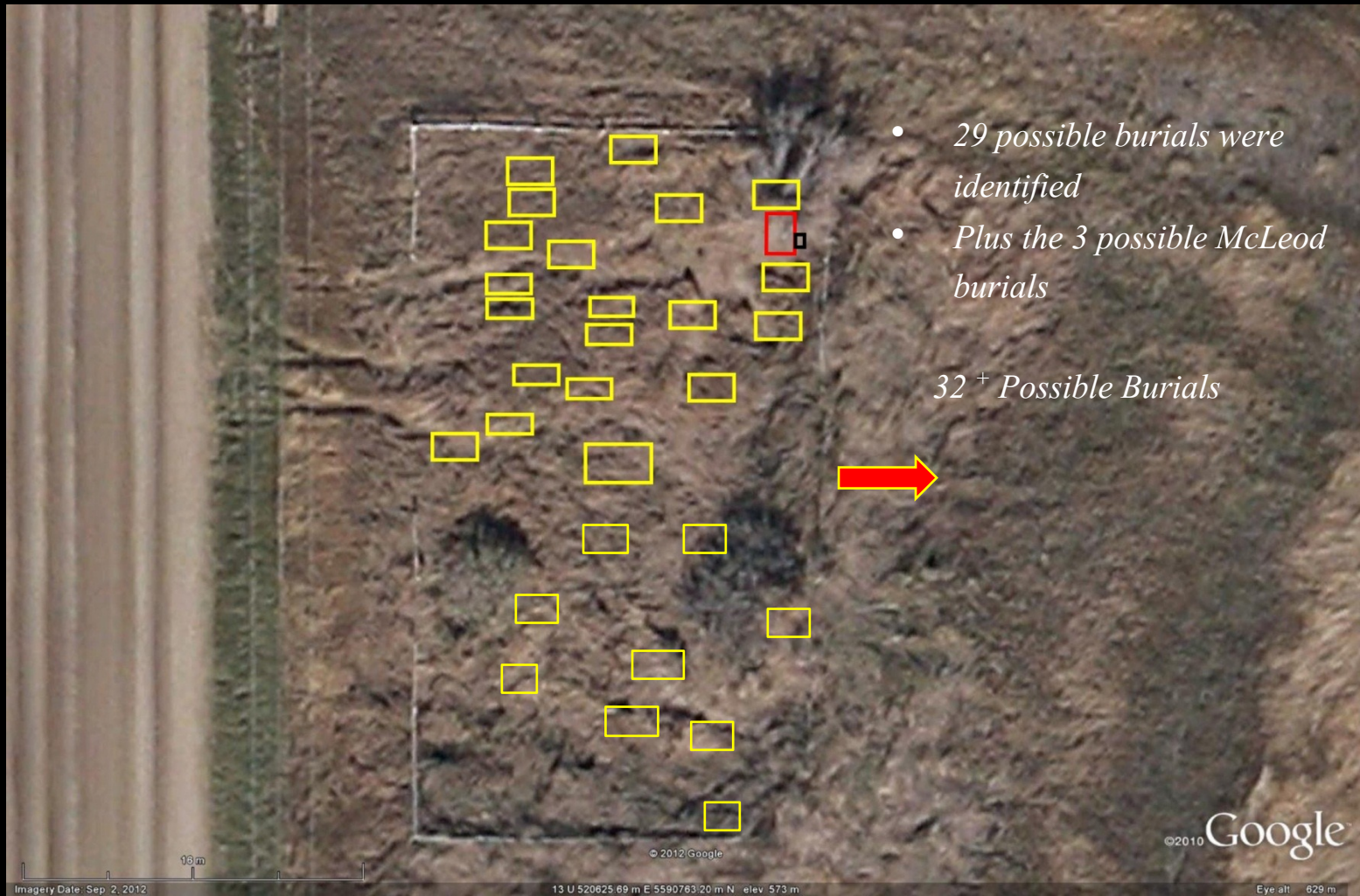
We would ask for your sympathetic co-operation in this  
endeavor, knowing, as we do, the kindly interest you have always  
manifested in all that concerns and pertains to the welfare of  
the Indians. Trusting that you will give this matter your  
earliest consideration.

