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Local representatives discuss future of post-secondary education

KAMLOOPS - Local leaders participated in a Regional Forum on Canada's post-secondary education on Tuesday, October 27. This local assembly, held in the Boardroom at Cariboo College, was in conjunction with a national forum taking place in Saskatoon October 25-28.

The aim of the national forum was to explore the challenges and opportunities facing Canada's universities and colleges in preparation for the 21st century.

Chaired by Cariboo College Vice-President Dr. David Cane, the Kamloops Regional Forum included representatives from labour, business, minority and special interest groups in addition to college and hospital administrators. Cane said, "This forum provided regional leaders with a unique opportunity to voice their concerns and aspirations in something which will affect everyone in Canada".

Three main themes were discussed during the day - "The challenges and opportunities facing post-secondary education", "Accessibility to and participation in the post-secondary system" and "The framework for managing and financing post-secondary education". To ensure that the regional views and concerns would be addressed, Cane submitted the recommendations of the local group for inclusion in the final report of the national forum.

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