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**Bowman reappointed as NIC President**

December 12, 2017– NIC’s Board of Governors has renewed and extended its employment contract with John Bowman to serve as NIC President and CEO for a second term, until June 30, 2022.

“You always want a successful team leader to feel appreciated, and to have no doubt about their being valued by the organization,” said Derek Lamb, NIC Board Chair on the Board’s decision to renew Bowman’s employment contract early, with a year remaining on his first term. “John has been an effective leader for the past four years, guiding the NIC team in its progress and development on many fronts.”

Bowman is passionate about the role community colleges like NIC play in providing access to high quality, relevant and affordable post-secondary education and training close to home.

“I know how important having advanced education and training available locally is to both individual students and their communities. For students, it opens doors to opportunity both for better employment as well as to fuller participation in society. For communities, it is a critical foundation for health, social well-being and economic development, particularly for rural regions like the North Island,” Bowman said.

“It has been an honour and privilege for me to serve as NIC President, and I look forward to continuing to work with the very dedicated and highly competent faculty, staff and administrative team that make NIC a great place to learn and work and such an important asset to this region.”



**NIC President John Bowman**

Some major highlights of the past four years at NIC include:

- the development of a new five-year strategic plan (*NIC Plan2020*) with nine overall priorities and 45 goals;
- many new and enhanced program offerings in health and human services, trades, business, academic studies and community-based programs;
- new and improved student support services, as well as increased student financial assistance provided through the NIC Foundation;
- enhanced supports and programming for Aboriginal students on campus and in communities;
- growth in International Education;
- development of new college campus facilities in Mount Waddington regional campus in Port Hardy; and
- the expansion, renovations and transformation of the Campbell River campus.

“I am excited for everyone connected to NIC, about what the next five years will bring for the College and our communities under John’s leadership,” added Lamb.

Bowman was first appointed to the position of NIC President and CEO in August 2013 and has worked in the BC provincial college system in various leadership capacities since 1990. He is NIC’s fifth president. In addition to his work within NIC and the region, John is active in post-secondary leadership issues and activities at both the provincial and national levels.

He holds a Master of Arts in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Manitoba.

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