

## **Board Highlights Summer 2021**

The NBCC Board of Governors met on June 10, 2021 in Fredericton. Meeting attendees were physically distanced, masked and strictly adhered to Public Health guidelines. The Board is hoping that the 2021-2022 academic year will provide opportunities for in-person meetings at NBCC's six campuses post-pandemic. The following are highlights of this meeting:

- ➤ The Board approved updates to governance documentation in its efforts to continuously improve policies and practices relating to Board governance. All Board governance policies and framework documents can be viewed on <a href="mailto:nbcc.ca">nbcc.ca</a>. Updated policies included (i) Board Evaluation; (ii) Election of Board Officers; (iii) Naming of College Assets; (iv) Protected Disclosure; and (v) Risk Oversight.
- ➤ The Board approved the preliminary concepts/outline for NBCC's 2020-2021 Annual Report. The final report will be approved in September.
- > The Board approved the following statement:

NBCC is committed to fostering a healthy, safe and supportive community. The College, through its written documents and the actions of its Board and staff, promotes an inclusive culture that values diversity where all persons are treated with respect and dignity.

This statement is posted on <a href="nbcc.ca">nbcc.ca</a>. In addition, all governance documents will be reviewed for inconsistencies with NBCC's Style Guide and NBCC's position on inclusivity and diversity. Review of operational documentation will follow a similar process.

- > The Board reviewed the **2020-2021 Spring Performance Management Dashboard**.
- ➤ The Board approved an updated **2021-2022 Performance Measurement Framework**. The Framework will be implemented on July 1, 2021 the start of NBCC's 2021-2022 operational year.
- ➤ Subject to Section 28 of the <u>New Brunswick Community Colleges Act</u>, NBCC is required to submit a five-year strategic plan to the Minister of Post-Secondary, Education, Training and Labour (the Minister) for approval. The period covered by the most recent strategic plan, *Together We Rise*, concludes on June 30, 2022. The Board approved the proposed approach in developing NBCC's next strategic plan.
- ➤ The Board approved NBCC's **2022-2023 Capital Budget Submission**. In order to access annual capital infrastructure funding from the Province of New Brunswick, NBCC is required to submit capital projects each year to the Minister for inclusion in their annual budget proposal to the Province. NBCC's submission relates to capital funding for projects expected to be completed during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The project priorities list is developed in partnership with the Department of Transport and Infrastructure. The Submission was sent to the Minister on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Immediately following the regular meeting, the Board convened the **Annual General Meeting** (AGM). The following are highlights of the AGM:

➤ **By-Laws** are reviewed annually at the AGM. The By-Laws were amended to ensure that they are aligned to NBCC's position on inclusivity and diversity and follow the gender neutral guidelines as set out in the NBCC Style Guide. No other changes were made. The updated <u>By-Laws</u> are posted on nbcc.ca and were sent to the Minister on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.



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- ➤ The Board reviewed and approved the **Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2021**. The Statements were submitted to the Minister on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- ➤ The annual **election for the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair** took place. The Board is pleased to announce that Governor Mark Flint was voted by acclamation as NBCC Board Chair and Governor Jill Stairs was elected as NBCC Vice-Chair for the 2021-2022 academic year. Mark and Jill start their new roles on July 1<sup>st</sup>. *Congratulations!* If you would like to find out more about our Governors, please go to <a href="mailto:nbcc.ca">nbcc.ca</a>.

2020-2021 was another extraordinary year – definitely one of many challenges, but also one where NBCC has proven its resilience in the face of unprecedented trials and continues to thrive. The Board believes the future is exciting, filled with optimism and opportunities.

The Board hopes that all members of the NBCC community have the chance to take some well-deserved time over the summer months to recharge batteries and return for another busy and fulfilling year at NBCC. Thank you to everyone for your continuing hard work in *Transforming Lives and Communities*!

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The Board will meet for its next meeting **September 23, 2021** 

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