Very sincerely,  
( Mrs. F ) Jen. McKra,  
Corr. Sec'y Prov. W.M.S. Board.

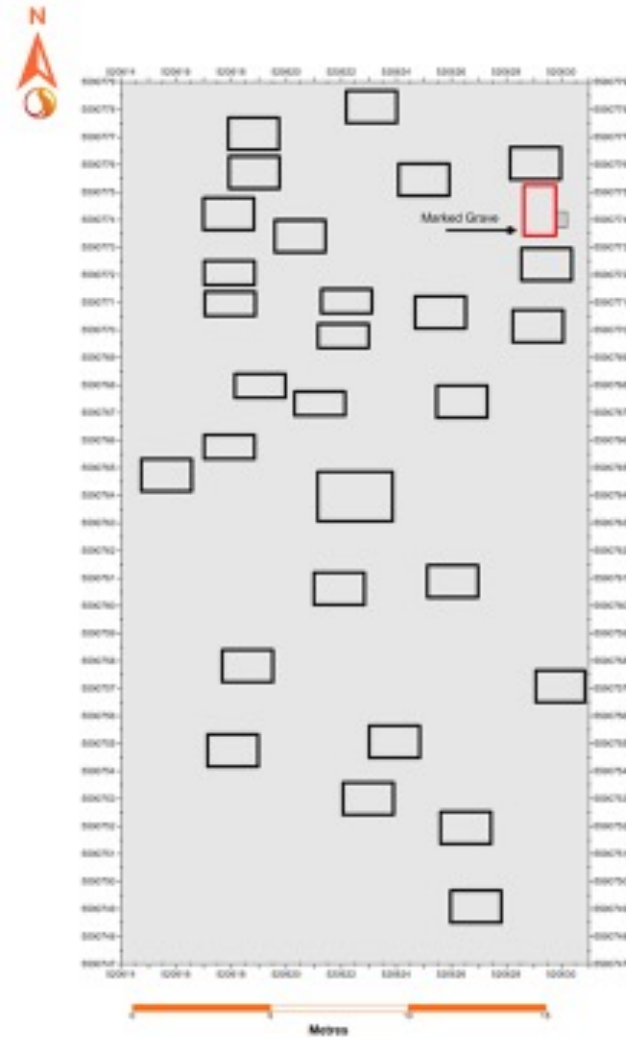
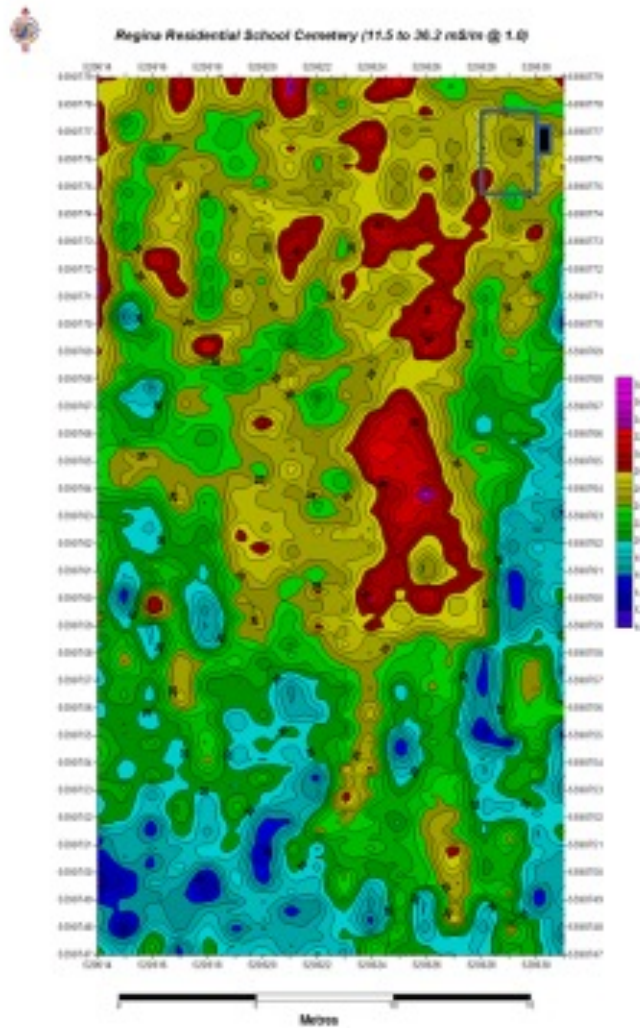
*"That he petition the Federal Government to put it in good order and a lasting memorial to the memory of our beloved Missionary Rev. A.J. McLeod who founded the school and whose child lays side by side with the Indian children."*

