

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

September 22, 2016

This report covers the period from August 12 to September 21, 2016

Board Chair Meeting

On August 17, I met with Board Chair, Bruce Bell to discuss developments at the College since the June 9 Board of Governors meeting. We also looked ahead to matters that would be upcoming for the College and topics for the fall Board meeting agendas.

CICan Rural Coalition

On August 23, I chaired a teleconference meeting involving representatives from 10 rural colleges from across Canada and CICan staff members, to review and debrief the May 29 Rural Networking Session held in Quebec City. We discussed the priorities for CICan advocacy on behalf of rural institutions and planning for the 2017 annual conference.

Comox Valley Pride Flag Ceremony

On August 23, the College joined with our three local municipalities and CFB Comox in holding LGBT Pride flag raising ceremonies to support Pride Week in the Comox Valley. The event at Comox Valley Campus was well attended and positively received by college employees, students and community members. A related article was published in the Comox Valley Echo newspaper ([link](#)).

B.C. Colleges Executive Committee

On August 26 and September 9, I participated in a regular teleconference meeting of the BC Colleges Executive Committee. These meetings provide the President of BC Colleges (Colin Ewart) with opportunities consult with the Executive Committee regarding his work plan activities as well as for preparing for regular meetings of the whole college presidents group.

Campbell River Campus – Employee Welcome Back

On August 31, I participated in the Welcome Back celebration event at the Campbell River Campus. The format for the event included introductions of new NIC employees, updates regarding college programs, services and facilities plans, as well as opportunities for questions and discussion about the College's activities. A BBQ lunch was provided and a Campbell River campus employee group photo was taken.

Port Alberni Student Orientation Day

On September 1, I attended the Student Orientation Day at the Port Alberni Campus. The event was very well attended by new students and community members. Congratulations to the Port Alberni campus on a very successful and positive kick-off to the college year.

New Employee Orientation and Welcome

On September 2, the Human Resources department hosted an orientation and welcome event for new employees who have joined the college during the past year. Approximately 30 new employees from all campuses attend the session which included introductions, information presentations about key college priorities and service areas, as well as a Comox valley Campus tour and lunch.

Comox Valley and Campbell River Student Orientation Day

On September 6, I participated in the Student Orientation activities at the Comox Valley and Campbell River campuses. Events at both campuses were very well attended and provided lots of activities and informational sessions to assist students in making a successful start to their college year.

College Board Executive Committee

On September 8, I participated in the Board Executive Committee meeting. A separate report regarding that meeting is included on the September 22 Board Meeting agenda package.

NIC Foundation Board of Directors

On September 8, I attended the NIC Foundation Board of Directors meeting. The focus of this meeting included preparations for the fall student awards program events, the "Flavour" gourmet picnic event, a discussion of the Foundation's major priorities, establishing a new extensive subcommittee structure, recruitment of new and additional directors for the Foundation Board from Campbell River and Port Alberni, elections of board officers, and development of a new Letter of Agreement between the College and Foundation.

New Board Member Orientation

On September 9, I participated with Bruce Bell and Rachel Reid in an orientation session for new NIC Board member Leslie Dickie.

Mayor's Charity Classic Golf Tournament

On September 9, the College was well represented at the annual Mayor's Golf Charity Classic fundraising tournament at Crown Isle. A portion of the funds from the event go to support student awards provided through the NIC Foundation endowment.

Trades Training BC (TTBC) Consortium Directors Meeting

On September 12, I attended the meeting of the TTBC directors (institutional member presidents). The agenda included presentations from the Industry Training Authority (ITA) regarding their priorities and plans, the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training (JTST) regarding the new [BC 2025 Labour Market Outlook](#) ([link](#)), as well as update and discussions regarding other TTBC consortium activities.

BC Colleges (BC) Council of Presidents (COP)

On September 13, the 10 BC college presidents met for our regular quarterly meeting. Our agenda topics included an update on BCC work plans and projects, preparation of an advocacy strategy and related materials for BCC use in the provincial pre-election period (Fall 2016 to May 2017), as well as an informative presentation from the BC Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT) regarding student mobility and credential completions across the provincial post-secondary system.

Post-secondary Employers Association (PSEA)

The annual general membership meeting of the PSEA was held on September 14. I attended along with Ken Crewe, Director of Human Resources. The meeting agenda included the regular AGM items, as well as a presentation regarding the development of a new draft sector-wide compensation framework for excluded administrative employees within the PSEA member institutions, that the provincial government has directed be established.

