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Big Lakes County Makes Major Contribution to NLC High Prairie Campus

Big Lakes County has generously contributed \$100,000 towards the construction of the Northern Lakes College High Prairie Campus. In recognition of the support, a classroom in the new campus will be named the Big Lakes County Trades Classroom.

The \$24 million project is funded by the Government of Alberta's investment of \$21.6 million, along with \$2.4 million committed by the College. The new High Prairie Campus will accommodate up to 225 students, address future growth plans, meet employment demands in the region, and increase campus energy efficiency. The consolidation of the three High Prairie campus sites will also support specialized training in health and trades programs.

"We are delighted that Big Lakes County has supported this investment towards the new campus in the community of High Prairie," states Northern Lakes College Board of Governors Chair, Daniel Vandermeulen. "This facility will allow for future program growth to meet regional employment demands and services to community members."

"The world is changing fast. Upskilling and reskilling, and staying on top of new technology, are keys to success. We believe that the new Big Lakes County Trades Classroom will prepare generations of tradespeople for the jobs of today and tomorrow. Through partnerships with organizations like Northern Lakes College, Big Lakes County is proudly addressing skills shortages, helping to create jobs, and working to remain economically competitive as a region," comments Big Lakes County Reeve, Richard Simard.

Construction of the new campus is on schedule, which means students and staff could be enjoying the new campus in the fall of 2020. The creation of a single facility will reduce the campus environmental footprint and energy consumption and provide students with more accessible and efficient learning spaces. A LEED Silver building, the Campus will be constructed of sustainable products, include a high performance envelope, high efficiency windows, and geothermal heating and cooling.



Northern Lakes College Board Chair, Daniel Vandermeulen, President Ann Everatt, and Big Lakes County Reeve Richard Simard.

Northern Lakes College (NLC), located in northern Alberta, provides quality programs through distributed learning to over 6,000 students annually. NLC offers certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences and Allied Health, Human Services, Technology, Trades, University Studies, and Academic Upgrading. The College collaborates with partners to offer degree completion opportunities, including a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Social Work. NLC provides professional accreditation and certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department.

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