

THE COLLEGE BUILDING OUR COMMUNITIES

- Challenge:**
- The Saskatchewan East Enterprise Region conducted a business retention and expansion survey and found that the number one barrier to growth for Business and Industry in the Parkland region is a skilled labour shortage.
 - The Saskatchewan Labour Market Commission estimates a requirement for an additional 120,000 workers by 2020; roughly 10% of opportunities are in the Parkland region (which means the region requires an average of 1,000 additional workers per year).
 - Our communities need to retain and attract youth to maintain growth, especially as we face the challenge of impending retirements; the Parkland Region is one of the oldest in the country. 70% of Saskatchewan's employment opportunities between 2007 and 2012 were related to retirement/attrition.

- Solution:**
- Parkland College will develop and construct a Trades and Technology Centre to maintain business growth, provide students the opportunity to access post-secondary education while remaining in our region, and support our growing economy.



The new 24,550 square foot facility will house the following:

- 8,000 sq. ft. Multi-Trades shop
- Science lab
- Technology lab
- Power engineering lab
- Six classrooms
- Study / tutorial rooms

- Impact:**
- Community:** Attract and retain youth in our region • Support economic development in the region
- Student:** Access to advanced education in an affordable rural setting • Ability to remain in our communities • Access to programming that leads to careers within our communities • It will offer a significant expansion of educational options not currently available in the Parkland region, including:

Power engineers • Heavy duty mechanics • Electricians • Machinists

Business: Access to a skilled labour pool • Ability to up skill current workforce within the region • Access to higher skilled labour can increase production • Meet the demand for skilled workers • Educate up to 3,500 new skilled workers over 10 years in addition to 22,000 local employees who could receive additional training and upgrading over 10 years

Economic: Ability to attract new businesses to our region • reduced travel and training costs for businesses

- Conclusion:** Parkland College is committed to delivering the programs and training needed by local businesses and wanted by students. We are committed to bringing innovative and diverse training to prepare our region for continued growth and the jobs of the future.

Colleges build communities and communities build Colleges.