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\$1 million for Langara construction planning

The Ministry of Advanced Education will provide \$1 million to plan for the construction of two new buildings at Langara.

The project, which will increase classroom and administration space by about 20 per cent, calls for a new classroom building that will accommodate faculty offices, classrooms and two computer labs, as well as a new administration block for student services and administrative support services.

"The ministry is working with VCC on a transition process that will see a separate Langara College by April, 1994," said Advanced Education Minister Tom Perry. "This facility planning will help in addressing the administrative needs of the new college and provide much needed classroom and lab space."

Board Chair Bob Smith said that the proposed expansion will help resolve overcrowding problems for both students and employees. "Langara has long needed this upgrading and I am pleased to see it underway just as Langara is about to become B.C.'s newest college," said Smith.

Construction is expected to begin in April 1994, with completion slated for December 1995.

Key budget dates outlined

Fred Wylie, Vice President of Finance and Administration, began on Monday the first in a series of reports on the College's budget by providing some approximate time lines for the process.

The budget procedure has started with campus representatives, and others, presenting some broad based impact information for the 1993-94 budget....and more specifically, some ideas on how the College might reduce its deficit.

This process will go on until about mid June, at which time the council's recommendations will go to the Finance Committee of the College Board. A short time later--probably June 22--College people will meet with Advanced Education Minister Tom Perry to review the proposals. The College also will ask Perry what the ministry might do to lessen the impact of the deficit reduction.

The next step comes on the following day, June 23, when the Board finalizes the budget proposals.

Wylie cautioned that these dates might change as the process continues, "but we will be providing clear and honest information to you as it becomes known and decisions are made."

Earlier, John Cruickshank said that budget communications over the next two months will centre on:

- * The College's current deficit position, projections for 1993-94, and a vision for 1995;
- * The roles of those involved and the time lines for making decisions;
- * The effect of decisions on all constituents, notably students and employees;
- * An explanation of the ministry's directives under which the College must operate;
- * And a view of what will be required to achieve long-term stability and success for the College.

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120 employees to attend forum

Over 120 VCC people will attend the May 28 Issues Forum at KEC.

The forum is the first step in designing the future of the College--as well as reflecting a management approach that has become unique in Canada.

Said Cruickshank: "The day-to-day management of this institution through the Adminis-

tration Council includes not only representatives from each of the three major unions, but also leaders from the student bodies on each campus.

"The Transition Council, which is charged with implementing the largest separation of its kind in any college or university in Canada, also has this same broad-based membership. The Issues Forum is an extension of this unique management approach."

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