

College of New Caledonia



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Ray Gerow re-elected as CNC board chair

Ray Gerow was re-acclaimed as chair of the College of New Caledonia's Board of Governors Friday during its annual general meeting.

Gerow, a Wet'suwet'en from the Burns Lake Band, became the first person of Aboriginal descent to lead the CNC board last year.

"I am glad the board had faith in me to continue on as chair in my last year on the board," said Gerow, who enters his sixth and final year on the CNC board.

"I will use the experience I gained from my past five years on the board to continue to help the college in the future. There are a lot of exciting initiatives and upcoming possibilities for the college in the future."

Gerow is President and CEO of the Prince George Aboriginal Business Development Association.

"We are delighted that Ray will continue on as chair," CNC President John Bowman said. "His past experience as chair and vice-chair are invaluable to the board."

Linda Smerychynski was also re-acclaimed as vice-chair chair of the board for Prince George. Smerychynski was appointed to the board in July of 2008.

"Linda has been one of our most dedicated board members over the years and it's wonderful that she will continue on in this valuable role," Bowman.

Smerychynski said she is proud to once again be a part of the board executive. "The college plays an integral role in the Prince George community and it's exciting to continue on with the great work that we do," Smerychynski said.

Bob Murray was also re-acclaimed as vice-chair of regions during the meeting. Murray has been with the board since 2008 and served the last two years in the same position.

"Our regional campuses continue to have a tremendous impact on their communities and I look forward to continuing my work with them," said Murray, who is a retired forestry worker living in Burns Lake.

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