

With respect for cultures and the needs of communities, Northern Lakes College provides quality educational programs and services which enable adults to continue their education, to improve their employment opportunities, and to enhance their quality of life.



## MINUTES

### The Board of Governors of Northern Lakes College

July 11, 2013 10:00 a.m.

Grouard Campus

**Present:**

<b>Governors</b>	
Archie Cunningham - <i>Public Member (Chair)</i>	✓
Gerald Cunningham - <i>Public Member (Vice Chair)</i>	✓
Earl Laboucan - <i>Public Member</i>	✓
Vacant - <i>Public Member</i>	
Jennifer Moore - <i>Public Member</i>	✓
Wilf Willier - <i>Public Member</i>	✓
Sandra Willing - <i>Public Member</i>	✓
Shona Hommy-Bugarin - <i>Faculty Association-nominated Member</i>	✓
Jordan Koski – <i>Student-nominated Member</i>	✓
Odessa Ptashnyk - <i>Staff Association-nominated Member</i>	✓
Ann Everatt - <i>President</i>	✓
<b>Staff</b>	
Madeline McVey, <i>Vice President, Academic</i>	✓
Rob LeSage, <i>Senior Director and Chief Financial Officer</i>	✓
Brad Hestbak, <i>Senior Director, External Relations</i>	✓
Archie Pronger, <i>Director, Facilities and Ancillary Services</i>	✓
Randy Anderson, <i>Community Consultant</i>	✓
Cyndy Lorincz, <i>Dean, Student Services and Registrar</i>	✓
Cherie Friesen, <i>Coordinator, Resource Programs</i>	✓
Rachel Ouellette, <i>Director, Academic Upgrading</i>	✓
Allyson Goyette, <i>Coordinator, Practical Nurse Program</i>	✓
Noreen Tomkins, <i>Recording Secretary</i>	✓
<b>Guests</b>	
Pearl Calahasen, <i>MLA for Lesser Slave Lake</i>	✓
Hector Goudreau, <i>MLA for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley</i>	✓

## **1. Opening**

- 1.1 Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:52 a.m. by Chair Archie Cunningham.  
Archie welcomed everyone to this special meeting to meet with MLA Pearl Calahasen and MLA Hector Goudreau to highlight some of our programs and challenges.

### **1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

- MOTION 001-13/14:** Moved by Jennifer Moore  
That the agenda for July 11, 2013 be adopted as presented.  
**CARRIED**

### **1.3 Acceptance of Minutes**

- MOTION 002-13/14:** Moved by Wilf Willier  
That the minutes of June 19, 2013 be accepted as presented.  
**CARRIED**

### **1.4 Introductions**

Introductions were done for invited guests.

- Cherie Friesen, Coordinator, Resource Programs
- Allyson Goyette, Coordinator, Practical Nurse Program
- Rachel Ouellette, Director, Academic Upgrading Program
- Archie Pronger, Director, Facilities and Ancillary Services
- Pearl Calahasen, MLA for Lesser Slave Lake

## **2. Presentations & Delegations**

No presentations

## **3. Reports:**

### **3.1 President's Report: Ann Everatt**

President Everatt reported that she has been meeting with staff these last two weeks and was becoming familiar with the challenges and opportunities at NLC.  
She attended the signing of the dual credit agreement in Atikameg and had toured a few of our campuses.

The President also indicated that she was extremely impressed with the academic delivery system the College has developed that provides access to post-secondary programming in our region with substantial student supports focused on student retention and success. It was noted that the College is highly collaborative and has been successfully delivering collaborative programs and dual credit initiatives. She also noted that the College has seen increased enrollment over the past several years and is trending to exceed 1200 FLE in 2013/14.

### **3.2 Fall Applicant Report: Cyndy Lorincz**

Applications have increased for most programs for 2013-14

Boom Truck offerings are province wide with continuing enrolment increases

Early Learning and Child Care have also increased from 2012/13.

Oilfield Operator is already closed due to an excess of applicants.

Power Engineering currently has 100+ FLEs for 12-13 and continues to grow in numbers. This program is delivered throughout our region using synchronous and asynchronous distance delivery.

Social Work – the numbers are steady and strong

Survey Theory and Calculations continues is expected to have increased enrolment in 2013/14

Wilf Willier requested that Cyndy provide the total number of seats for Boom Truck and Power Engineering programs.

**MOTION 003-13/14:** Moved by Odessa Ptashnyk  
That the Board accept the President's report and the Fall Applicant Report for information.

**CARRIED**

### **4. Business Arising-Ongoing**

No ongoing business was presented.

### **5. New Business**

#### **5.1 Campus Alberta Northern Collaboration Concept Overview**

Ann Everatt presented the proposed collaboration for the five northern Colleges and Athabasca University. This collaboration is a formal agreement to continue and enhance our collaborative programming, enhance student transferability and access, seek shared service opportunities that will enhance services and increase efficiencies, share curriculum and resources, expand our already very successful dual credit initiatives and partner on various corporate training initiatives.

Ann will discuss the Collaboration concept with SMT and provide a brief for the next board meeting in September.

**MOTION 004-13/14:** Moved by Sandra Willing  
To accept the proposed Campus Alberta Northern Collaboration Concept Overview for information.

**CARRIED**

### **6. Information & Correspondence**

6.1 Municipal Affairs re: Dissolution study for the Town of Swan Hills

6.2 Enterprise and Advanced Education – Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act

**MOTION 005-13/14:** Moved by Jordan Koski To accept for information.  
**CARRIED**

Archie adjourned this part of the meeting so that the presentation to the MLAs could begin.

