

Campbell River Campus Expansion Update

Building investment increases in size and funds to \$17.6 million

This newsletter provides a status report on the exciting developments occurring with the Campbell River campus expansion and renovation project.



A rendering of the back of the new Student Commons building.

The total construction cost is now estimated to be \$17.6 million, up from the \$13.5 million originally announced in January 2017. The increase is due to the addition of several classrooms as well as construction cost escalation caused by the very active provincial and Vancouver Island construction industries. The additional cost is being funded by the provincial government and NIC.

However, new campus equipment and furnishings for the campus are in addition to the construction total and a campaign is underway to raise these funds. The campaign is in the quiet phase and more information will be available in the coming months.

The Campbell River campus expansion and renovation is the single largest project undertaken by NIC since the original Campbell River campus opened in 1997. The project will see the internal separation of high school and college facilities into two distinct entities. The project will create new labs and classrooms for additional programming, which will be outlined in the future.

New and renovated space nears 10,000 square meters

The project will see almost 10,000 m² (105,000 sq. ft.) of new and renovated space. It consists of five components or separate additions to the campus buildings as well as extensive renovations to existing spaces. Please see the updated campus map on page 4 for details.

The New Student Commons interior

The following is a brief description of each project, as well as an update on their construction status and timing.

Student Commons

The Student Commons building will be the new heart of the Campbell

River campus. It will be located inside the main doors facing the bus loop and will be a casual, informal space to enjoy food from the new cafeteria and Bistro. The Student Commons will feature a new Library and Learning Commons with space for student group work; research assistance, computer labs, meeting rooms and quiet study spaces. There will also be a viewing area to watch students in the new teaching kitchen as well as spaces for students to relax, socialize and recharge.

Status update: The Student Commons underwent a comprehensive redesign in December 2017 to provide more useful, dedicated space for students. Changes included squaring the structure walls to provide an additional 700 sq. ft. of space for students. The Bistro was relocated closer to the teaching kitchen to maximize efficiency for Professional Cook students. The entrance to the Library and Learning Commons was also moved to provide the best flow for students between the library and Student Commons. Your input on what you would like to see in the Student Commons can be submitted to diana.dewitt@nic.bc.ca. The Student Commons is projected to be completed by December 2018.

Heavy Duty Mechanics Shop

The new shop will allow Heavy Duty Mechanics students to learn in improved facilities, while also enjoying enriched access to support services, computer labs, the Library and Learning Commons and cafeteria.

Status update: Concrete has been poured and some metal structures installed with pre-fabricated walls to be



This rendering shows the new interior design of the Student Commons area.



The steel structure for the new Heavy Duty Mechanics building.

erected in late January. The building is scheduled to be complete in July 2018. Once complete the area can be used as free space, which means other areas may be relocated to the building to minimize disruption for students during construction and transition periods. The Heavy Duty Mechanic program will move into the facility in September 2019. More information will be available in the coming months.

Trades and Aquaculture building

The new 300 building will provide a total of five new classrooms for students along with new shower facilities. Students in the new Aquaculture Technician diploma will also benefit from a new Aquaculture Lab and classroom.

Status update: Three new classrooms have been added to the original design to accommodate current and future program needs. Construction will begin early in 2018. The building is scheduled to be complete in August 2018.

Aircraft Structures Lab

The new lab will provide a more open and safer space for Aircraft Structures students, who will all be within close proximity to their instructor at all times. Students will also benefit from a new paint booth area and improved ventilation.

Status update: A portion of this area involves the current high school carpentry shop which will likely not be available until summer 2018. The building is scheduled to be complete in December 2018.



A rendering of the side view of the new Aircraft Structures Lab.

Teaching Kitchen and Bistro

Professional Cook students will benefit from a new teaching kitchen and Bistro inside the main entrance of the campus.

Status update: The new teaching kitchen is scheduled to open in winter 2019. The new Bistro has been relocated in design plans to the east side of the building to provide maximum efficiency for Professional Cook students. More information will be available in the coming months.

Timberline Secondary School Trades Shops

High school students will benefit from new trades shops as well as renovated classrooms and administrative offices.

Status update: Foundational concrete was poured in January 2018. The building is scheduled for completion by July 2018.

New and Expanded Programing Possibilities

The expansion and renovation project will create new spaces for expanded programming and services at the Campbell River campus. Details are being finalized through the Multi-Year Program Planning Committee in coming months.

New facilities and supports may include:

- A new Health Simulation Lab;
- A new Community Home Support lab;
- Increased classroom space;
- A new Library and Learning Commons; and
- Improved spaces and access to supports for all students.

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