Campbell River City Council and SD #72

On September 15, Cheryl O'Connell (NIC Dean of Trades and Technology) and I attended a meeting with Mayor Andy Adams and other City and School District #72 representatives to discuss the City of Campbell River's preparation for meetings with members of the provincial government at the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) conference in September 2016. We provided an update on the College's Campbell River campus facilities and programming plans. We have provided Mayor Adams and members of the City Council with a written briefing note regarding the College for their use at the UBCM.

Flavour Picnic

The NIC Foundation's Flavour event was held on Sunday, September 18.

BC Government Funding for Trades Training Equipment

On September 20, in Campbell River, Comox Valley MLA Don McRae made a public announcement on behalf of the provincial government regarding funding that NIC has received for trades training equipment purchases. A link to the media release will be provided when it becomes available.

NIC Foundations Student Awards Ceremonies

The annual NIC Foundation Student Awards Program events were held on September 15 in Port Alberni, September 21 in Campbell River, and are upcoming on September 27 and 28 in the Comox Valley.

Pay Parking Comox Valley Campus

Implementation of pay parking occurred at the Comox Valley Campus effective September 1. Information regarding the pay parking system has been made available on-line through the college web site and *myNIC* portal.

On September 7, the College received a package of 31 individual letters from college employees, which provide feedback regarding the implementation of pay parking. The letters are being studied and an analysis of their contents is being prepared which will be summarized for common themes and suggestions. We will give consideration to all of the feedback for possible future improvements to parking and transportation to/from the Comox Valley campus.

Individual reply letters will be sent to each employee who took the time to write a letter in order to convey their feedback.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
AUGUST 11, 2016**

This report will cover the period from June 10 to August 11, 2016

Campbell River Campus Consolidation Project

The College has received positive indications of support from the federal and provincial governments regarding funding for the Campbell River Campus capital project. Details are not yet finalized and confirmed, however we have been advised by the Ministry of Advanced Education to continue working “quietly” on moving the project forward (into detailed design work) in order that time is not lost over the summer months. Formal approvals and a public announcement are not expect to occur until sometime in the Fall. This information is **confidential** until a formal public announcement is communicated.

Fall 2016 Enrolment

As of August 5, 2016 overall total Fall 2016 semester student headcount enrolment for domestic students across all programs and campuses is up 4 percent (70 students) compared to the same date last year. Program areas that are experiencing slightly higher student enrolment include: Mathematics and Science; Applied Business and Technology; Health Care Assistant; Human Services; and Access for Students with Disabilities. Total international student headcount enrolment (as of August 5) was at 188 as compared to 191 (-3 students) for the same date last year.

Susan Auchterlonie

After 11 years of dedicated service to North Island College, Susan Auchterlonie has resigned from her position as NIC's Director of Community and College Relations and Executive Director, NIC Foundation effective September 30, 2016.

Susan joined North Island College as the Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Governors in July 2005 and was promoted to her current role in 2007. Over the course of her tenure with the College, Susan has been a tremendous asset to NIC. She has contributed significantly to raising the profile of the College in the community, and instrumental to the substantial growth of student financial awards provided through the NIC Foundation, as well as to the success of our Campus Open Houses, Flavour, Taste and many other events and activities.

NIC Foundation Board of Directors

On July 6 and August 3, I attended meetings of the NIC Foundation (NICF) Board of Directors. The Foundation Board has identified a desire and need to develop a long-term strategic plan including clearly articulated priorities and goals. Randall Heidt (Vice President, Strategic Initiatives) and I will be working with the NICF Board to assist in the development of a plan, as well as to clarify college and NICF staff roles and relationships, and strengthen NICF governance processes. In September, the College and Foundation will begin developing an annual Letter of Agreement setting our key operating principles, commitments and objectives.

New Board Member Appointed

The provincial government has appointed Leslie Dickie to the NIC Board of Governors effective July 31, 2016. Leslie lives in the Port Hardy area and is currently serving as the Chief Councilor for the Kwakiutl First Nation. A successful business person, Leslie went to high school in Victoria and studied management at the Sauder School of Business (UBC).

Campbell River City Council and SD #72

On July 19, Cheryl O'Connell (NIC Dean of Trades and Technology) and I attended a meeting with Mayor Andy Adams and other City and School District #72 representatives to discuss the City of Campbell River's preparation for meetings with members of the provincial government at the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) conference in September 2016. I provided an update on the College's Campbell River campus facilities and programming plans. We will be providing Mayor Adams and members of the City Council with a briefing note (for their use at the UBCM) at a follow-up meeting planned for mid-September.

