COMMUNITY NOTICE

Construction underway for new Vocational Training Center

October 27, 2026 - The Kanehsatà:ke Employment and Training Service Center (KETSC) and the Mohawk Council of Kanehsatàke (MCK) are proud to announce that construction is underway on a new vocational training center that will expand learning opportunities for community members. Named Tsi Iontio'tenhseraweienhsthákhwa | *A Place to Learn Trade,* the new center will be located at 679 Ste-Philomène, next to the Ecocenter. Construction began on October 9, 2026, and completion is expected by the end of summer 2027.

The $2.3M project, designed by Cargo Architecture and funded by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), responds to a need expressed by community members for a dedicated space to learn skills, pursue vocational training, and have access to construction training locally: two years ago, an Attestation d'études professionnelles (AEP) program in construction welcomed 12 students, and while the theoretical portion was taught at the Church Hall, there was no workshop space for hands-on learning. This highlighted the need for a permanent facility where students could learn both the theory and practical skills of a trade. The idea was then discussed with community members and at the last KETSC career fair. This feedback allowed to create the center's concept around a classroom for theoretical learning, a workshop area for hands-on training, and a mezzanine for classroom space and storage.

KETSC is now working with the First Nations Adult Education School Council (FNAESC) to offer a Diplôme d'études professionnelles (DEP) in Carpentry, alongside Rammed Earth construction modules. Other programs like residential and commercial painting are also being considered, but it does not stop there. In fact, the facility will also provide opportunities to offer a wider range of skills-based training, beyond certified trades. Programs that share and strengthen Kanien'kéha ways of doing and traditional knowledge, such as basket weaving, may also be offered.

Coming soon: Community contest for Tsi Iontio'tenhseraweienhsthákhwa logo
To ensure the image of the new Vocational Training Center is a true reflection of the community, a contest will be organized for community artists to submit a logo design. The details of this contest will be communicated shortly.

First cohort
Before the formal registration process begins at the end of summer 2027, community members are encouraged to contact KETSC as soon as possible to learn more about upcoming programs, admission requirements and prerequisites, as those who need to complete any prerequisites will be offered support to do so. An open house will also be organized for prospective students and community members, to celebrate the opening and introduce the new facility and its opportunities.

Tsi Iontio'tenhseraweienhsthákhwa is an important investment in local skills, knowledge, and opportunities for the future. With this dedicated facility, KETSC will be better positioned to reinforce its existing programs, diversify its training options, and create more opportunities for community members to develop skills close to home, in a space where knowledge is built and passed on for generations to come.

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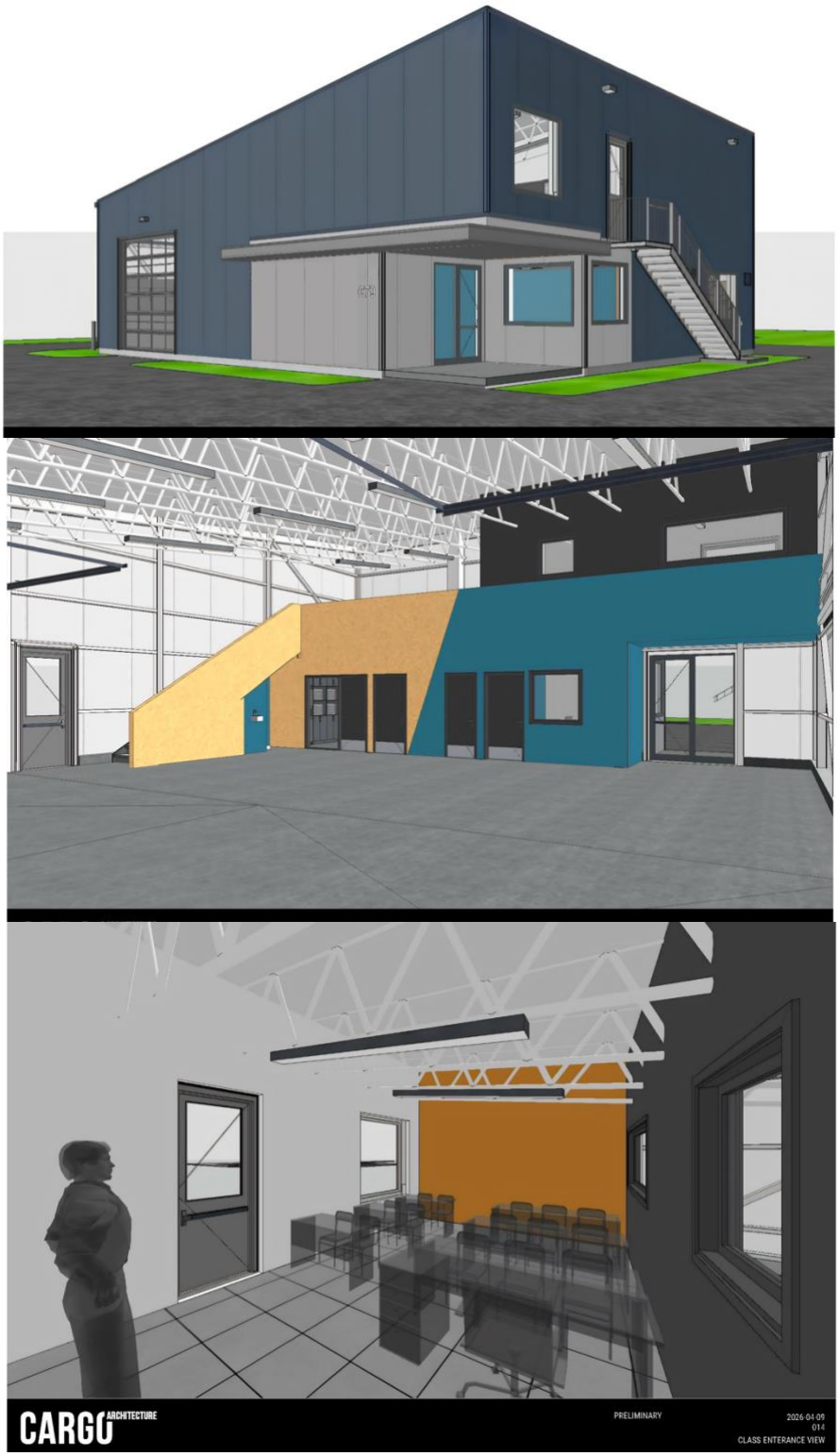
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