

# Building the Future

## Logan Stevens Construction to build Trades & Technology Centre

On March 27 Parkland College announced the selection of Logan Stevens Construction (2000) Ltd. to build the Trades and Technology Centre in Yorkton.

Logan Stevens Construction has roots in Yorkton stretching back more than a century. The company was chosen for this project following a competitive bidding process. A+K Architects, the Regina-based firm overseeing the project, received nine bids in response to the public tender call.

"We are delighted to be awarded this contract," said Doug Kitsch, President of Logan Stevens Construction.

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The Mosaic Company's Sarah Fedorchuk (left) and Bruce Bodine pose with Parkland College's ubiquitous green bricks after announcing the mining giant's contribution to the Trades and Technology Centre capital campaign on Nov. 5, 2013.

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## Mosaic shows the way with \$1.225M leadership gift

One of the world's leading mining companies is officially on board with the Trades and Technology Centre campaign. The Mosaic Company announced on Nov. 5, 2013 an investment of \$1.225 million in support of Parkland College's project. Thanks to Mosaic's gift, contributions to the college's capital campaign total over \$4.79 million.

"Investing in developing a skilled workforce supports growth and sustainability," said Bruce Bodine, Vice-President of Mosaic's Esterhazy Operations. "For communities and industry alike, long-term success relies on attracting and retaining people in the areas where we operate."

"I cannot thank Mosaic enough for this generous contribution," said Parkland College President Dr. Fay Myers. "Mosaic's name is well known in the Parkland Region and all across Saskatchewan. This gift stands out as a great act of leadership and underscores Mosaic's tremendous impact on our province."

The Government of Saskatchewan's \$10 million funding announcement in October 2013 encouraged Parkland College to move quickly to build the Trades and Technology Centre. Dozens of community groups and businesses large and small

have also put their support behind the Trades and Technology Centre capital campaign. A generous land donation from the City of Yorkton will provide the home for the facility along Highway 9 North, between Darlington Street and York Road.

"Mosaic's donation is further proof that colleges build communities and communities build colleges," Dr. Myers added. "It will add strength to Saskatchewan and create wonderful new opportunities for the people of the Parkland region."

The Mosaic Company is the world's leading combined producer of potash and phosphates, two vital crop nutrients. Although headquartered in Minnesota, Mosaic has deep roots in Saskatchewan: it operates massive potash mines at Esterhazy, Belle Plaine (between Regina and Moose Jaw), and Colonsay (75 km southeast of Saskatoon), and has offices in Regina.

Mosaic prides itself on being a responsible corporate citizen. In 2012, it donated over \$23 million to various community organizations, primarily where the company has mining facilities and offices. More information about the company is available at [www.mosaicco.com](http://www.mosaicco.com). ■

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"We look forward to working closely with Parkland College and A+K Architects to help them meet their goals for the Trades and Technology Centre," Kitsch continued.

"It is great to see so much interest in building this facility," said Parkland College President Dr. Fay Myers.

"We are eager to partner with Logan Stevens Construction, a local company with a strong reputation."

The College expects a smooth transition as the project quickly moves forward, Myers added. Logan Stevens Construction and A+K Architects are very familiar with one another, having worked together on a wide range of projects in the past.

With the facility scheduled to open in September 2015, ground will be broken this spring. A sod-turning celebration is also being planned, but a date for that has not yet been set.

"We are excited to get started on our partnership so we can deliver on this dream for the Parkland region," Myers concluded. ■



## Recognizing the generosity of our donors

Donors wined and dined in celebration of a successful campaign

Campaign co-chairs Linda Turta and Evan Ortynsky cut the cake to celebrate the fundraising progress.

Parkland College welcomed friends of the Trades and Technology Centre to a donor recognition event in December at the Painted Hand Casino Parkland Room. The event, sponsored by Key Chevrolet Cadillac Buick GMC and Yorkton Toyota, was organized so that Parkland College could say thank you to the dozens of businesses, organizations, and community groups that have given to the Trades and Technology Centre capital campaign in the past 18 months.

"We have made this journey with so many wonderful partners. It has shown us that, truly, colleges build communities and communities build colleges," said Parkland College President Dr. Fay Myers.

