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One Step Closer for the new NLC Campus in High Prairie

Northern Lakes College received welcoming news from the High Prairie School Division (HPSD) regarding land for the new campus in High Prairie. The HPSD Board of Trustees approved a land transfer to Northern Lakes College to facilitate the construction of a new campus near the High Prairie elementary site. The parcel of land is 3.9 acres and will provide ample room for the construction of a modern College campus. This will enable students from High Prairie to receive college programming in a learning space tailored to meet their needs.

Daniel Vandermeulen, Chair of the Board of Governors said, "Collaboration with school divisions and post-secondary institutions is important to NLC and we have a history of many successful partnerships. It makes sense to utilize the land that is sitting vacant and save taxpayers money. With the support of the Government of Alberta, the High Prairie School Division and the Holy Family Catholic Regional Division, our students will enjoy a new campus in a few short years."

The programming and design of the new campus will begin soon and NLC expects to be shovel ready by the Summer of 2018. Upcoming consultations will provide opportunities for the community to provide input. Northern Lakes College had three locations serving the Town of High Prairie, one being the re-purposed Fish and Wildlife office. These spaces are inadequate and not designed for the purpose of teaching and learning. While the College has space next to the existing campus to build a new facility, when the Board of Governors was approached with the option of another site, they capitalized on the opportunity to partner with High Prairie School Division and Holy Family Catholic Regional Division. President Ann Everatt says, "Our students need space that is tailored to meet their learning needs. This has been a priority project for NLC for the past 8 years and we are delighted to receive funding for this project. It is important that all students in the north have the same opportunities as students in urban centres."

This project will make a significant difference in the community of High Prairie for both high school and College students. With a fully functional campus, the College is

confident that we will meet present and future post-secondary needs providing a wide range of educational opportunities. Strong partnerships are key to the success of Northern Lakes College. The partnership with the High Prairie School Division and Holy Family Catholic Regional Division will offer significant dual credit advantages to local students long into the future.

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Northern Lakes College is a multi-campus college located in northern Alberta and is focused on providing relevant, quality programs through a distributed learning model, serving over 6,000 students annually. To meet regional needs, NLC offers a wide range of certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences and Allied Health, Human Services, Technology, Trades, University Studies and Academic Upgrading. The College collaborates with Campus Alberta partners to offer degree completion opportunities throughout its service region, including a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Social Work. Northern Lakes College also provides a wide variety of professional accreditation and certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department. Northern Lakes College houses the Woodland Operations Learning Foundation (WOLF) to provide Forestry and related post-secondary and professional development programs.

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