33 Edward Cote	Alfuscha-pain	Nov 5 13	Full	Bree	Beardy's	Alfuscha-pain	
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21 Charlotte Cote		Dec 7 15	Half	caux	Cote's	Mary James Alfuscha-pain	
						Beno Cote	
						No 10	
26 James Friday		Dec 5 12	Half	caux	Salt-Cote's	John Friday	
Mary Jane Liveright						No 9	
						Bella Friday	
27 Albert Fiddler		Dec 5 14	Full	caux	Salt-Cote's	Old Fiddler	
Flora Liver						No 34	
28 Francis Favell		Dec 5 13	Half	caux	Salt-Cote's	Mrs Favell	
Jeanne Cote						No 30	
29 Charles Cote		Dec 5 12	Full	caux	Salt-Cote's	Joseph Cote	
Sarah						No 11	
39 John Liveright		Dec 5 12	Full	caux	Salt-Cote's	Jane Cote	
Annie Liveright							

# SURVEY RESULTS 2012

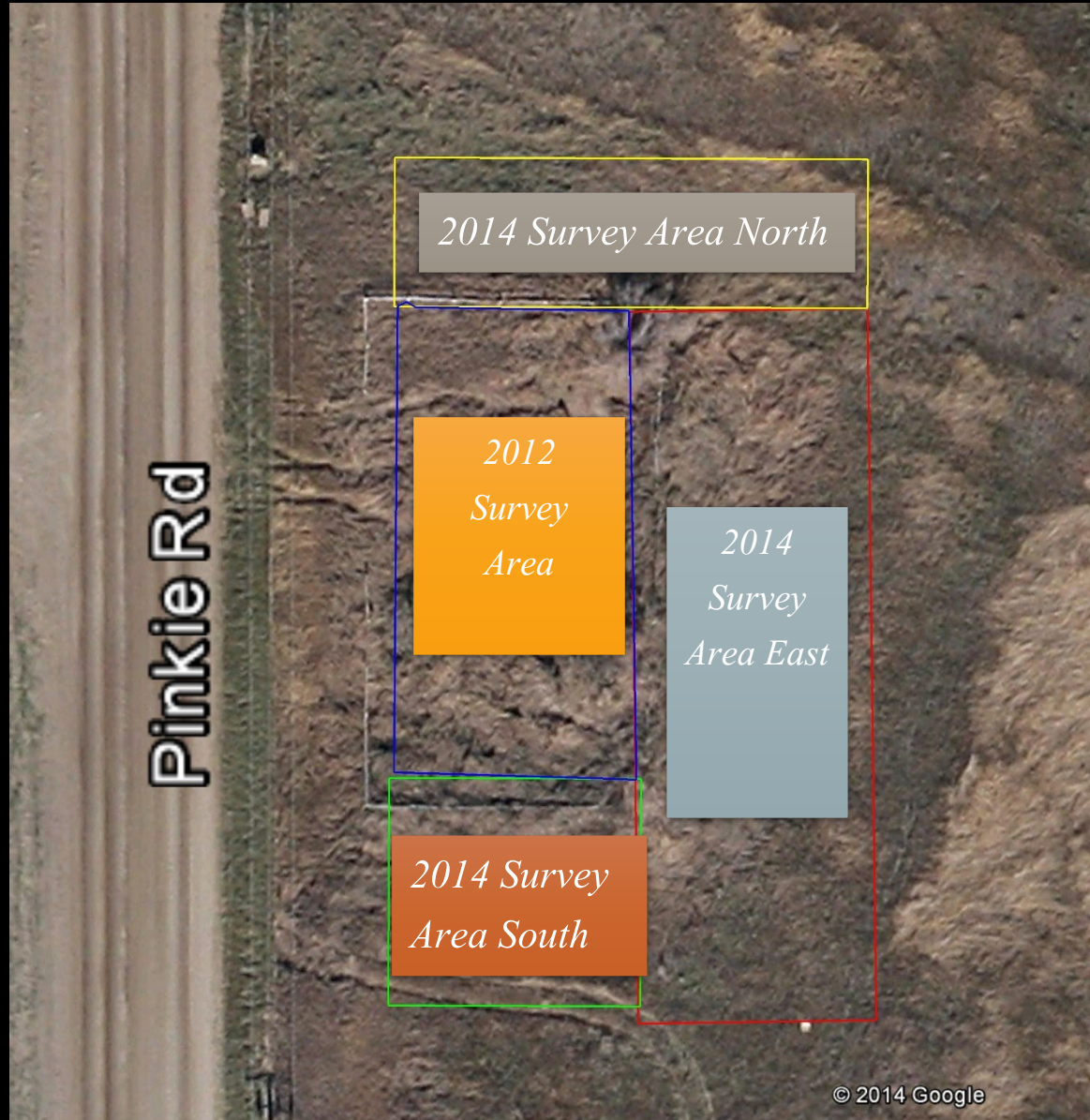


# NOVEMBER 2012 EM RESULTS

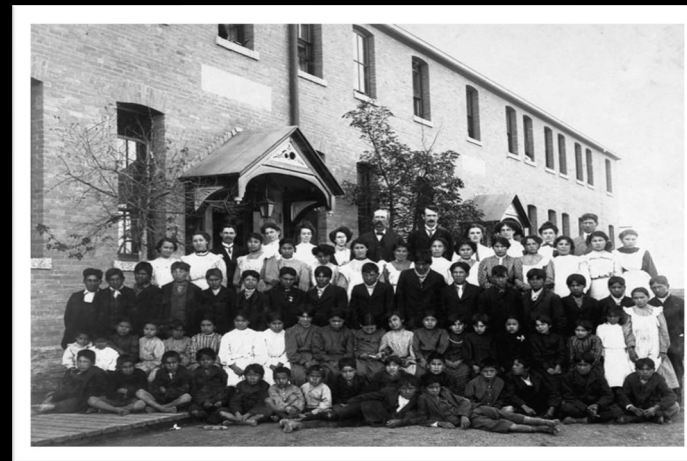




# SURVEY AREAS 2014



# SURVEY RESULTS 2014



- *6 additional burial plots were identified at the south end of the cemetery just outside of fence*
- *No burials were observed east of the fence*
- *The gas line extends southeast to northwest north of the north end of the cemetery*
- *No data were recorded along the west side of the existing fence as this area has been impacted by roadwork*