"A few years ago, it almost seemed like an outrageous idea to try raising the funds to build this new facility. But time and again, you have all shown the incredible generosity that exists within the Parkland Region and the province of Saskatchewan."

Parkland College is 96 per cent of the way to reaching its goal of rais-

ing \$5 million in the community. The event also acknowledged the Government of Saskatchewan's \$10 million commitment to the project, which was officially announced in October 2013.

The Trades and Technology Centre is designed to bring new programs and services to the Parkland Region to help sustain the economic growth of East Central Saskatchewan. The facility provides the space to train more than 350 skilled graduates per year and upgrade the skills of 2,000 workers annually.

The facility's tendering process is nearing completion.

Construction is scheduled to begin early in Spring 2014, with an opening target of September 2015. The Trades and Technology Centre will be located on the west side of Highway 9 North in Yorkton, between Darlington Street and York Road. The City of Yorkton generously donated the land, which is valued at upwards of \$3.5 million.

New scholarships were awarded at the event to a pair of current high school students who are planning to train at the new facility in 2015. Tate Baron of Canora Composite School and Campbell Strongquill of Sacred Heart High School in Yorkton were presented with the inaugural Trades and Technology Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarships. Both students are interested in pursuing careers in welding. Their

\$1,000 awards are conditional on their enrollment in a program to be offered at the Trades and Technology Centre (i.e. Welding, Power Engineering, Machining).

"I am pleased that Tate and Campbell

want to get their training at Parkland College," Dr. Myers said. "We know that people are more likely to stay and build a life here if they can learn here – and this is a fantastic accomplishment for all of us to mark." ■

**"We have made this journey with so many wonderful partners. It shows that colleges build communities and communities build colleges."**

- Dr. Fay Myers, Parkland College President



## THE OUTLOOK

### Worker shortage costing manufacturing sector

Saskatchewan's manufacturing industry is facing an incredible challenge finding skilled workers, yet remains optimistic about the future.

According to the Saskatchewan Manufacturing Council, the vast majority of companies in this province are expecting growth in the next five years, even with a weakened Canadian dollar. Rather, said executive director Derek Lothian, it's the skilled labour shortage that is most pressing right now.

Lothian recently told the Regina Leader-Post that the Saskatchewan manufacturing industry generates \$14.2 billion a year. However, companies are losing about \$1 billion in annual sales just because they don't have the people and the skills to fill the orders.

Lothian said the skills shortage causes a loss of about \$3.1 billion in total economic activity from manufacturing alone.

"Those jobs aren't disappearing," he said. "They're simply going unfilled." ■

## Sask. budget brings more good news for TTC

Parkland College is pleased with the contents of the 2014-2015 Saskatchewan Budget, delivered Mar. 19 by Finance Minister Ken Krawetz.

Krawetz announced that Parkland College will receive \$4.5 million this year to begin construction of the Trades and Technology Centre. That's part of the \$10 million Premier Brad Wall promised at a news conference at the College's main campus in Yorkton in October 2013.

"We thank the Government of

Finance Minister Ken Krawetz (right) shakes hands with Premier Brad Wall after delivering the budget speech Mar. 19. (THE CANADIAN PRESS/Michael Bell)

Saskatchewan for its continued support and encouragement," Parkland College President Dr. Fay Myers said. "We are eager to begin construction on this incredible project as soon as the weather allows."

A sod-turning celebration is being planned, but a date has not yet been set.

Elsewhere in the budget, the College received increases for Adult Education programming. The

funding will allow the College to deliver additional Adult Basic Education programs and expand on-line delivery of Grade 12 courses.

Myers is also happy to see more help for students in the budget. The province is increasing tax credits for the Graduate Retention Program, and students can access more scholarship money.

