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Derek Lamb Elected as NIC Board Chair

NIC's Board of Governors elected Campbell River businessman Derek Lamb to the position of board chair at the September 22 Board of Governors meeting.

"Derek Lamb has served Campbell River and the NIC Board of Governors well since 2013," said NIC President John Bowman. "He has led the board's Finance and Audit Committee and served as our vice chair. We look forward to working with him in his expanded role."

Lamb is also the chair of the John Perkins Memorial Housing Society, which provides 62 housing units for low-income seniors, and oversaw the \$1.1 million renovation of its facilities. The Campbell River and District Chamber of Commerce recently recognized his passion, talent and volunteer work in their FUTURE 15 awards. The Chartered Professional Accountant and partner with Chan Nowosad Boates was also named as one of Vancouver Island's Top 20 Under 40 in 2015.

"The NIC Board of Governors is an opportunity to give back to students, the college and communities across the region," said Lamb. "NIC provides much more than just university transfer partnerships, courses and trades training. It provides opportunities for employees and employers across the region. It's an honour to be elected as board chair."

Lamb's accounting firm has hired several NIC students and participated in co-op education and internships. Two of the company's partners are NIC graduates. Lamb was a manager with KPMG LLP in Ottawa and Vancouver, where he obtained widespread audit, review and business valuation experience. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Ottawa and achieved his Chartered Accounting designation in 2008.



NIC Board Chair Derek Lamb

The board also elected St. Joseph's General Hospital President and CEO Jane Murphy to the position of vice chair. Murphy has been on the St. Joseph's Board of Directors since 2011. She previously held senior executive positions at Langley Memorial Hospital, the South Fraser Health Region and Surrey Health Services, including Surrey Memorial Hospital and Community Health Services.

At the meeting Bowman also thanked outgoing Board Chair Bruce Bell for his years of service. The retired lawyer joined NIC's Board of Governors in 2012 and has served as chair since September 2014.

"Bruce is easily the most engaged board chair I have ever worked with," said Bowman. "We are thankful his commitment to students continues as an active board member."

Bowman also thanked outgoing student representatives Peter Hoefgen and Ulysse Ishimwe for their service. Two newly elected student members will join the board at the board's November board meeting.

NIC's Board of Governors operates under BC's College and Institute Act. Its eight appointed members include Bruce Bell, Leslie Dickie, Rob Everson, Roy Grant, Rhonda Johnson, Derek Lamb, Jane Murphy and Greg Phelps. They are joined by two students and two elected faculty and staff members - Kim Gibson and Cathy Reyno. Bowman and instructor Dennis Lightfoot, the chair of NIC's Education Council, serve as ex officio board members.

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