



**Northern Lakes College Board of Governors  
Public Meeting Minutes**

August 26, 2021  
Collaborate

<b>Governors</b>	
Daniel Vandermeulen, <i>Public Member (Chair)</i>	✓
Glenn Mitchell, <i>President &amp; CEO</i>	✓
Barb Hatch, <i>Public Member</i>	✓
Ivan Sawan, <i>Public Member</i>	✓
Lucille Labrecque, <i>Public Member</i>	✓
Treena Ward, <i>Public Member</i>	✓
Tim Murphy, <i>Faculty Association Nominated Member</i>	✓
Kyle Paulson, <i>Staff Association Nominated Member</i>	✓
Kayla French, <i>Student Nominated Member</i>	✓
Patrick Meneen, <i>Student Nominated Member</i>	✓
<b>Resource Team</b>	
Tracey Solcan, <i>Executive Assistant, President &amp; CEO and Board of Governors</i>	✓
<b>Regrets</b>	
Sergey Semagin, <i>Executive Director, Finance Services</i>	Darrell Ghostkeeper, <i>Public Member</i>

**1. Opening:**

**1.1 Call to Order:** The August 26, 2021 public meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair, Daniel Vandermeulen.

Northern Lakes College respectfully acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 8 territory, and Métis Nation of Alberta Regions 5 and 6, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis Peoples.

**1.2 Confirmation of Quorum:** Chair, Daniel Vandermeulen roll called for confirmation of quorum. Quorum was established.

**2. Consent Items:**

July 12, 2021 the following motion was made and supported by the Board of Governors as a whole via e-mail and therefore shall be reflected in the minutes of the August 26, 2021 meeting for transparency.

**Motion 001-21/22** That the Board of Governors approve Kapawe’no First Nations access to the land classified as Northern Lakes College Grouard Campus for the purpose of the investigation related to the residential school.  
Moved by Kayla French  
CARRIED

**2.1 Adoption of Public Meeting Agenda**

The August 26, 2021 agenda for the Board of Governors meeting was reviewed and approved as presented.

**Motion 002-21/22** That the agenda for the August 26, 2021 public meeting of the Board of Governors be adopted as presented.  
Moved by Tim Murphy  
CARRIED

**2.2 Conflict of Interest Declaration:** Chair, Daniel Vandermeulen called for declaration of conflict of interest. No conflict was declared.

### **2.3 Approval of Public Meeting Minutes**

The June 16, 2021 minutes for the public meeting of the Board of Governors were reviewed for errors or omissions.

**Motion 003-21/22** The June 16, 2021 minutes of the public meeting of the Board of Governors be accepted as presented.  
Moved by Tim Murphy  
CARRIED

## **3. Reports:**

### **3.1 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's Report was presented orally to the Board of Governors by Chair, Daniel Vandermeulen. Highlights include:

- Ontario Board of Governors Chair Workshop
- High Prairie Campus Construction Committee Meeting
- Tour of High Prairie Campus with Minister of Infrastructure Prasad Panda, Associate Minister Red Tape Reduction Tanya Fir, Associate Minister of Gas and Electric Dale Nally and MLA Lesser Slave Lake Pat Rehn
- Meeting with COPPOA Board of Governor Chairs and Ministry representatives regarding RABCCA
- Meeting with President
- Announcement of new Board of Governors member Lana Daniels

### **3.2 Presidents' Report**

The Presidents' Report was presented to the Board of Governors by President Glenn Mitchell. Highlights include:

- Town of Drayton Valley Enrollment Numbers are excellent in early days
- Kee Tas Kee Now Educational Authority
- Meeting with Dr. Tom Thompson – Board of Governors Retreat
- Activity Report
- High Prairie Campus is ready for students and staff
- Upcoming virtual Annual General Meeting with staff
- 2020-2021 saw increase of 74 FLE (Full Learner Equivalent) from 2019-2020
- COVID-19 protocols remain in place to ensure the safety of students and staff
- Flags remain at half mast to acknowledge residential school findings
- Reform of Agencies, Board and Commissions Compensation Act (RABCCA) remains an important topic of discussion as there is an effect on recruitment and retention

## **4. Business**

### **4.1 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

President Glenn Mitchell spoke to the June 2021 announcement by the Government of Canada announcing September 30 as a federal statutory holiday, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day provides an opportunity to recognize the ongoing legacy of residential schools, and to honour their survivors, their families and communities. This federal holiday will commence September 30, 2021. This statutory holiday only applies to federally regulated employees which means that it does not apply to post-secondary institutions in Alberta. As of today, eight post-secondary institutions in Alberta will be closing in recognition of the day with six remaining open.

Northern Lakes College will remain open to commemorate and recognize the importance of this day. Information will be disseminated and available to students and staff and will be considered a special learning day.

Discussion was held by the Board of Governors regarding the importance of this day and full support was provided in keeping Northern Lakes College open for a day of learning about the legacy and effect of residential schools and in honour of the survivors, their families and their communities.

#### **4.2 2021-2022 Work Plan**

Executive Assistant spoke to the 2021-2022 Work Plan for the Board of Governors. The work plan is developed based on multiple factors. Discussion was held by the Board of Governors and feedback was provided to the Executive Assistant. Modifications will be made and brought to the September 23, 2021 meeting for review and approval.

#### **5. Next Agenda**

The next meeting of the Board of Governors will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

#### **6. Conclusion of Public Meeting**

The public meeting of the Board of Governors adjourned August 26, 2021 at 11:42 a.m.