"All this is good news for students and communities in the Parkland Region," Myers added. ■

## Recognizing our donors (through March 2014)

|                        |                                       |                        |                                      |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>\$10 million</b>    | Government of Saskatchewan            | <b>\$3.48 million</b>  | City of Yorkton (land value)         |
| <b>\$1.225 million</b> | PotashCorp                            | <b>\$1.225 million</b> | The Mosaic Company                   |
| <b>\$950,000</b>       | Western Economic Diversification      | <b>\$250,000</b>       | Canada West Equipment Dealers Assoc. |
| <b>\$150,000</b>       | Yorkton Tribal Council (scholarships) | <b>\$150,000</b>       | Anonymous donor                      |
| <b>\$100,000</b>       | LEON RAM Companies                    | <b>\$92,500</b>        | Parkland Credit Unions               |
| <b>\$50,000</b>        | Logan Stevens Construction Ltd.       | <b>\$50,000</b>        | Town of Canora                       |
| <b>\$50,000</b>        | Yorkton Co-operative Assoc. Ltd.      | <b>\$50,000</b>        | Grain Millers, Inc.                  |
| <b>\$50,000</b>        | RBC Foundation                        | <b>\$50,000</b>        | Painted Hand Community Development   |
| <b>\$50,000</b>        | Morris Industries                     | <b>\$45,000</b>        | Rotary Club of Yorkton               |
| <b>\$35,000</b>        | ParkerQuine LLP                       | <b>\$30,000</b>        | Harvest Meats                        |
| <b>\$25,000</b>        | TD Canada Trust (scholarships)        | <b>\$25,000</b>        | Leland Campbell LLP                  |
| <b>\$25,000</b>        | Drs. Ron & Bree Rogoza Optometrists   | <b>\$25,000</b>        | Flaman Group of Companies            |
| <b>\$25,000</b>        | R H Electric Ltd.                     | <b>\$25,000</b>        | Rusnak Balacko Kachur Rusnak         |
| <b>\$25,000</b>        | Redhead Equipment                     | <b>\$25,000</b>        | BMO Bank of Montreal                 |
| <b>\$20,000</b>        | Key Auto Group                        | <b>\$15,000</b>        | Kinsmen Club of Yorkton              |
| <b>\$12,500</b>        | CIBC                                  | <b>\$10,000</b>        | Yorkton Concrete Products Ltd.       |
| <b>\$10,000</b>        | Loucks Medi-Health Pharmacy Ltd.      | <b>\$10,000</b>        | Royal Auto Group                     |
| <b>\$10,000</b>        | United Steelworkers Local 5917        | <b>\$10,000</b>        | Yorkton Lions Club                   |
| <b>\$7,500</b>         | SaskTel Pioneers                      | <b>\$7,000</b>         | Fedorowich Construction Ltd.         |
| <b>\$6,000</b>         | Crusader Drilling Corp.               | <b>\$6,000</b>         | Castleton Industries Ltd.            |
| <b>\$6,000</b>         | Ungar Construction                    | <b>\$5,000</b>         | Farrell Agencies Ltd.                |
| <b>\$5,000</b>         | Ottenbreit Sanitation Services Ltd.   | <b>\$5,000</b>         | Nixon Electrical Service Ltd.        |
| <b>\$5,000</b>         | Advance Engineered Products Ltd.      | <b>\$3,830</b>         | Parkland College Staff               |
| <b>\$2,000</b>         | Drs. Cottenie & Bowtell Dental        |                        | Bailey's Funeral and Cremation Care  |
|                        | Yorkton This Week                     |                        |                                      |



## Parkland College — A Provincial Leader

Parkland College is rapidly expanding to keep pace with regional development. The college has grown from a small special interest training centre into a provincial innovator and leader in education. The College boasts provincial firsts such as the only professional firefighting program, the only rural industrial mechanics apprenticeship program, and the most diverse off campus university program in Saskatchewan.

Parkland College is the leading post-secondary educational institution in East Central Saskatchewan and leading innovation across the province through the delivery of a diverse programming mix, including:

- Master Degrees
- Bachelor Degrees
- Apprentice level training
- Diplomas
- Certificates
- English as an Additional Language
- Safety certifications
- Customized industry and business training
- High school diploma

The new Trades and Technology Centre will help make Parkland College and Yorkton an Educational Destination for students and support the growth of local businesses.

## An evolving campus

Engaged, passionate, and innovative. Parkland College is constantly evolving and repositioning to better meet the needs of its stakeholders.

### MISSION:

Parkland College is a catalyst; changing lives, communities and industry, one learner at a time.

### VISION:

Prosperous individuals, enterprises and economies – driven by excellence at Parkland College.

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## Capital Campaign Cabinet

The Capital Campaign Cabinet is a group of forward-thinking industry leaders which will provide key industry insight, generate support and build awareness for the project.



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