



Fairview Campus Transition

Information sheet: Transition overview

For public information

Fairview Campus is moving through a phased transition designed to keep learning available now. Ownership of the Fairview Campus is moving from Northwestern Polytechnic to Alberta Infrastructure. Northern Lakes College (NLC) will deliver post-secondary programs and be the *interim* primary leaseholder. The Fairview Regional Campus Society (FRCS) will continue its stewardship role and build readiness to become primary leaseholder, responsible for the financial and day-to-day operation and maintenance of the Fairview Campus. The primary leaseholder responsibilities will transfer from NLC to FRCS based on demonstrated organizational readiness, ensuring Fairview Campus remains a safe and functional community resource operated in a practical and sustainable stewardship model.

Bottom line: Fairview Campus has a future. The transition keeps learning available for students, keeps FRCS central to the Made in the Peace Country solution and provides a stable path for responsibilities to move when the right conditions are in place.

What this transition is about

The goal of the transition is to keep post-secondary learning available in Fairview while supporting FRCS to build their organization to take on campus operations as part of their long-term stewardship.

What the approach is designed to support

Focus	What this means
Continued access to learning	Approved programming continues through NLC while the community-led model is prepared.
Community-led stewardship	FRCS is the long-term steward of Fairview Campus and is building capacity for the primary leaseholder role. The Minister of Advanced Education has committed a one-time matching grant of up to \$500,000 to support the long-term future of the campus by funding FRCS operations, contingent on community-led contributions. FRCS is beginning community fundraising efforts to access the full amount available.
Stable operations	NLC serves as the interim primary leaseholder so campus operations and September 2026 programming can proceed.
Clear readiness path	Primary leaseholder responsibilities move to FRCS once it demonstrates the governance, financial sustainability, operational capacity and risk management systems needed to meet leaseholder obligations.

Partnership and local priorities	The work reflects the Made in the Peace Country solution grounded in local leadership, partnerships and community priorities, and supports the Minister of Advanced Education's mandate to support learner access across Alberta's post-secondary system.
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What people should know

- The approach supports sustainable community stewardship.
- Current and prospective students can continue to access approved programs and services during the transition.
- FRCS and NLC have complementary roles: FRCS builds the long-term stewardship model while NLC supports continuity now.
- NLC is experienced in managing facilities, governance structures, and relationships with government that enable it to step into this role immediately.
- Movement through transition steps depends on FRCS demonstrating readiness and continued collaboration among partners.
- Advanced Education will continue working with partners through issue resolution and targeted supports.
- Decisions about equipment and assets are made based on current and future programming needs.
- The long-term sustainability of programming at Fairview Campus will depend on student enrolment, available funding, and program viability, consistent with operations of public post-secondary institutions in Alberta.