

College of New Caledonia



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Robert Murray elected CNC board chair

Robert Murray was elected as chair of the College of New Caledonia's board during Friday's regularly scheduled meeting.

Murray has been on the board for more than three years, including the last two years as vice-chair for regional campuses.

"I am honoured to take on this role during such an exciting time for the College," said Murray.

CNC president John Bowman said the board made a wise choice in selecting Murray. "Bob has been a very strong board member and he is incredibly passionate about the College," Bowman said. "He has in-depth knowledge about regional issues, excellent contacts in government and business as well as understanding of College issues."

Murray told the board he has seven goals that will guide him in his role as chair. "My goals include: care and attention to general management and board activities; continued strong advocacy for the College; working with the board and administration to ensure all members understand the financial realities and challenges; support the research forest initiative; work with the main campus and the regional campuses in implementing the five-year strategic plan; and working with administration and First Nations on partnership agreements," he said.

Murray replaces outgoing chair Ray Gerow, who ended his term earlier this month with a career move to Bella Bella, B.C. "Ray contributed a great deal to the CNC board over almost six years," Bowman said.

Keith Playfair was elected to replace Murray as vice-chair for the regional campuses. Playfair, a resident of Fort St. James, was appointed to the board by the provincial government in August, 2009. Playfair spent the majority of his career in the forestry industry. He has served as a Council member for the District of Fort St. James. He was also a founding member of the BC Forest Safety Council.

Linda Smerychynski remains vice-chair from Prince George. She was appointed to the board in July 2008.

Also joining the board Friday was April Hughes, a health services administrator with the Northern Health Authority, who lives in Vanderhoof; and Julie Izgerean, a chartered accountant and a partner with Chan Foucher LeFebvre LLP. Hughes holds a Practicing

Registered Nursing Licence and a Master of Arts Degree in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University. Izgerean is a CNC Business alumnus, who holds a Bachelor of Commerce from UNBC and obtained her Chartered Accountant designation in February 2005.

Student board members Jessica Cave and Jack Page finished their terms on the board. Two new student representatives will be elected to the board on Oct. 10 in an election held by the Students' Union.

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