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### **Carlton Trail College, Touchwood Agency Tribal Council Labour Force Development Program Share Location to Enhance Services**

*Collaboration strengthens opportunities for regional learners and job seekers*

**December 12, 2019** – Carlton Trail College and Touchwood Agency Tribal Council (TATC) have partnered to strengthen access to learning and employment opportunities for individuals within the region. Effective this fall, a special agreement sees TATC’s Labour Force Development Program operating out of Carlton Trail College’s Four Winds Learning Centre in Punnichy.

“It was a natural fit,” said Andrew Burgess, VP Finance for Carlton Trail College. “As the College connects learners to further education and training, we wanted to support TATC’s ability to focus on skills development for Indigenous residents in the area. Sharing a location helps both of our organizations do just that.”

“The Four Winds Learning Centre is a welcoming and culturally-sensitive space,” said D’nita Kahnapace-Bird, Labour Force Development Client Case Worker. “We’re pleased to be located with Carlton Trail College as we inspire and support our clients.”

The TATC Labour Force Development Program supports the advancement of training and employment initiatives to assist Indigenous residents enter the workforce. TATC promotes and supports career training and employment opportunities for Indigenous residents living in the Day Star, George Gordon, Kawacatoose and Muskowekwan First Nations communities, as well as those living in the surrounding towns and villages.

Opened in 2017, Carlton Trail College’s Four Winds Learning Centre was designed to be an inclusive learning location to serve the education, training and student needs of adult learners living in Punnichy and the surrounding area.

Together, both Carlton Trail College and TATC aim to equip regional residents with the learning, skills and attitudes needed to gain meaningful employment.

#### **Carlton Trail College**

Helping students learn where they live, Carlton Trail College combines in-depth, applied learning with hands-on experience to provide education and training for students residing in east-central Saskatchewan. Offering a range of technical education and skills training opportunities, Carlton Trail College serves over 2,000 students per year. 95% of our program graduates find employment in their field. Established in 1973, Carlton Trail College changes lives through learning. Information about Carlton Trail College can be found at [www.carltontrailcollege.com](http://www.carltontrailcollege.com).

#### **Touchwood Agency Tribal Council**

Serving four First Nations members, the Touchwood Agency Tribal Council (TATC) provides programs and services to Day Star, George Gordon, Kawacatoose and Muskowekwan communities and residents. Established in 1999, the TATC includes vibrant, self-determined nations working collectively, with strong connections to culture and traditional languages; growing and working together for advancement and quality of life. Information about TATC can be found at [www.touchwoodagency.ca](http://www.touchwoodagency.ca).



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