

# CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER



### BACKGROUND

In 2019, Maĥpiya Luta's Board of Directors launched a master planning process to ensure the organization's future success, prioritizing various capital and operational projects. Among these were the imperative needs for a new facility for The Heritage Center (THC). THC is the only center of its kind on a South Dakota reservation, providing community members access to generations of Native art. However, its current location does not have fire suppression or proper climate controls. A new building is necessary to safely store the priceless and permanent collection, while also providing more economic opportunities for local artists. Additionally, a new water tower was identified to address water pressure and fire suppression requirements for the entire campus, including the upcoming construction projects.

### UPDATES

#### The Heritage Center

We are in the initial phase of construction.

- Fencing was placed around the job site.
- The job trailer has been delivered and set up.
- The contractors have removed soil to the base of the foundation of the new building and are compacting the base soil to specifications.
- A gravel road for delivery trucks has been created.
- To set a stable base for the building foundation, engineered fill, which is gravel of a specific composition, is being delivered.

#### The Water Tower

- The new water tower site has flags indicating existing water line locations.
- The existing water line locations and composition were verified with exploratory holes called "potholing".
- Excavated soil from the new building construction will be hauled to the water tower site.



### COMING IN APRIL:

- Placing and compacting of the engineered fill gravel
- Concrete forms and rebar are on site in preparation for footing and foundation wall construction this coming month.
- Site utility construction. The underground electrical power has been located.

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