



Fairview Campus Transition

Information sheet: transition timeline

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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: The phased timeline ensures programming continues in September 2026 while FRCS builds the capacity needed for long-term success. The objective remains a coordinated transition to a community-led model.

Timeline at a glance

Timing	Step	What this means
Fall 2025	Closure announcement	Northwestern Polytechnic announced its intent to close Fairview Campus. Community, government and post-secondary partners began working on a path to preserve learning opportunities and respond to community priorities.
Early 2026	Made in the Peace Country solution	A community-led solution was developed to maintain post-secondary education in Fairview and support future local stewardship.
Spring 2026	Campus transfer process begins	Northwestern Polytechnic began the process to transfer ownership of the Fairview Campus to Alberta Infrastructure.
Summer 2026	Phased model, property and leaseholder shift	Property ownership will move to Alberta Infrastructure. Government approved a phased transition model where NLC will be the interim primary leaseholder and learning provider, while FRCS becomes the steward and builds readiness to become the primary leaseholder.

September 2026	Programming continues	NLC will begin to deliver approved post-secondary programming at Fairview Campus, so students and learners have continued access to in-person learning.
Spring 2027 and beyond	Readiness review and transition	Advanced Education will assess FRCS organizational readiness based on governance, financial sustainability, operational capacity and risk management systems to meet leaseholder obligations against clear criteria. Primary leaseholder responsibilities for campus operations transfer from NLC to FRCS when organizational readiness is approved, and a new lease is in place with Alberta Infrastructure.

Why the timeline is phased

A phased approach avoids delays and disruptions to students and operations while supporting long-term sustainability and continued learner access within Alberta's post-secondary system. It also gives partners a clear roadmap for decision-making and hand-off points.

What happens during the transition

Area	What is happening
Learning continuity	NLC delivers approved programming while longer-term primary leaseholder arrangements are prepared.
FRCS readiness	FRCS builds strategic and operational capacity, setting up its governance, funding, staffing, risk management, and administrative systems.
Leaseholder role	NLC holds <i>interim</i> primary leaseholder responsibilities with Alberta Infrastructure, so facilities and operations are ready for September 2026 post-secondary program delivery.
Support from the Ministry of Advanced Education	Advanced Education supports FRCS through readiness assessment and targeted, time-limited supports, and NLC through funding for current and future program delivery.
Future transfer	Primary leaseholder responsibilities transfer from NLC to FRCS when readiness criteria are met supporting long-term success of the FRCS and making the Made in the Peace Country solution real.

If more time is needed

Long-term and sustainable community stewardship remains the goal. If FRCS needs additional time to meet readiness milestones, transition planning will continue while learning and campus operations



are in place. The focus is to help FRCS succeed, not to move responsibility before they have the capacity in place for long term success.