# Heritage Status

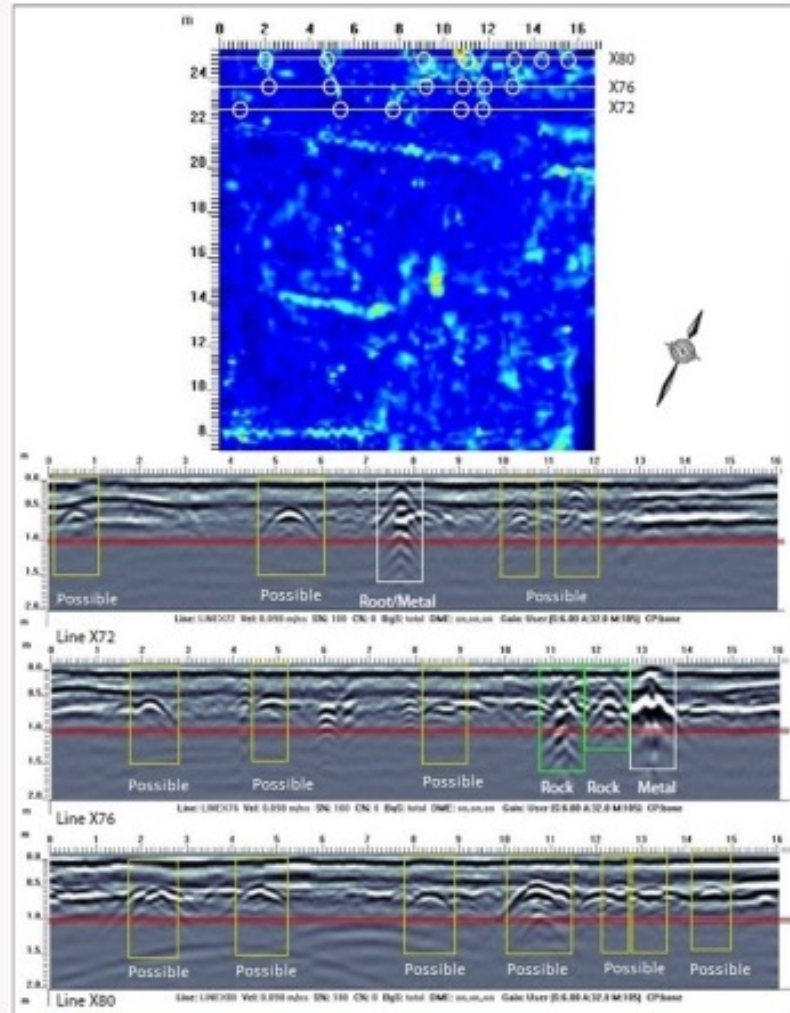
- Legal protection.
- Future alterations to Municipal Heritage Properties require prior written approval from the council of the municipality.
- Alterations to a Provincial Heritage Property require prior approval from the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport
- Financial assistance available.
- The Heritage Branch will provide expertise and technical advice on heritage conservation to owners of provincially designated properties.
- Property Search Directory

# Heritage Status - 2016

(c) “heritage property” means heritage property as defined by The Heritage Property Act and includes any estate or interest in heritage property; (d) “minister” means the member of the Executive Council to whom for the time being the administration of this Act is assigned.



# Wellness Centre Findings

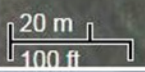
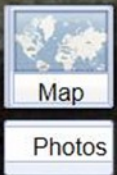


