

Program Managers Annual Report

This report covers July 2009 through June 22, 2011.

Since becoming the new Program Manager for the WRLC I have been doing extensive networking to source out new Partners in Training and strengthening our relationships with existing ones.

I have been encouraging the RRC (Red River College) Gimli Campus to expand their offerings in our region and we are cautiously optimistic with their progress.

The RRC Main Campus is exploring the possibility of setting up Main campus offerings specializing in Aboriginal Advanced Business skills. They have met with 2 First Nations and things are looking positive.

We have entered into a Learning Partnership with the Academy of Learning to offer a series of complete computer based training menu of Courses .This partnership will greatly enhance our regions ability to get high quality skill training right here without any significant travel.

We currently have running a Pre-Employment Carpentry Course that is accredited by Apprenticeship Manitoba. This course is being delivered by a main campus instructor under contract through RRC Gimli. We will be delivering Pre-Employment Electrical in November and an additional Pre-Employment Carpentry course. These may be delivered by RRC or under contract by another new partner in training, The Carpenters Union.

We are starting to actively pursue partnerships with Manitoba Hydro for their staff training needs including assisting contractors on the Point de Bois re-development. Its is our hope to assist in core certified and other safety training and also supply recent grads from our trades courses to them.

Other partners in training we are talking to include the Winnipeg Technical College for additional trades training and the Assiniboine Community College for health care careers.

We may look into the viability of offering Paramedic / Fire Training. However, this will be dependant on getting numerous partners to commit to hiring the grads.

A senior partner in training is the Manitoba Model Forest and they will provide an over view of some great activity they have offered at WRLC in the past. We are in the early stages of discussions with them, various First Nations and Government Officials to see if the WRLC can assist in any training related to the massive cottage developments coming to the region.

There is lots of opportunity here. This centre is your centre and the home of future opportunities for our residents. I encourage all of you to think about the concept of life long learning. Let us know if you have interest in any programming wether it be a skill or personal interest, let us try to source out the programming and bring it here to the region.

The possibilities are endless, the challenges to bringing new programs to our centre are always related to funding but if we work together to achieve a common goal we can be successful. It has been a challenging year with the renovations, they are all but complete and we are looking forward to a great year and I look

forward to more and more of you participating here at the WRLC.

I would like to thank the board President Bev Dube and all the directors for the confidence they have shown in my work and for their continuing encouragement.

A course list from the last 12 months is attached for your review.

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