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CNC Quesnel building named West Fraser Tech Centre

CNC's newest building in Quesnel was officially named the West Fraser Technical Centre during a ceremony Friday.

Officials from West Fraser and the College of New Caledonia signed an agreement, which will see CNC receive \$250,000 over the next 10 years for the building naming.

"The money will help fund equipment, student awards and other aspects of the educational agreement we signed with West Fraser," said CNC President John Bowman. "We are delighted that this great community company has financially supported its educational plans."

CNC and West Fraser signed an educational partnership in June, 2012, which made the Quesnel campus the "College of Choice" for West Fraser employees. Since then, CNC Quesnel has filled two of its millwright classes with West Fraser employees from B.C. and Alberta.

"Our employees are crucial to our Company's success" says Ray Ferris, VP Wood Products for West Fraser. "At the new West Fraser Technical Centre our employees, and others, will be gaining high-quality skills and trades training at CNC matched to their work experience. This is one example of how West Fraser supports development opportunities for our employees to build their careers with us."

West Fraser will also define opportunities for equipment/parts donations to the college to meet program needs.

"It is part of our culture at West Fraser to look for opportunities to develop and advance the next generation of leaders" says Hank Ketcham Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, West Fraser. "In partnership with CNC we can provide excellent facilities and instruction for students to improve their skills and achieve their potential."

"The strong enrolments in the millwright courses by West Fraser and other local companies bodes well for future trades training in Quesnel," said Doug Larsen, Regional Director of the Quesnel campus. "We are looking forward to further discussions with West Fraser regarding additional trades programming and continuing education courses designed to accommodate industry needs and employee growth at West Fraser."

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