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## **Community Learning Campus forms governance board as work gets underway**

The release of \$11.3 million announced earlier today by the Minister of Education moves the Community Learning Campus (CLC) from the planning stage to the implementation stage.

“This is a very big day for us, because the CLC steering committee has worked so very hard over the last two years,” said Jim Gibbons, Superintendent of Chinook’s Edge School Division. “It is phenomenal to see the government’s endorsement of the CLC project and to witness how important this project has become to people throughout the region. Today’s announcement turns the details we’ve put on paper into structures we build on the ground, and the result will be great for learners.”

A CLC Governance Team, which will be guided by Jim Gibbons as Chair and Olds College President H.J. (Tom) Thompson as Vice-Chair, will hold its first meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> to begin implementing the governance process of the Community Learning Campus. The first orders of business will be: to establish a facilities development team that will set terms for selecting an architect; to create an operating structure for developing details of construction and programming; and to review funding sources and partnerships.

“The CLC is truly unparalleled in providing opportunities for learners throughout this region,” said Thompson. “The CLC vision ignited the steering committee two years ago and it is absolutely thrilling to see that work taking shape. We are pioneering a seamless delivery system that will take high school students smoothly into the challenges of post-secondary programming.”

All meetings of the CLC Governance Team will be open to the public and the media. The first meeting takes place on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the Main Boardroom, Duncan Marshall Place on the Olds College campus.

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