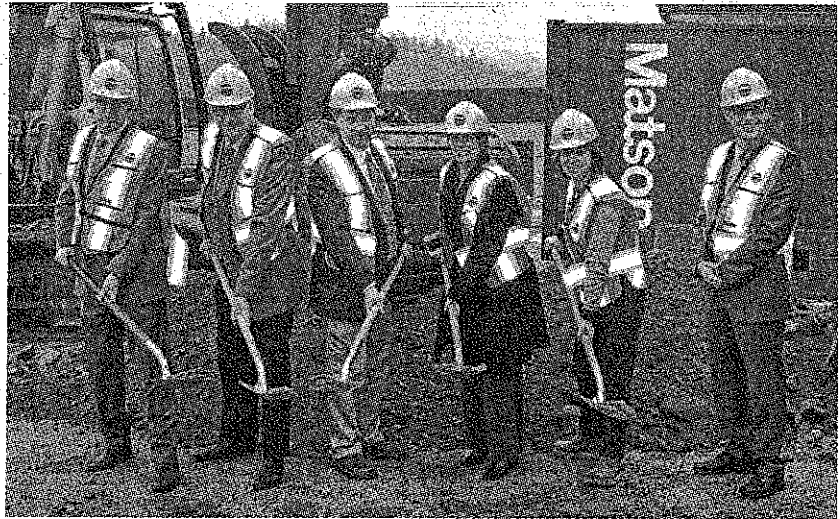


Trades training facility to expand

Shared provincial-federal funding of \$1 million means Okanagan College's trades training facility will be undergoing an expansion.

It's a dream that began with former Shuswap-Revelstoke dean Lynda Wilson. Okanagan Shuswap MP Colin Mayes said he was pleased to be able to call Wilson on her last day of work before she retired to let her know the federal funding was coming through.

The expansion will double the existing space, expanding the existing trades building by 2,819 square feet and adding a 5,617 square foot covered work area. The existing shop space will also be renovated. The expansion will mean 144 more



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Ready to build: From left, Okanagan College president Jim Hamilton, Okanagan Shuswap MP Colin Mayes, Shuswap MLA George Abbott, former Revelstoke-Shuswap dean Lynda Wilson, carpentry student Ginette Therrien and college board chair Lance Kayfish attend the groundbreaking of the trades training centre expansion.

students can be accommodated – 96 more in carpentry and 48 in three entry-level trades programs. They are: the gateway to the trades,

the women in trades and the aboriginal careers in trades program. The expansion is expected to be complete by August, with renovations to ex-

isting space finished by December.

See more on the trades training facility on pages A18 and A19.

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