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The announcement of final approval to proceed with the relocation of the Williams Lake campus of Cariboo College to the former Ultratherm Building on Hodgson Road was welcomed today as "very good news indeed," by Andrew Smith, Chairman of the College Board's Finance and Facilities Committee.

"We've been planning for the move for several months now" Smith said, "so we're pleased to see it proceed since it will provide easier access to more educational opportunities for the people in Williams Lake and the surrounding area".

The \$1,200,000 allocated for the purchase and renovation of the facility is not an incremental cost, said Smith, since these funds would have been required in any event for existing leases and rentals. By moving to the new location, the College will be able to offer all of its current programming, plus other programs re-assigned from other areas, under one roof.

Although it is still to be confirmed, College officials are also hopeful that the facility will provide a focal point for use by various community, arts and cultural organizations in the area.

In expressing his personal satisfaction for the move, Smith also noted the key role of local residents, businessmen and politicians at both the municipal and provincial levels.

"The cooperative effort of all concerned was truly amazing," he said. "This was a major community effort to support the College presence locally and the facility will undoubtedly be well used in the future".

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