

## Best Practice Enquiry - Summary of Responses re Government Relations

**QUESTION:** *Does your Board have a committee that focusses on relations with municipal, provincial, federal and Indigenous governments? If so, what is it called? NBCC's Government Relations Committee is considering expanding its scope and, if so, they would also consider changing the Committee's name to reflect this broader scope. We are curious to see what other colleges are doing in this area.*

INSTITUTION	LOCATION	RESPONSE
<b>1. Algonquin College</b>	Ottawa, ON	<i>Algonquin does not have a Government Relations Committee. We have a Government &amp; Public Relations Manager who reports to the Director of the President's Office.</i>
<b>2. Camosun College</b>	Victoria, BC	<i>We do not at Camosun College. We used to have an External Relations Committee which worked on building relationships with the external community including governments, but it was rescinded.</i>
<b>3. Canadore College</b>	North Bay, ON	<i>Canadore's Board does not have a Government Relations Committee as this is categorized as operational. We have a PR/Communications Specialist in the Office of the President.</i>
<b>4. College of North Atlantic (CNA)</b>	NL	<i>The College of the North Atlantic Board of Governors' does not have a committee that focusses on relations with provincial government. Within the President's suite of offices, we have a Director of Public Affairs.</i>
<b>5. Confederation College</b>	Thunder Bay, ON	<i>We do not have a Government Relations Committee.</i>
<b>6. Durham College</b>	Oshawa, ON	<i>At Durham, this is considered "operational" and is not an issue the Board gets involved in. We have a full-time person working in the Office of the President – Manager, Strategic Reporting and Government Relations who handles all the GR activities at the college. This individual does provide regular reports to the Board (for information). However, Indigenous relations are not included in this person's portfolio.</i>
<b>7. Fanshawe College</b>	London, ON	<i>Fanshawe does not have a Board Government Relations Committee, we have a person on staff who looks after this.</i>

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<b>8. Grande Prairie Regional College</b>	Grande Prairie, AB	<p><i>The GPRC Board of Governors does not have a committee as you have described. Much of this is handled through the President's Office, and where there are Ministerial meetings, the Board Chair is included but not essential.</i></p> <p><i>The GPRC Board has a Compliance and Continuity Committee that maintains familiarization and compliance with Legislation as it relates to the Board, as well as Board Policy, and advises the provincial government when asked for feedback on Board appointments.</i></p>
<b>9. Holland College</b>	Charlottetown, PEI	<p><i>We do not at Holland College.</i></p>
<b>10. Mohawk College</b>	Hamilton, ON	<p><i>Mohawk College does not have a government relations committee. However, periodically, we do have presentations on government priorities and expectations for the coming year.</i></p>
<b>11. New Brunswick Community College (NBCC)</b>	NB	<p><i>Currently (as at November 2019), the NBCC Board has a Government Relations Committee that focusses on relations with municipal, provincial, federal and Indigenous governments.</i></p>
<b>12. North Island College</b>	Courtenay, BC	<p><i>Our Executive Committee acts as the "government relations committee". Every year in the spring, the Chair and Vice Chair with the President meet with key ministry officials as part of their advocacy work.</i></p>
<b>13. Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC)</b>	Halifax, Nova Scotia	<p><i>No . . . we have Finance, Governance, Programs and Executive Committee.</i></p>
<b>14. Okanagan College</b>	Kelowna, BC	<p><i>Okanagan Colleges does not have a Government Relations Committee.</i></p>
<b>15. Portage College</b>	Lac La Biche, AB	<p><i>Portage College's Board of Governors does not have a Committee that has a focus on the below. Our President and Government Relations person in the College is responsible. The President reports to the Board and the Board Chair will attend meeting if required.</i></p>
<b>16. St. Mary's University</b>	Calgary, AB	<p><i>Here at St. Mary's University, our Board of Governors does not have a committee that focusses on government relations. We do have a Director of Indigenous Initiatives on staff and our President, VPs and Board members work with our local MLAs and other government offices regularly.</i></p>
<b>17. Vancouver Community College (VCC)</b>	Vancouver, BC	<p><i>VCC does not have a community focussed on government relations. We have a Marketing &amp; Communications Executive Director on our Senior Executive Team who takes care of this.</i></p>