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College of the Rockies and Ktunaxa Nation sign MOU

Representatives from College of the Rockies and the Ktunaxa Nation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Thursday, June 13 at the Ktunaxa Nation Government Building.

The new MOU builds upon the long-standing partnership between the College and the Ktunaxa Nation and recognizes the Indigenous Education Protocol for Colleges and Institutes signing that took place in July 2015.

“This MOU acknowledges the importance of the collaborative and respectful spirit of our relationship with the Ktunaxa Nation,” said College of the Rockies President and CEO, David Walls. “It formally renews and strengthens this relationship with acknowledgement of the importance of, and a commitment to, reconciliation and inclusion.”

“The Ktunaxa Nation Council and the College of the Rockies have a long and mutually beneficial working relationship,” said Codie Morigeau, Ktunaxa Nation Council Director of Education and Employment. “The MOU signals the commitment of both parties to find common understanding as we work together along the path of reconciliation.”

The MOU was signed by College President, David Walls, Interim Vice President Academic and Research, Heather Hepworth, Darlene Trach, Ktunaxa Nation Education and Employment Sector Chair, and Codie Morigeau, Director, Ktunaxa Nation Council Education & Employment Sector.

Additional signings will take place in each of the College campus communities in the near future.

About College of the Rockies

For more than 40 years, College of the Rockies has provided post-secondary education that meets the needs and aspirations of the people, industry and businesses of our region. Each year, we welcome more than 10,000 full-time and part-time students into a full range of programs, including: skilled trades, university studies, adult upgrading, early childhood education, health and human services, business, office administration, tourism, hospitality, recreation, fire services, continuing education and contract training. Through smaller class sizes, highly-personalized instruction and dedicated support services, our students are primed to succeed in the job market, or in the next stage of their academic journey.

About the Ktunaxa Nation Council

The goals of the Ktunaxa Nation Council (KNC) include preservation and promotion of Ktunaxa traditional knowledge, language and culture, community and social development and wellness, land and resource development, economic investment and self-government. The Ktunaxa Nation Council is accountable to the Chiefs and Council of the Ktunaxa Nation communities and to Ktunaxa citizens. The programs and services of the KNC and its affiliates are available to KNC member Bands, Ktunaxa citizens living on and off reserve, and to other status and non-status persons living within Ktunaxa Territory. The KNC also serves as an umbrella organization for several societies, committees and corporations which are engaged in the provision of programs and services to Ktunaxa citizens.

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Cutline: Representatives from the Ktunaxa Nation Council and College of the Rockies signed an MOU on Thursday, June 13, renewing their long-standing partnership. Pictured (l-r): Codie Morigeau, Darlene Trach, David Walls, Heather Hepworth.