# LEGAL POSSESSION – JULY 16, 2019



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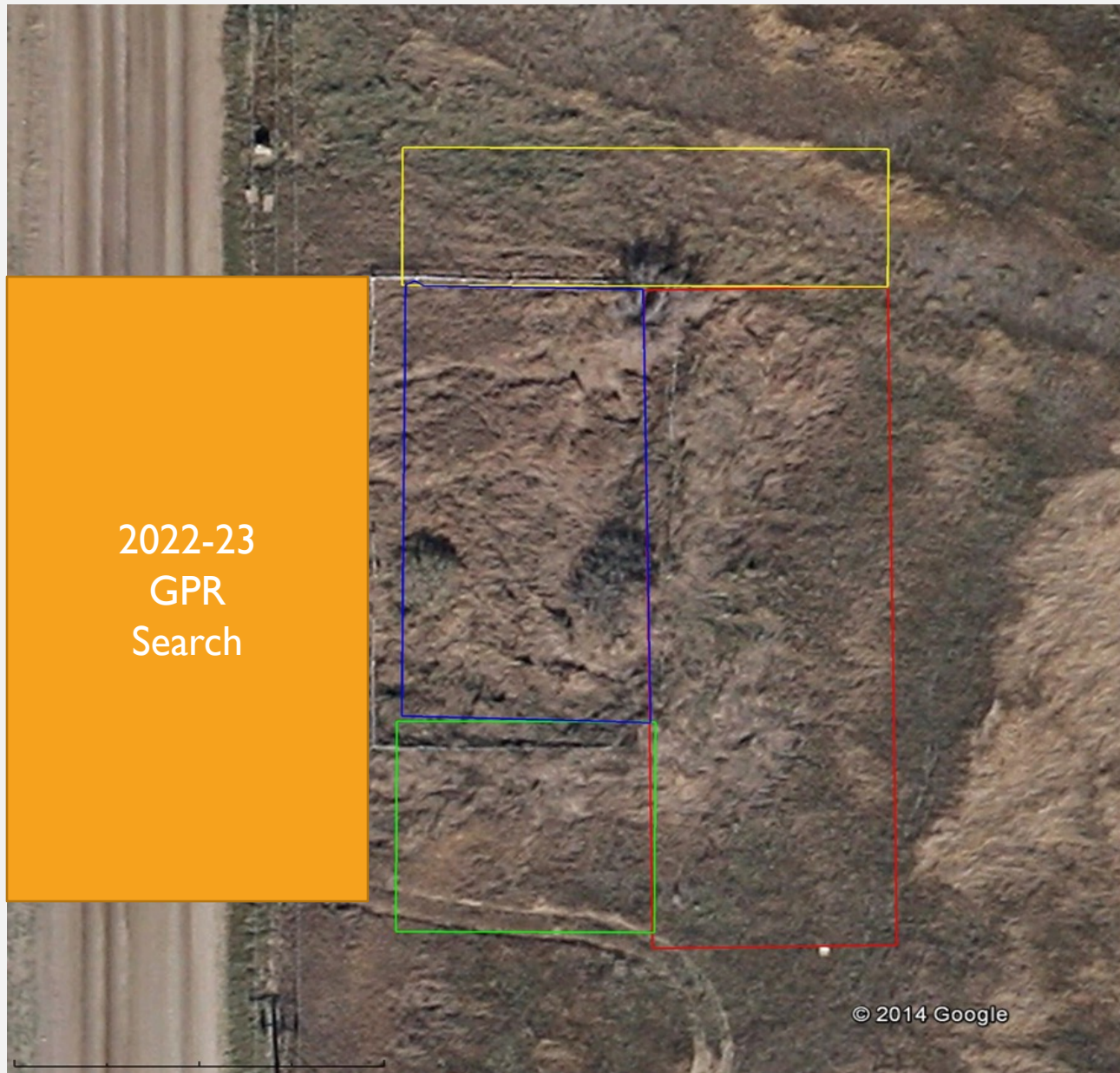
The Dojack Centre sits on the site formerly occupied by the school. In 2009, the City of Regina annexed lands from the RM of Sherwood including the cemetery. At that point the cemetery acquired a municipal address - 701 Pinkie Road.



# MOVING FORWARD

- Creating a framework for Consultation
- Cultural Understanding
- Working with Knowledge Keepers and Cultural sites
- Duty to Consult
- Collaboration - Time
- Working Government to Government
- Communication to all stakeholders

# Pinkie Road Development



# CHALLENGES & OBSTACLES

- Private land ownership
- Archival information is flawed
- Three levels of government
- Lack of storage for artifacts
- Cultural Incongruence
- Media
- Communication



# THOMAS MOORE KEESICK #22



# MOVING FORWARD

- Education
- Commemorate
- Build a Framework
- Correcting the Past