

# Board of Governors Regular Meeting

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Nova Scotia Community College's

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2. Affirmation of Absence of Conflict

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## 6. Move to Governors' Dialogue

It was moved by Nicole Robinson / Laurissa Manning

That the NSCC Board of Governors Meeting of February 23, 2023 move to Governors Dialogue.

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

## 7. Adjourn Governors' Dialogue & Move to In-Camera

It was moved by Jim King / Gerry Post

That the Governors' Dialogue adjourn and the Meeting of February 23, 2023 move to In-Camera.

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

## 8. NSCC's Accessibility Plan

Jill Provoe, Vice President, Academic & Equity and Jamus Dorey, Senior Advisor, Persons with Disabilities & 2SLGBQ+ presented. Jill reminded Governors that in 2017, the Province of Nova Scotia passed Accessibility Legislation, being the third province in Canada to pass Legislation. The post-secondary institutions in Nova Scotia were called upon to create and launch a multi-year accessibility plan, create an accessibility advisory committee that is at least 50% persons with disabilities (NSCC's is 100% first-voice members), and to comply with standards in the Act over time. The Accessibility Directorate created a post-secondary accessibility framework table for a collegial approach to respond to the Accessibility Act to ensure consistency across the sector. She introduced the College's Accessibility multi-year plan titled Setting the Stage: A Social Justice Approach to Accessibility and noted that an implementation plan is currently in development. Jill indicated the College's plan will be presented at the next Governance Committee meeting and then to the full Board in April. Jill concluded her update by introducing Jamus and noting that he will be presenting the plan in April.

## 9. Committee Updates

### Foundation Update

Gerry Post indicated that he is the new NSCC Board Member serving on the Foundation Board. He shared an update and referenced the report that was included with the meeting materials. He noted that the Foundation is developing their Strategic Plan and holding meetings with stakeholders within the community for input and buy-in into the plan development. Fundraising has met the goal set for this fiscal year. The Sydney Waterfront Campus fundraising is underway with a local Cape Breton businessman, Jimmy Kehoe and John Lindsay, NSCC's former Governor. Gerry referenced the new cloud-based management system that has been implemented.

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## Five-year Organizational Review

Anna Burke, Vice President, College Services & Strategy presented. She referenced The Community College's Act, clause 63 (u) that states the Board shall, at least every five years, conduct a special organizational and operational review of the College in accordance with guidelines approved by the Minister. Anna reminded Governors that last year the Board approved the guidelines for the development of the report. She referenced the table of contents that were included in the meeting materials and noted that those were provided to give an overview of what to expect in the next meeting package as there will be a substantive report for review and approval.

## Finance, Audit & Risk Committee:

Jackie Poirier, Chair, Finance, Audit & Risk provided an update and shared a few highlights from the Finance meeting noting that external auditors attended and presented the audit plan, Bruce Spares, Director Internal Audit presented, Derek McCurdy, Chief CIO presented the Digital Innovation & Technology Annual Report which has been included with meeting materials for information, updates were provided on Sydney Waterfront Campus and the On-Campus Housing Constructions. The meeting also included a review of the Third Quarter Financial report and she highlighted from within the report, at the end of quarter three, there is a 4.8M favorable variance at this time, she referenced fall enrolment and impacts, and external revenues that are favorable, as well as hiring delays. She noted for the year end a forecasted 1.7M deficit is projected and the team is working to bring that to what was budgeted. Jackie also presented the Statutory Liabilities at December 31, 2022 that was included for information. Governors engaged in a conversation about international tuition revenue.

It was moved by Sara Napier / Jim King

That the NSCC Board of Governors Meeting approve the Third Quarter Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2022.

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

## Sydney Waterfront Campus Update

Anna Burke, Vice President, College Services & Strategy presented and referenced the report that was included with the meeting materials. The project sees about 200 people on-site daily with strong representation with underrepresented communities with about 18% of the workforce. Most onsite workers are NSCC graduates. The project is 64.18% complete which is ahead of schedule. The project is 18 months away from opening. She noted a lot of work is underway on program planning and campus planning as well.

## On-Campus Housing Update

Anna Burke, Vice President, College Services & Strategy presented and referenced the report that was included with the meeting materials. Akerley, Ivany and Pictou campus buildings are underway that combined include 350 beds (Akerley 100, Ivany 200, and Pictou 50). She highlighted some details from the report on tendering and timing. She confirmed that all three builds are targeting gold standard for Rich Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification.

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## Programs Committee Update:

Sara Napier, Chair of Programs Committee provided an update on the recent Programs Committee meeting. She referenced several program discussions were provided within the in-camera materials.