



*Vandermeulen, Chair, Board of Governors, Northern Lakes College; Ryan Gardner, Production Foreman, Penn West; Tom Tarpey, Mayor, Peace River; Ann Everatt, President and CEO, Northern Lakes College; Power engineering student Howard Young*

Industry consultation indicates that one of the largest obstacles to training power engineers is the challenge of obtaining the necessary steam time for certification. The power engineering lab will provide the necessary steam time for over 80 students a year, as well as dual credit high school students, to become third and fourth class power engineers. The Government of Canada provided \$1 million towards the purchase of specialized equipment for the power engineering steam lab.

“Funding educational institutions and initiatives across the country is a key area of focus of our social investment program,” says Ginette MacIsaac, Shell’s Carmon Creek Operations Manager. “As a long-time supporter of Northern Lakes College, we are proud to lend Shell’s name to a facility which will help to meet an important need for power engineers across the province.”

Ann Everatt, President and CEO of Northern Lakes College, said, “This new facility provides access to training for students throughout the Northern Lakes College region. We are extremely grateful to our industry and government partners, Shell Canada, Western Economic Diversification, Penn West, The Town of Peace River and Northern Sunrise County that provided their support to this venture. We could not have done this without their generous support.”

The power lab began its first intake of students in February 2015. Learners are able to achieve their fourth and third class power engineering certification through a service delivery model that breaks away from the traditional learning model by catering to all types of learners.

In addition to having a five week, full-time intake of students, the facility employs flexible hours and schedules to suit the needs of students who are working during the day as well as high school dual credit students.



*Speakers at the grand opening pictured from left to right: Ryan Gardner, Production Foreman, Penn West; Garret Tomlinson, Reeve, Northern Sunrise County; Ginette MacIsaac, Carmon Creek Operations Manager, Shell Canada; Daniel Vandermeulen, Chair, Board of Governors, Northern Lakes College; Tom Tarpey, Mayor, Peace River; Ann Everatt, President and CEO, Northern Lakes College*

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