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Peace River, Alberta

NLC's Council of Community Education Committees Hosts Leadership Workshop

A successful, two-day Leadership Workshop was hosted by the Northern Lakes College Council of Community Education Committees (CCEC) in Peace River. The workshop included guest speaker, Nicole Bourque-Bouchier and keynote speaker, Kathy Archer, and was attended by community representatives from throughout the College's service region.

Nicole Bourque-Bouchier is co-owner and CEO of the Bouchier Group and an advocate for Indigenous women's economic empowerment. The Bouchier Group is one of the largest Indigenous-owned and operated companies in the Athabasca Oil Sands region. Bourque-Bouchier addressed workshop attendees on the evening of May 1, sharing her secrets to success in spite of life's challenges. "What you do with these challenges determines the level of success you will attain," she comments. "Challenges helped me build the strength, resilience, and the determination and leadership to build a company."

Leadership Development Coach, author, and owner of Silver River Coaching, Kathy Archer presented on May 2. "As leaders, your primary job is to grow more leaders," she urges. "Because the world is crying out for a new kind of leader, the challenge is to be mindful of how you role model, mentor, and encourage new leaders so they can become the type of leaders this world needs now." Archer led attendees through practical discussions and exercises with the aim of helping participants understand how they need to be intentional about not just their collective role, but also their individual impact on the upcoming generation to grow this new kind of leader.

Northern Lakes College President & CEO, Ann Everatt, comments, "Northern Lakes College is committed to working with our communities through the CCEC. A key aspect of this is assisting communities with capacity building through education, training, and workshops such as this. Building leadership capacity and succession planning is key to the health and viability of any organization."



CCEC Vice-Chair Frank Chalifoux, Guest Speaker Nicole Bourque-Bouchier, and CCEC Chair Terri Rosser.

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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