

President's Update to the College Community

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Prince Rupert Campus Construction Update

The Rupert Campus is coming along amazingly well. Substantial completion is scheduled for December 9 and new furnishings will be installed between December 13 and 18. Operations will start to be relocated after December 17 and classes will commence in the new campus January 3, 2005.

Both buildings of the campus are now at similar stages of completion. Mechanical systems are complete and operational, painting is complete except for final touch ups and final coats of paint on the doors. Ceilings are in, light fixtures installed, and the millwork complete. The exterior siding is nearly finished, the curbing and paving is 95% complete and the site is ready for landscaping in the spring when the weather improves.

After Christmas, many people will be setting up their offices and classrooms. An 'Unpacking Party' is being scheduled and we are inviting people from other campuses who would like to volunteer their time to call Ali at local 5418. Pizza and beverages will be provided, and it should be a fun day.



Exterior of South Building

Anode Paste Plant Contract with Alcan

A contract with Alcan has been awarded to the College and will start in the New Year. The project includes assessing job tasks, knowledge sets and translating these into standard operating procedures and learning objectives for employee training in Alcan's Anode Paste Plant operations. This project will call upon skills of inquiry, assessment, curriculum and instructional design, as well as scientific and technical understanding of industrial processes and associated technical equipment. The documents prepared by the College will integrate with Alcan's existing operational database (Integrum) and Human Resources software (Peoplesoft).

This contract is a significant achievement and one of many we hope to establish with Alcan and other industry partners in Kitimat.

Kitselas Carpentry/Timber Frame Program

A partnership with the Kitselas Band is underway and will see the delivery of a unique combined upgrading/carpentry/timber frame program begin this January. The program is funded through a special Aboriginal grant awarded to the College and through contributions made by the Band.

This is the first time we have had a partnership with the Kitselas Band and the first time such a program has been offered.

Protocol Agreement signed with the Haida

For the first time a four-way Protocol Agreement has been signed with the Haida bands of Masset and Skidegate, Qay'llnagaay Heritage Centre Society and the College. This Agreement outlines the commitment of the four parties to work together in the furthering of educational offerings on Haida Gwaii before seeking involvement from other institutions and to engage in regular planning sessions to identify and implement education programs and services.

NWCC Reopens Masset Learning Centre

Late January will see the College reopening its operations in the town of Masset. Following the successful delivery of the Social Worker Certificate program that ended this past summer, the College has continued to rent the classroom in the Community Futures building and is seeking staff for the initiation of a new Learning Centre.



Deputy Minister, Dr. Phillip Steenkamp visits Terrace Campus

Dr. Steenkamp spent the majority of his day with us on November 5th visiting classes at the Terrace campus and meeting with Kitsumkalum Hereditary chiefs, Elders and First Nations Council. First Nations representatives were on campus to preview the All Nations Education Pole and impressed upon the Deputy Minister the importance of First Nations to the College.

My thanks to all the instructors and staff who assisted with this tour and took the time to welcome Dr. Steenkamp into their classrooms. This was a great way for the Deputy to hear first hand the challenges and successes we are experiencing at the College.

High School Students take part in College Activities

The CCP faculty in Kitimat lost no time in taking advantage of the four-day school week. Every Friday, high school students are welcomed into the College to strengthen their Math and Science skills either through remedial tutoring or the Enriched Math program. Currently 15 students are participating in these Friday classes.

At the Terrace campus, over twenty high school students from Terrace and Kitimat are enrolled in Trades programs on Fridays. Piloted last year, this program has become an instant success with students from last year now enrolled in this year's trades programs. Three Kitimat students travel up on Thursday afternoons, stay at the dorms and study in the Trade shops all day Friday. According to these Kitimat students, it's a great way for them to get away from home for a night.



Exterior of North Building

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Classroom Interior



Multipurpose Room



Library Entrance