

Advocate for Children and Youth concerned about safety of children following deaths and injury of three children in Pelican Narrows

SASKATOON – Bob Pringle, Advocate for Children and Youth, expressed his concern for the safety of children following the deaths of two children this week, and the serious injuries to a third in a house fire in Pelican Narrows.

“I was very upset after seeing the pictures in the media this week of what was left of the house after the fire,” Pringle said. “Children have a right to be safe in their homes. Whatever issues there are around lack of access and funding for fire equipment, and a shortage of volunteer firefighters, this needs to be addressed, so we can ensure that children are safe at home.”

“We may also need to look at what education children and families are getting on fire safety, as I understand the fire may have been started by accident by the children.”

The Advocate for Children and Youth is an independent officer of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. He leads a small team of regional advocates, investigators and other staff who work on behalf of the province's young people.

Our vision is that the rights, interests and well-being of children and youth are respected and valued in our communities and in government legislation, policy, programs and practice.

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