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## **Northern Lakes College Welcomes New Board Chair**

***Slave Lake, Alberta (April 13, 2022):*** Northern Lakes College welcomes Mr. Barry Sharkawi as the new Chair of the Board of Governors.

Mr. Sharkawi is a deep-rooted resident of High Prairie with strong ties to the region. He settled in High Prairie in 1973 when he arrived in Canada from Kuwait. He began working in the restaurant industry, progressing to general manager and eventually becoming the owner of a number of restaurants. Mr. Sharkawi has been involved with community, provincial, and federal boards and agencies.

Announced by the Province of Alberta in an Order in Council on April 6, 2022, Mr. Sharkawi will serve a three-year term, effective immediately. He succeeds Mr. Daniel Vandermeulen, who served as Chair since 2014.

“On behalf of Northern Lakes College, I extend a warm welcome to Mr. Sharkawi. I look forward to working together to meet the educational needs of our communities,” comments Dr. Glenn Mitchell, President & CEO.

The College became a board-governed institution in 1998. Mr. Sharkawi is the fifth individual to fulfill the position of chairperson.

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 [www.northernlakescollege.ca](http://www.northernlakescollege.ca).

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