

New CLC Executive Director appointed

For immediate release: June 18, 2009 – After serving the Community Learning Campus project as Marketing Director and Acting Executive Director, Kerry Moynihan has been officially appointed the new Executive Director.

Moynihan is well-known in CLC circles, as it was during his tenure as Director of Marketing and Government Relations at Olds College when the project was first launched nearly five years ago. He has 30 years of experience working with complex organizations, including the roles of Vice President External for WorldSkills Calgary, and President of the Canadian Alpine Ski Team and Canadian Interuniversity Sport. His appointment until June 30, 2010 covers a critical time in the evolution of the project, as the final buildings of the CLC will be opened during his term as Executive Director.

“Kerry’s focus over the next year will be on policy development and sustainability of resources,” said Jim Gibbons, Superintendent of Chinook’s Edge School Division and chair of the CLC Executive Committee. “Once the Core High School and Health and Wellness Centre open next spring, the focus will shift to programming and support for programs. We are very fortunate to have Kerry take over this position, because he has a strong history and knowledge with this complex project from the very start. He will work closely with the CLC’s strong committees, which have been led by dedicated professionals from Olds College, Chinook’s Edge and our CLC partners for several years now.”

Moynihan replaces Dot Negropontes, who was seconded from Chinook’s Edge to lead the CLC project three years ago. Negropontes will continue providing input into the CLC when she returns to her role as Assistant Superintendent of Chinook’s Edge School Division on July 1, 2009.

“It’s a real honour to move forward as Executive Director of the Community Learning Campus,” said Kerry Moynihan. “Many people are working very hard on this unique project, and it is a privilege to work alongside them during this final year of facility completion.”

Before the project is even complete, the CLC has garnered unprecedented attention, including being chosen by Alberta Culture and Community Spirit as one of the five sites in the province to officially host an Alberta Arts Day event. Minister Lindsay Blakett made the announcement at the opening of the Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre at the end of February, and again at the official Alberta Arts Day launch in early June. An organizing committee has been struck to plan the day-long event in Olds on September 19, and potential performers are invited to contact (403) 507-7709 for more information.

“I think this is an incredibly exciting event and a potential door-opener for our artists,” said Kathy Doyle, who accepted the volunteer role as Chair of the Alberta Arts Day Planning Committee for Central Alberta. “Not everyone has the opportunity to have their local talent showcased in this way and I’m so pleased the Minister has chosen Olds. This will be a sweeping celebration of Central Alberta artists and the arts community, and it will be an education and an adventure for the whole community!”

Doyle, whose family operates the well-known business ‘Netook Construction’, has been instrumental in several other CLC projects. She is the Community Chair of the CLC fundraising committee and assisted with the Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre grand opening event. Her four children have been part of Chinook’s Edge schools.

The other communities chosen as official Alberta Arts Day hosts include Fort McMurray, Edmonton, Calgary and Medicine Hat.

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