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### **NLC and Fort Vermilion Public School Collaborate on Housing Project**

Northern Lakes College (NLC) and Fort Vermilion Public School are working together on a major renovation project, which involves a Northern Lakes College staff house.

For the past ten years, the Fort Vermilion Public School's very successful housing program has taken on projects that provide their students with trade's experiences that benefit the community. "Our students are gaining work experiences that are practical and are building a foundation for future career choices. Our collaboration with Northern Lakes College on this two year project is providing many students with the opportunity to earn credits and explore career opportunities through hands-on learning," said Grant Charles, Principal of Fort Vermilion Public School.

"Working as a team on a real job site has shown me the level of responsibility that a person needs for a future job," said Deanna Flooren, a Fort Vermilion Public School student.

Charles identified the project during a Community Education Committee (CEC) meeting. The Community Education Committees are public advisory committees for the College. The Fort Vermilion Public School showed interest in taking on the project as part of their housing program. Northern Lakes College contributes the materials for the project. Fort Vermilion Public School supplies student manpower and three dedicated instructors who teach students skills in electrical wiring, framing, dry walling and installing flooring.

"Northern Lakes College is pleased to be working with the Fort Vermilion Public School. This collaboration is a wonderful example where community engagement can enrich the lives of students in very meaningful ways. The NLC staff housing project will be a lasting legacy that the high school students can be very proud of," said Ann Everatt, President and CEO of Northern Lakes College.



*Photo: NLC Staff Housing project progress*

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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