## **7. Meeting and Lunch with MLA Pearl Calahasen and MLA Hector Goudreau**

A presentation was presented to MLA Pearl Calahasen and MLA Hector Goudreau

Chair Archie Cunningham opened the presentation with an overview of Northern Lakes College and President Everatt outlined the strengths and challenges currently facing the college as well as the long term and short term plans to ensure that Northern Lakes College continues to meet our mandate of serving the students and communities of our region in an effective and efficient manner.

The Vice President Academic, Madeline McVey, addressed the funding challenges facing our Academic Upgrading students due to the changes to the funding model of Alberta Human Services. The College will continue to seek means to assist students who wish to attend the College and obtain post-secondary credentials.

Sandra Willing suggested that we should bring awareness of our students to the ministry. Our students are as valuable as students in the southern part of the province.

Three Programs were presented:

### **1. Power Engineering**

Cherie Friesen, Coordinator showcased our Power Engineering program and highlighted the distance delivery methodology used. This program has seen tremendous growth and interest from students in our region. The Power Engineering lab that is being developed in Peace River will enhance the viability of this program as our students will be able to access steam time in this region.

### **2. Academic Upgrading**

Rachel Ouellette, Director showcased the academic upgrading programming. Rachel confirmed with the Board that we are a registered high school and that our high school courses come from Alberta Education. As well, she highlighted the need for access to academic upgrading in our region is tremendously high as many communities do not have a local high school and there is a higher non completion rate for high school students in our region. Our region experiences a much higher percentage of students who require academic upgrading prior to entry to a post-secondary program. Academic Upgrading is a key component to closing the educational gap.

### **3. Practical Nurse Program**

Allyson Goyette, Coordinator showcased the Practical Nurse Program that is offered using online, synchronous delivery supported by face-to-face labs and practicums. We

are the only program using this model in Alberta and our delivery model is unique in Canada. Our model can be duplicated anywhere; it supports learners to succeed. She also highlighted that 100% of our students are successful in their first attempt in writing the provincial accreditation examinations.

The Director of Facilities and Ancillary Services, Archie Pronger, highlighted projects approved and currently underway. Priority projects overview: Trout/Peerless Lakes Campus, Trades Campus for the region, High Prairie Campus Consolidation and Community Learning Centre projects. In order to address the aging and overall level of inadequate facilities the college must renew and revitalize the College properties throughout Northwest Alberta.

Sandra Willing indicated that we use resources efficiently, our facilities would benefit from capital funds to upgrade them as well as capital funds for facilities and technology, i.e. bandwidth.

Earl Laboucan – We are asking for your help to ensure that Northern Lakes College can retain our unique identity. Everyone needs an education; we have a large population who don't have post-secondary education. We are in the middle of a large industrial area and we need to respond to industry's needs. We don't want to be swallowed up by another institution. We need to train our own people so we don't lose them.

Archie Cunningham thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked the presenters for presenting a clear and concise overview of the College and some of our programs.

Archie requested that Vice-Chair Gerald Cunningham assume the chair for this portion of the meeting.

Vice Chair Gerald Cunningham assumed the chair.

A discussion with the MLAs ensued.

Jennifer Moore – Is the government going to recognize collaboration outside of the Education sector?

Mr. Goudreau spoke about how the government does support and recognize collaboration. You need to define what “collaboration” means to this college. Send us an email to let us know what is happening on a regular basis. If we do not receive any new information on the college, we cannot support the college.

Funding for academic upgrading – the impact was severe for Northern Lakes College students. Ann will ensure that the MLAs are informed on issues that affect the College.

Sandra – How do we raise the awareness that Northern Lakes College is unique to the ministry?

- Success stories – Olds College sends out regular communiques to all the MLAs in the province.
- Come and present to the MLAs' Standing Committees
- Write a press release on how our budget 'black eye' was fixed.

- Talk about your delivery mechanism and geographic population.

There are more issues than education, health, economy - need to look at the whole picture.

Vice Chair Gerald Cunningham thanked the MLAs and staff who attended today's meeting.

Pearl Calahasen thanked everyone for the invitation, the presentations were outstanding. Share these success stories. There is forestry, oil and gas, tourism and family care clinics in your service region. There is a need for different training for the health field.

Campus Alberta – define “collaboration”

- Transferability of programs
- Funding needs
- Low education
- Transportation
- Capital Plan – we need to know what your priorities are
- Communication – develop a communication strategy

You serve people who would be forgotten by the rest of the colleges.

Hector Goudreau - We're here to serve the people. We need to serve people who can't afford an education. We can champion this college.

President Everatt thanked the MLAs for coming and confirmed that the College will send regular updates on the issues we face as well as our successes.

Meeting was adjourned for a short break at 2:25 p.m.

Meeting was called back to order by the Chair Archie Cunningham at 2:37 p.m.

The Board recognized our student representative, Jordan Koski, who has been on the board for two years. Her term is now at an end. The Chair also pointed out the contribution Jordan made as a member of the recruitment panel for the new president.

Members said their goodbyes to Jordan and she in turn thanked the Board members for their support.

Jordan was presented with a certificate for serving on the board for the last two years.

The Chair noted that meetings with our MLAs should continue on a regular basis, so they can be made aware of the issues we face.

Meeting moved to in camera at 2:57 p.m.

**MOTION 006-13/14:** Moved by Archie Cunningham  
That the Board move in camera.

**CARRIED**

The Board moved in camera at 2:57 p.m.

**MOTION 007-13/14:** Moved by Jennifer Moore

That the Board move out of camera.

**CARRIED**

The Board moved out of camera at 3:25 p.m.

**MOTION 008-13/14:** Moved by Jordan Koski  
That the meeting adjourns.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.