



MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Carlton Trail College and R.M. of Prince Albert Receive Provincial Award for Training Partnership

October 4, 2022 – Carlton Trail College and the Rural Municipality of Prince Albert received an award at the Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance’s (SEDA) 2022 Provincial Summit.

The Award of Excellence was in the Community Project category (Under 5,000 population) for the **Carlton Trail College/R.M. of Prince Albert – Heavy Equipment Operator Training Partnership**. The partnership sees individuals trained in an in-demand provincial occupation, while providing municipal roads construction and maintenance in return.

“The College is fortunate to work closely with dedicated partners across our region,” Carlton Trail College President and CEO Amy Yeager said. “To receive an award like this acknowledges the value of our partnerships not just to our area, but to our economy and our province as a whole. Congratulations to the teams at the College and the R.M. for their amazing work.”

SEDA’s annual awards recognize Saskatchewan’s top economic development materials, programs and partnerships, honouring individuals, agencies and organizations for their efforts in creating positive change across regions as well as in rural and urban communities.

Reeve Eric Schmalz was pleased to acknowledge the partnership between the R.M. of P.A. and the College.

“Our R.M. and Carlton Trail College started this partnership with the intent to build a stronger, regional relationship. Not only does it provide us with the ability to complete additional projects, it also provides meaningful opportunities for individuals to gain valuable industry skills. It’s a win-win situation for all.”

For five years, the training partnership has strengthened workforce employability skills, increased and developed the labour pool for an in-demand occupation, enhanced the skill sets of under-represented groups in the labour market and better aligned regional workforce development activities to provincial need.

Graduates of the program have been employed by construction companies, heavy equipment contractors, public works departments and pipeline, mining, logging, cargo-handling and related companies across Saskatchewan.

The 2022 award was sponsored by Affinity Credit Union.

Photo L-R: Upper row – Jennifer Brooks, Carlton Trail College; Richard Schwan, Affinity Credit Union; Rochelle Neff, R.M. of Prince Albert / **Lower Row** – Fred Novecosky, Carlton Trail College; Eric Schmalz, R.M. of Prince Albert

About Carlton Trail College

Established in 1973, Carlton Trail College combines in-depth, applied learning to provide post-secondary education and skills training, Adult Education, English Language Training and industry development to individuals, businesses and organizations across east-central Saskatchewan.

About the R.M. of Prince Albert

As one of the largest rural municipalities in Saskatchewan, the R.M. of P.A. covers over 1,000 square kilometers and includes a diverse range of communities, forest, agricultural and developable land. Dedicated to the future, the R.M. embraces growth while balancing its fiscal, environmental, social and commercial obligations.

About SEDA

The Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance is the provincial organization for those engaged in community economic development in Saskatchewan. SEDA equips communities with the skills, knowledge, resources and connections required to embrace change and build a sustainable future.

-30 -

For more information, contact:

Jennifer Brooks, **Carlton Trail College**

Tel (306) 682-6851

Email brooksji@carltontrailcollege.com

Rochelle Neff, **R.M. of P.A.**

Tel (306) 763-2469

Email cao@rmprincealbert.ca

Verona Thibault, **SEDA**

Tel (306) 384-5817

Email verona.thibault@seda.sk.ca