

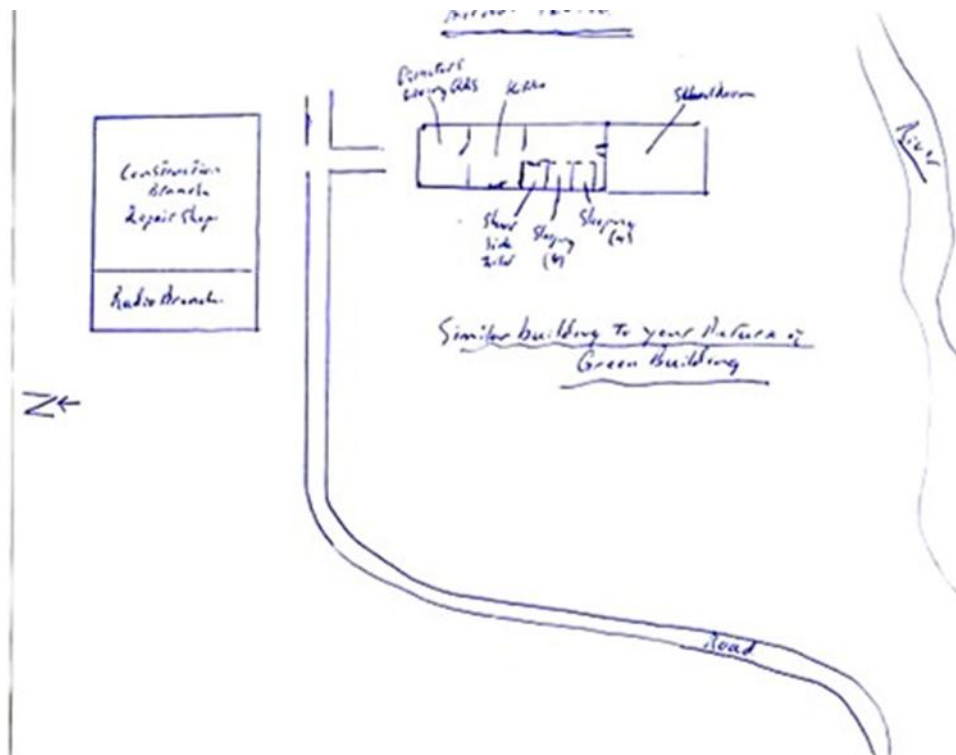


Category: 3g Saskatchewan was First

Name: Forestry School

Location: Prince Albert

Species: N/A



History/Description:

In 1946-47, the first Forestry school on the prairies was started at Prince Albert, at the airport. It was run by the Department of Natural Resources, and lecturers were drawn from DNR staff.

This was run as required (when the DNR needed forest officers) until in 1960 it became the D.N.R. school, and trained conservation officers.

It has been reported that the first year the school was actually held in a building East of the current Victoria Hospital, on land which is now First Nations land. We have not confirmed that. Certainly later it took place in the building shown, where the students and instructor lived, cooked, ate, and held classes.

In 1962 the school was moved to Kelsey at Saskatoon, and in 1968 back to Prince Albert Training Institute. This is now Woodlands campus of S.I.A.S.T., and offers a range of courses to study including Forest Eco-systems Technology, and G.I.S. For more information go to SIAST website.

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