One-time Funding for New Program /Development and Delivery

Two new and significant one-time program development and delivery grants have recently been confirmed. The College will be receiving funding (\$169,645) from the federal Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, to develop a one-year (30 credit) Aboriginal Leadership Certificate Program, with laddering and transfer to further studies at other institutions.

The program is being developed in response to the labour market demand and skills training needed to fill leadership positions with First Nations and community employers in the North Island College (NIC) region, and across BC. The development of an Aboriginal Leadership Certificate Program, will be undertaken in collaboration with First Nations in the North Island College region. The consultations will inform the development of the Certificate Program: learning outcomes; curriculum content; delivery methods; integration of First Nations knowledge, ways of knowing, and perspectives; strategies to support student success; and other aspects of the program.

Program development will be completed in the Spring 2017, with the start of program delivery planned for Fall 2017.

The B.C. Ministry of Advanced Education (AVED) will provide North Island College with funding of \$296,130 to support one-time delivery of the Pre-Health Block, Health Care Assistant, and Community Mental Health Worker programs at Port Alberni, in partnership with the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council.

Nanwakolas Training and Employment Strategy

On July 13, I attended an Open House and presentation in Campbell River regarding the development of a Training and Employment Strategy by the Nanwakolas Tribal Council. Over the last several months the Nanwakolas Council have been engaging local First Nations and other Aboriginal organizations, employers, service, post-secondary education institutions, governments and others on developing a First Nations Training & Employment Strategy for members of the seven First Nations that comprise the Council.

More information is available at this [link](#). The College will continue to work closely with the Nanwakolas communities to assist them in meeting their training and employment goals.

Pay Parking Comox Valley Campus

Plans for the implementation of pay parking (effective September 1) at the Comox Valley campus are progressing well. Information regarding the pay parking system is available on-line through the college web site and *myNIC* portal. Payment for occasional parking can be processed via the following web site <https://passportca.com/park/> (at NIC = Zone 949) or through the Passport Canada mobile application available on-line.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 31 - Campbell River Campus Employee Welcome Back Event (11:00am – 1:00pm)

September 1 – Port Alberni Campus Student Orientation (10:00am – 3:00pm)

September 6 – Comox Valley and Campbell River Campus Student Orientations (all day)

September 9 – Mayor's Golf Charity Classic Tournament (1:00pm, Crown Isle Golf Resort)

September 18 – Flavour Gourmet Picnic (Coastal Black Winery, 1:00pm – 4:00pm)

September 22 – Board of Governors Meeting, Comox Valley Campus

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES FROM JUNE, 2016

College-wide Celebration Day, June 10

On Friday June 10, I had the pleasure of hosting our annual year-end celebration for college employees. I provided a retrospective slide show presentation reviewing the events of the past year. Approximately 200 attendees enjoyed a Bar-B-Q luncheon and attended several professional development sessions.

BC College President and Vice Presidents Planning Session

On June 20 and 21, I hosted the BC College Presidents, Vice Presidents and Directors of Communication for our annual planning session at Crown Isle. The meeting was attended by approximately 40 colleagues from across ten institutions and focused on setting our provincial advocacy related priorities for the short and longer-term. Former provincial cabinet minister George Abbott provided an insightful presentation regarding how to understand and work effectively with elected officials and the government.

CICan President, Denise Amyot

On June 21, Denise Amyot, President, Colleges and Institutes Canada visited the Comox Valley Campus. Randall Heidt, provided Denise with a briefing regarding our applied research activities and the Remote Web-based Science Lab (RWSL).

Math and Science Student Awards Tea

On June 21, I attended the annual Math and Science Department Student Awards Tea at the Comox Valley campus. During the event organized by the department faculty, the top students in each of NIC's Math and Science courses are recognized for their achievements.

Graduation Ceremonies

The College's graduation ceremonies were held in Port Alberni (June 14), Campbell River (June 22), and Comox Valley (June 23). Thank you to everyone who contributed to making these ceremonies memorable and a great success in each community.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Pinning Ceremony

On June 24, I attended the annual Pinning Ceremony for the BSN program at the Comox Valley campus. Again this year, the ceremony was very positive and replete with many stories of student success and about the tremendous work and dedication of the Nursing faculty and staff.

Ucluelet and Tofino District Councils

On June 27 and 28, I met with the mayors and councils of Tofino and Ucluelet to provide an overview of the College's priorities and plans. The sessions also afforded me the opportunity to learn about the local communities' needs and interests, as well as to answer questions.