National Council Deans Apprenticeship Trades Technology (NCDATT)

## Spring 2025 Meeting

## Red Deer, Alberta

## June 2-4, 2025

Red Deer Polytechnic

100 Donald Blvd**.** | Red Deer | Alberta | T4N 5H5

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| June 2, 2025: Evening Reception | | |
| 4:30 – 8:00 pm | Registration & Evening Reception: Garden Terrace Lounge at the Red Deer Resort & Casino. (3310 50 Ave, Red Deer, AB T4N 3X9)   * *Appetizers and Canapés served at 5:30 pm* * *Informal Networking* | |
| *Free time afterwards. Hospitality Suite will be provided. Room 201. Please remember to bring a bottle of your favorite beverage, and a snack representing your region to share.* | | |
| June 3, 2025: Day 1 – Cornerstone Restaurant | | |
| 8:00 am | Coffee/Breakfast | |
| 8:30 am | Formal Welcome | Stuart Cullum, *RDP President* & Lindsay Engel, *Vice President Academic & Student Experience* |
| 8:45 am | Land Acknowledgment | Lloyd Desjarlais,  *Dean, Indigenous Initiatives* |
| Indigenous Welcome Ceremony - Honoring the Land & Traditions:   * *Special outdoor ceremony featuring Indigenous cultural traditions, offering a moment of reflection, connection, and respect for the land and its peoples.* | |
| 9:15 am | Central Alberta Collegiate Institute (CACI)   * *Dual Credit programming updates and discussion about wins and challenges nationally.* | David Pye  *Dean,* *School of Trades & Technology* |
| 10:00 am | Coffee Break | |
| 10:30 am | Landscape around IRCC changes discussion & mitigation | Werner Beylefeld  *Dean, International Education &* Chantal Marchand*, Manager, International* |
| 11:15 am | Professional Development:   * *Leading in times of change & transition – a call to courage* | Lisa Henderson *Associate Dean, Donald School of Business* |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch at the Cornerstone Restaurant on campus   * *Swag Exchange after Lunch* | |
| 1:00 pm | Leave for NOVA Chemicals Tour (½ hour travel each way)   * *East of Red Deer, Alberta and is one the largest ethylene and polyethylene production complexes in the world. The site actually consists of five manufacturing facilities: three for ethylene production and two for polyethylene production.*[*www.novachem.com*](https://www.novachem.com/) | |
| 3:45 pm | Travel to Sylvan Lake (Approx 45 minutes) | |
| 4:30 pm | Dinner in Sylvan Lake at Sun of a Beach   * *A locally owned and operated family business serving tropical-inspired dishes, hand-crafted cocktails, and immaculate vibes.* [*www.sobsylvan.com*](https://www.sobsylvan.com/) | |
| Evening activity | Gulls Baseball game or Boardwalk/Pubs   * 7:05 pm - Energy City Cactus Rats vs Sylvan Lake Gulls game [www.sylvanlakegulls.com](http://www.sylvanlakegulls.com) * OR optional to take a walk along the boardwalk and enjoy all that Sylvan has to offer | |
| 10:30 pm | Bus pick-up/return to Red Deer Resort & Casino | |
| June 4, 2025: Day 2 – Room 2004 | | |
| 8:00 am | Coffee/Breakfast | |
| 8:30 am | NCDATT - New Business Items  Gave an overview of recent conversations  Want to build a strategic plan for the next 5 years  Need to define specific initiatives to drive us forward and advocate for change.  Have someone facilitate a session with us to build on these initiatives. Have someone do the correspondence we need to run with these big ideas and formulate next steps. Will put together an outline and send it out to everyone for review.  Looking at special projects to support the work we do. Funding ideas. CICan and Greening of the Trades. NCDATT has given a small amount to this initiative, so now looking to see if there are other national projects we can put forward to support the work we do. Will come to the group for consideration and/or support.  SIM, Clean technology, supporting a cleaner environment in the trades. Please forward ideas onto the exec.  Laura and Miki provided the financial report. Laura and Miki will be going to meet with the new accountant.  Upcoming meetings: Newfoundland, Niagara, SaskPoly  If you’re interested in hosting, please reach out. We’re happy to discuss logistics and supports.  Spring meeting  Fall meeting is when we invite external partners. Welcome reception plus two full days of meetings & presentations. We do not invite companies to come in and sell to you. We focus on organizations that support our institutional and collective goals. | Lucy Griffith,  *Dean, School of Trades, Technology & Design – TVET Specialist at Vancouver Community College* |
| 9:15 am | Building Leadership Connections:   * *Building a Community of Practice for Academic Leaders Conversation* | Teresa Kisilevich, *Dean, Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies at the University of the Fraser Valley* |
| 10:00 am | Coffee Break | |
| 10:30 am | Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT)   * *Discussion around recent changes to the Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act (STAEA).* | Paul Hrynew,  Manager, *Apprenticeship Education & Partnerships Advanced Education* |
| 11:30 am | Campus Tours   * *Exploring Trades & Technology showcasing RDP facilities, and learning environments* | |
| 12:30 pm | Wrap-up Lunch - A Tasteful Closing to our Conference  *\*\* Farside Bar & Grille on Campus* | |