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Advisory: Northern Lakes College Investigating Targeted Phishing Attack

Northern Lakes College was victim to an email phishing attack on September 18, 2017 resulting in the compromise of an administrative staff's email account. Northern Lakes College (NLC) took immediate action to prohibit unauthorized access to the Continuing Education email account in question and launched an internal investigation. NLC reported the incident to the RCMP, contacted the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, and has notified individuals and companies that may have been affected.

"Cyber criminals are attacking businesses daily. Unfortunately, NLC was the victim of a phishing attack," said Bruce D'Sena, Chief Information Officer. "The email looked legitimate, and it came from a customer. We are fortunate that our IT department has strong measures in place and that they took action immediately."

Ann Everatt, President & CEO of Northern Lakes College said, "I want to emphasize that this incident will not impact our academic or business operations in any way. I urge all of our students to be vigilant. Take precautions when using email. There are a number of magazine articles and websites that provide information on how to detect phishing emails."

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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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