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Tolko Makes Generous Gift to NLC High Prairie Campus Campaign

High Prairie, Alberta (December 16, 2020): Tolko Industries Ltd. has generously contributed to the Northern Lakes College High Prairie Campus Campaign. In recognition of the gift, a space dedicated to e-learning will be named the Tolko E-Learning Suite in the new campus. Tolko's gift consists of a cash contribution of \$17,000, in addition to an in-kind contribution of Oriented Strand Board (OSB).

"Northern Lakes College is grateful for the support of Tolko Industries Ltd. This generous donation will assist the College in ensuring we can continue to successfully support the learning needs of our students in the High Prairie region. Tolko has been a strong supporter and partner to Northern Lakes College over many years and I am excited that this partnership continues," comments President & CEO, Glenn Mitchell.

"We're proud to invest in the communities where we live and work," says Jim Baskerville, Tolko's Vice President of Strand Based Business. "Northern Lakes College plays an important role in High Prairie, and we're happy to donate to an organization that provides opportunities for education and strengthens the community."

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.

The College is fitting the LEED Silver, net-zero ready campus with furniture and technology and looks forward to welcoming students, staff, and community members in 2021.



The Northern Lakes College High Prairie Campus.

A distance learning college, Northern Lakes College provides the most accessible and flexible educational opportunities through innovative delivery. Utilizing its unique Supported Distance Learning (SDL) model, NLC assists 5,000 students annually to continue their education, improve their employment opportunities, and enhance their quality of life. Committed to its communities in northern Alberta and to its students, wherever they may be, NLC collaborates with business, industry, and other post-secondary institutions to benefit students and communities. Explore at <u>www.northernlakescollege.ca</u>.

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