



NVIT

NICOLA VALLEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

BC's Indigenous Public Post-Secondary Institute

President's Report – February 2025

- Spring Term in full-swing on both campuses
- NVIT is in 33 communities right now
- Minister visit on February 28
- Capital projects well underway
- Planning for graduation celebrations
- Elders' Fundraiser
- NVIT Foundation
- Alumni Network
- Policy work continues
- And all the while...the questions keep being asked...



təw xweŋ ʔe ʔek uxw – Who are you?

swit asnaqsilx^w - Who are your people?

What would Coyote answer?



- **VISION** - *ý ehetł ~ ǵstcawt* - Our spirit, essence, emotions, and intelligence are good
- **MISSION** *sǵ'əq méyt ~ naǵ^wúlaʔmnt* - We commit ourselves to sharing our traditional ways

Values

- *zəʔwzo ʔ wt ~ ʔkʷckʷact* - Strength
- *qʷamqʷəmt ~ qʷamqʷamʔ* - Balance / beauty
- *nkʰ seytkn ~ nəqsíł* - The all, people you travel with
- *sneʔm ~ mʰayntwíxʷ* - Song / our spirit

Indigenous Story Work as Foundational

- Stories provide the people with **Pedagogy**
- From the stories, the people are provided with **Responsibilities**
- Reflection, remembering and deep realizations from the pedagogy and responsibilities result in **Transformation**
- Transformation results in **Balance**

The teachings of our Elders

- Creation of Protocols for NVIT to live by
- These protocols will guide the Board, Education Council, and the NVIT Community
- The Protocols are born within our stories
- What's your story?

The Creation of a new Organizational Structure

- Over the next several months work will begin with all staff on a new structure that matches the teachings of the Elders
- The structure will follow the four pillars of NVIT Values
- Departments will be reflected within those pillars
- The result will be a new structure based on our Identity as an Indigenous school grounded in Indigenous Story-work

ciyus da'a | and so it is...

ćx^wiplaʔtn | just the way it is...