

Northwest Community College's president visits MI

Ms. Stephanie Forsyth, president of Northwest Community College (NWCC) in Terrace, B.C. toured the Marine Institute last week and met with executive director Glenn Blackwood to discuss ways in which MI and NWCC can partner.

“At NWCC, we offer a variety of programming but we haven't done much in the marine industries area,” said Ms. Forsyth. “This is an ever growing area for us with the new container port opening in Prince Rupert.”

Ms. Forsyth goes on to explain that the opening of this port will bring significant economic benefit to the region and as well as an increased need for transportation and logistical support. “That's one of the main reasons I'm here. I'm looking to the experts to help get education and training programs up and running as quickly as we can. We know that the Marine Institute has a very good reputation not only nationally but world-wide and we want to draw on that.”



Stephanie Forsyth with MI's executive director, Glenn Blackwood

The west coast of British Columbia also offers enormous potential for fisheries and aquaculture. “With the recent down turn in our salmon stocks, we are now investigating other species. Again, we want to draw on MI's expertise in this as well.”

During her visit, Ms. Forsyth also had the opportunity to tour MI's facilities as well as the National Research Council facilities.

“I'm really intrigued by the idea of east meeting west and collaborating,” she said. “There are lots of lessons to be learned from each other and I look forward to partnering with MI.”

Northwest Community College was first established in 1975 in Terrace, British Columbia. There are currently six campuses and an additional four community learning centres located within the College region.