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May 20, 2026

John Davison, President & CEO
PSEC Secretariat
Suite 210 - 880 Douglas Street
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Dear Mr. Davison,

I confirm that the information contained in the attached report accurately states the executive compensation paid out in fiscal 2025 - 2026, and is in compliance with the compensation plans approved by PSEC.

Sincerely,

Lennard Joe
Board Chair

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NVIT Total Compensation Philosophy

Overall Objective

Given NVIT's mandate as BC's Indigenous public post-secondary institution, the Board seeks to attract and retain excluded employees who have the skills and attributes to provide effective leadership consistent with the institution's unique mandate and operating context.

Guiding Principles

Performance - Salary increases will be provided to employees on the basis of annual evaluations indicating that they are meeting or exceeding performance expectations.

Differentiation – Salary differentiation will only occur when the scope of a position held by two or more employees varies greatly within the institution.

Equity and Fairness – Compensation increases will be administered in a fair and equitable manner.

Accountability – Compensation decisions at NVIT are objective and based upon a clear and well documented business rationale that demonstrates the appropriate expenditure of public funds.

Transparent – NVIT's compensation programs will be clearly communicated to employees and relevant information will be made available publicly as per FOIPOP guidelines.

Role of Total Compensation Elements

Compensation – NVIT will continue to work with PSEA and PSEC to ensure that excluded employee compensation is appropriately competitive within the sector.

Benefits – NVIT will provide a comprehensive benefit package to employees to include sick leave, short and long-term disability, extended health benefits, dental and MSP coverage.

Career Development – NVIT supports and encourages lifelong learning through the provision of professional development funds and leave time for employees. NVIT is also a proponent of employee advancement within the institution to encourage career development.

Work/Life – NVIT supports and encourages work/life balance by providing paid vacation and special leave and gymnasium use for employees to promote health and wellness. Information and counselling in relation to work/life balance is available through Human Resources as well as NVIT's health care providers.



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Comparator Groups

The Board seeks to ensure that total compensation is competitive with comparable institutions within the public post-secondary sector in British Columbia and other appropriate comparators including local Indigenous organizations, subject to relevant statutes and public policy.

The Board considers external market data provided by the Post-Secondary Employers Association and other appropriate sources, advice it may receive from independent compensation experts, and direction from the Government with respect to relevant statutes and public policy.

Governance and Administration

Responsibility for determining executive compensation and approving the overall compensation philosophy lies with the Board Chair in consultation with the Board Executive Committee, taking into consideration the factors described above.

The President's Office and Human Resources is responsible for the day-to-day oversight and administration of the institute's compensation programs.

NVIT is BC's Indigenous Public Post-Secondary Institution with a mandate to address the post-secondary educational needs of Indigenous students and communities.

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Summary Compensation Table for 2025/2026

Name and Position	Salary	Holdback/Bonus / Incentive Plan Compensation	Benefits	Pension	All Other Compensation (expanded below)	2025/2026 Total Compensation	Previous Two Years Totals Total Compensation	
							2024/2025	2023/2024
John Chenoweth, President & CEO	250,000.00	-	16,875.59	26,842.56	9,800	303,518.15	268,826.24	206,548.07
Paul Grewal, Chief Financial Officer	191,043.77	-	13,857.07	19,753.89	800	225,454.73	214,834.28	168,210.16
Aruna Gore, Vice-President	175,655.47	-	15,943.26	18,218.63	800	210,617.36	184,784.89	-
Ivy McRae, AVP, Academic	143,879.49	-	15,867.87	14,284.72	8,200	182,232.08	-	-
Chelsea Vaughan, AVP, Students	133,570.21	-	14,798.25	13,496.41	600	162,464.87	-	-

Name And Position	All Other Compensation	Severance	Vacation payout	Leave payout	Vehicle / Transportation Allowance	Perquisites / other Allowances	Other
John Chenoweth, President & CEO	9,800	-	-	-	9,600	-	200
Paul Grewal, Chief Financial Officer	800	-	-	-	-	-	800
Aruna Gore, Vice-President	800	-	-	-	-	-	800
Ivy McRae, AVP, Academic	8,200	-	-	-	-	-	8,200
Chelsea Vaughan, AVP, Students	600						600

John Chenoweth, President & CEO	Other Note: vehicle allowance - \$9,600 fitness benefit reimbursement - \$200
Paul Grewal, Chief Financial Officer	Other Note: personal cellphone reimbursement - \$600 fitness benefit reimbursement - \$200 received a 2% performance-based increase
Aruna Gore, Vice-President	Other Note: personal cellphone reimbursement - \$600 fitness benefit reimbursement - \$200 April 1 – July 9, 2025 AVP, Academic; July 10, 2025 – March 31, 2026 VP received a 2.5% performance-based increase on the AVP position

Ivy McRae, AVP, Academic	Other Note: This is the first year reporting Ivy McRae. personal cellphone reimbursement - \$600 paid under separate employment agreement for instructing classes – not included in base salary or normal employment duties - \$7,600 April 1 – Dec 31, 2025 Dean; Jan 1 - March 31, 2026 AVP, Academic received a 2.5% performance-based increase on the Dean position
Chelsea Vaughan, AVP, Students	This is the first year reporting Chelsea Vaughan. personal cellphone reimbursement - \$600 April 1, 2025 - Feb 15, 2026 Director, CE; Feb 16, 2026 - March 31, 2026 AVP, Students received a 2.5% performance-based increase on the Director position