

Cambrian College closing day care ^[1]

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Faced with a projected \$7.5-million budget shortfall in 2010/2011, Cambrian College has decided to close its 51-space day care operation, lay off the majority of its maintenance department, and turn the operation of its residence buildings over to a management company.

Blame the province's funding model for colleges, says Cambrian President Sylvia Barnard.

"It's because of a decrease in base funding," Barnard told reporters Wednesday. "This comes as quite a surprise to us because Cambrian is a growing college. It (funding model) does not recognize Cambrian's increases in areas such as co-op and apprenticeship programs.

The day care closure and elimination of the maintenance department will result in 13 people being laid off.

Cambrian currently has about 4,500 full-time students, an increase of about 5.6 per cent from the past school year. A four per cent increase is projected this fall.

The college had an accumulated \$2.5 million budget surplus at the end of the 2009/2010 fiscal year.

The college, which has about 450 full-time staff, has an annual operating budget of about \$75 million

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