

## Three Campuses Get \$51.3 Million In Funding

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*CNC President John Bowman, and Board of Governors Chair Bruce Sutherland say thanks for cash infusion from government (click on photo for a brief video clip)*

Prince George, B.C. -The Province and the Federal government have announced a \$51.3 million dollar upgrades to UNBC and the College of New Caledonia's Prince George and Quesnel campuses. The projects are expected to create 328 jobs.

At CNC, a combined total of \$29.6 million will fund two campus capital upgrade projects, expected to generate up to 189 jobs. CNC's Prince George campus will received an investment of \$19.75 million to renovate some spaces within the John A Brink Centre, and to replace an existing 48-year-old trades training building with a new technical education centre building with sustainable systems that lowers energy consumption and creates more room for trades trainees. Work on the John A Brink Centre in Prince George is scheduled to begin by May 30 this year, work on the Technical Education Centre in Prince George will begin in early summer, creating up to 126 jobs

The remaining \$9.9 million will build Phase 2 of the North Cariboo Community Campus in Quesnel, accommodating increasing numbers of industry trainees at the Quesnel campus. The North Cariboo Community Campus opened in 2006 after the provincial government provided \$11.6 million to build a joint facility for the College of New Caledonia and the University of Northern B.C. in Quesnel. Work on Phase 2 is scheduled to begin June 30 of this year, generating up to 63 jobs.

UNBC will received a \$21.7 million investment to build a plant that will use waste wood as biofuel and upgrade the campus's heating and cooling equipment and machinery, creating over 139 jobs.

Construction of the \$14.8 million wastewood gasification plant at UNBC's Prince George campus is expected to begin this month, which will take the bark, branches, sawdust and leftovers from nearby mills and convert it into biofuel. Aging heating, ventilation and cooling equipment and machinery in the university's buildings are scheduled to be replaced beginning June 1, 2009 at a cost of \$6.9 million, creating up to 44 jobs.

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