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Plains Midstream Canada Makes Major Gift to NLC High Prairie Campus

High Prairie, Alberta (November 2, 2020): Plains Midstream Canada (Plains) has generously contributed \$50,000 to the Northern Lakes College High Prairie Campus Capital Campaign. In recognition of the gift, a trades lab in the new campus will be named the Plains Trades Lab.

"Northern Lakes College values the support of Plains Midstream Canada. The High Prairie campus is a testimony to what can be achieved when we work together in partnership. With the assistance of Plains Midstream Canada, students, staff, and regional community members will enjoy working and learning in this beautiful facility," comments President & CEO, Glenn Mitchell.

"The new campus is an exciting addition to High Prairie and surrounding communities. Plains' support towards the Multi-Function Trades Lab will help to build regional capacity for trades training, not only in apprenticeships but also in pre-employment training and dual credit opportunities for high school students," says Glen Lawrence, District Manager for Plains' North West Alberta District. "We have assets spread across northern Alberta and employ members of these communities. Plains is proud to be supporting further education in the region and the development of the current and future workforce."

The \$24 million project is funded by the Government of Alberta's investment of \$21.6 million, along with \$2.4 million committed by corporate donors, community members, and the College. The new High Prairie Campus will accommodate up to 225 students, address future growth plans, meet workforce 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.

Construction of the LEED Silver, net-zero ready campus is nearly complete. The College expects to begin fitting the space with furniture and technology soon and to welcome students, staff, and community members in early 2021.



The Northern Lakes College High Prairie Campus is nearly complete.

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