

## Northwest Community College Factsheet – August 2009

### **Annual grants**

- Operating grants in 2008-09 were \$17.2M, rising to \$18.1M for 2009-10, for an increase of \$900,000.
- Operating funding for NWCC has increased by \$4.1M, from \$14M in 2001-02 to \$18.1M in 2009-10 – a 29 per cent increase.

### **Student spaces**

- Government has funded a total of 1,761 student spaces for 2009-10, the same as the previous year.

### **2008-09 Utilization:**

<b>Funded Seats</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Utilization Rate</b>
1,761	1,486	84.4%

- Funded spaces to NWCC has increased by 175, from 1,586 in 2003/04 to 1,761 in 2009/10 – an 11 per cent increase.

### **Capital projects:** Over \$31.5M since 2001, including:

- \$16.7 million (includes an \$8.2M federal contribution) to renovate and expand the Smithers campus.
- \$11.4 million for a new campus at Prince Rupert that opened in Jan 2005.
- \$124,000 for upgrading the welding program equipment, as part of ALMD's \$8.75M in one-time capital allocation for new trades training equipment.

### **Special funding**

- \$960,000 for the Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing Program. The program is a partnership between NWCC, UNBC and the College of New Caledonia.
- \$2 million for the Reclamation and Prospecting Training Program for First Nations.
- \$600,000 for an Aboriginal gathering place.
- \$97,286 from the Aboriginal Special Project Fund for the Aboriginal Exercise and Wellness Program.

### **New Programs Since 2001**

- Diploma, culinary arts
- Diploma, First Nations fine art
- Diploma, applied coastal ecology
- Certificate, First Nations fine art
- Certificate, First Nations practical nursing
- Certificate, applied coastal ecology