

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

March 9, 2017

This report covers the time period from February 9 to March 8, 2017.

### Resources, Investment, Sustainability

The BC Provincial Budget 2017/18 was tabled in the Legislature on February 21. That afternoon, the 10 College Presidents participated in a teleconference call meeting to review the budget highlights related to the post-secondary education system. A briefing note regarding the provincial budget was prepared by BC Colleges President, Colin Ewart.

Information from the provincial government regarding the Budget 2017 is available at [this link](#). In his [speech in the Legislature](#), the Finance Minister highlighted the capital investments being made at colleges, and specifically mentioned NIC's Campbell River Campus project (among a few others).

On March 7-8, I participated with the College Presidents group in meetings at the Legislature and at Camosun College in connection with BC Colleges' Day.

### People, Organization, Culture

On February 14, representatives of BC Stats provided the Senior Leadership Team and members of the college administration with an initial briefing regarding the College Employee Engagement Survey results.

The reports provided by BC Stats will be published to the college's intranet (myNIC) and made available to all college employees during the week of March 10-13. A representative of BC Stats will provide a presentation regarding the survey results at the April 20, Board of Governors meeting.

I will also be hosting Employee Engagement Survey Forums at the Port Alberni, Campbell River and Comox Valley campuses (with ITV to Mt. Waddington) during the week April 24. During the Forums, we will review the survey results and discuss creation of an action plan to address areas that are in need of improvement, based on the survey findings.

### Active Connections to Community

On February 20, I (and other members of the college administration and faculty) visited Mount Washington Alpine Resort for a tour of their facilities and discussion with Mount Washington management regarding areas for potential collaboration between the Resort and College. Among the topics we discussed were educational programming and student employment possibilities with the resort.

In the coming year, Mount Washington will be making a number of additional facilities enhancements that will make it an even more attractive potential a venue for various college related events (e.g. conferences, retreats, and student/program related activities).

### Other Topics

In my capacity as Vice Chair, BC Colleges Council of Presidents, I participated in BCC Executive Committee teleconference meetings on February 10 and March 3. The agendas included a focus on preparing for the BC College Presidents' visit to the BC Legislature for BC Colleges Day on March 7.

On February 22, Derek Lamb, Rachel Reid and I participated in a New Board Member Orientation Session with Eric Mosley.