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Carlton Trail College to Expand Regional Trades Training Facility

Provincial Budget Allocation Enables Project Start

March 27, 2023 – Following the release of the Government of Saskatchewan's 2023-24 Budget, Carlton Trail College was pleased to receive a capital funding allocation of \$800,000 to expand its regional trades training facility.

"We're appreciative the Government of Saskatchewan recognizes the need for enhancing trades training opportunities within our region," said Amy Yeager, Carlton Trail College President & CEO. "This facility expansion will help us continue to deliver high-quality, skills-based and industry training programs that support our economy."

Located in Humboldt, the facility is Carlton Trail College's primary trades training building. It provides classroom and shop space to both Carlton Trail College students and Horizon School Division secondary students as part of a unique, working agreement between the institutions. Along with being vital to the delivery of skilled trades programs such as Welding, Electrician, Industrial Mechanics (Millwright) and others, it also exposes high-school youth to early schooling in the trades.

Recent investments into key regional sectors, such as mining, agriculture and construction, indicate that there is a strong need to engage individuals in the trades.

Additional shop and classroom space will increase facility usage, furthering the College's ability to develop skilled and job-ready workers. There is also the potential for regional organizations to access the enhanced space for their own training opportunities.

Expansion plans will be finalized over the coming weeks, with a project start anticipated midyear.

About Carlton Trail College

Established in 1973, Carlton Trail College combines in-depth, applied learning to provide postsecondary education and skills training, academic upgrading and essential skills courses, English Language Training and industry and workforce development opportunities to individuals, businesses and organizations across east-central Saskatchewan. <u>carltontrailcollege.com</u>

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