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Alberta's post-secondary presidents respond to Alberta 2030 system review

Thursday morning, Alberta's Advanced Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides publicly released information related to Alberta 2030: Building Skills for Jobs system review. Alberta's post-secondary institutions participated significantly throughout the consultation process of this initiative and the Council of Post-Secondary Presidents of Alberta (COPPOA) are looking forward to implementing a number of the important actions outlined in the report.

"Alberta's post-secondary institutions are critical to the future prosperity of all Albertans and this framework will enable us to move forward with more certainty," says Dr. Mike Mahon, Chair of the Council for Post-Secondary Presidents of Alberta (COPPOA). "Alberta's post-secondary institutions generally support the goals as presented and are eager to implement initiatives and actions that will strengthen our system for the benefit of our students and the communities we collectively serve."

COPPOA supports the Alberta 2030 goals that aim to provide high-quality, accessible post-secondary education for Alberta students. Further, post-secondary presidents are eager to continue to strengthen system collaboration as well as initiatives that create stronger partnerships with communities, industry and other levels of government. COPPOA members also appreciate the emphasis placed on research and innovation that is foundational to effective delivery of postsecondary education.

Enabling institutions to more quickly engage in activities that benefit Albertans, as well as greater certainty around system funding is also seen as an important step forward for Alberta's post-secondary system.

"In COPPOA's input to government, our members advocated for the need to reduce red tape that prevents institutions from realizing more own-sourced revenue to improve their financial position so we are pleased to see that reflected in the final report," says COPPOA Executive Director Bill Werry. "We are also looking forward to providing input into the governance implementation plans that will further support strong local autonomy for our members".

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