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## **Rob Mackenzie appointed CLC Director**

Rob Mackenzie, Vice-President of Student and Support Services at Olds College for the past four years, was appointed Community Learning Campus Director through a unanimous vote at the first meeting of the CLC Governance Team.

“I have been involved with this project since its ‘glint in the eye’ stage, so to have the privilege to lead the Community Learning Campus to fruition is beyond exciting for me,” Mackenzie said following the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. “I feel very connected personally with this project and its success is a top priority for me. It must be a priority, because I’m leaving one of the best jobs in the world in accepting the position. I am honoured.”



Mackenzie has been seconded for a two-year term to fill the role of CLC Director, and will answer to CLC Chair Jim Gibbons (Superintendent of Chinook’s Edge School Division), Vice-Chair H.J. (Tom) Thompson (Olds College President), and eight other members of the CLC Governance Team. As well, a CLC Operation Team was appointed and will consist of Rob Mackenzie, Pat Bidart - Olds College Associate Vice-President, and Tom Christenson - Olds High School Principal.

“The Operation Team is entrusted to setting the direction that will get construction underway,” said Mackenzie. “This is a dedicated group of leaders who have already devoted an enormous amount of passion and hard work to this project, so the Community Learning Campus is in good hands. The Operation Team’s first priority is to proceed with a request for proposals for site design, architectural consultants and cost consultants so we can start building the CLC. It is a very exciting time.”

Gibbons and Thompson are joined on the CLC Governance Team by Olds High School student Joe Crawford, Olds High School Parent Council representative Carol Jorgenson,

Chinook's Edge School Division board member Jackie Swainson, Olds College Students' Association President Cody LaRocque, Olds College Board of Governor Dave Price, Town of Olds Mayor Judy Dahl, Mountain View County Reeve Al Kemmere, and University of Alberta Faculty of Education Associate Dean Dr. Joyce Bainbridge.

“We have some big tasks ahead to reach our vision, and we will be closely monitoring as we proceed,” said Jim Gibbons, CLC Chair. “Some decisions will be made down the line, but some need to be made immediately so we can get the construction underway. We will be further developing our policies as we go along, so when the physical buildings are complete we can provide the programs in our vision. It is the programs and the opportunities they represent for learners that have galvanized this project from the beginning. That is what makes the Community Learning Campus great for learners.”

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