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Trades building proceeds

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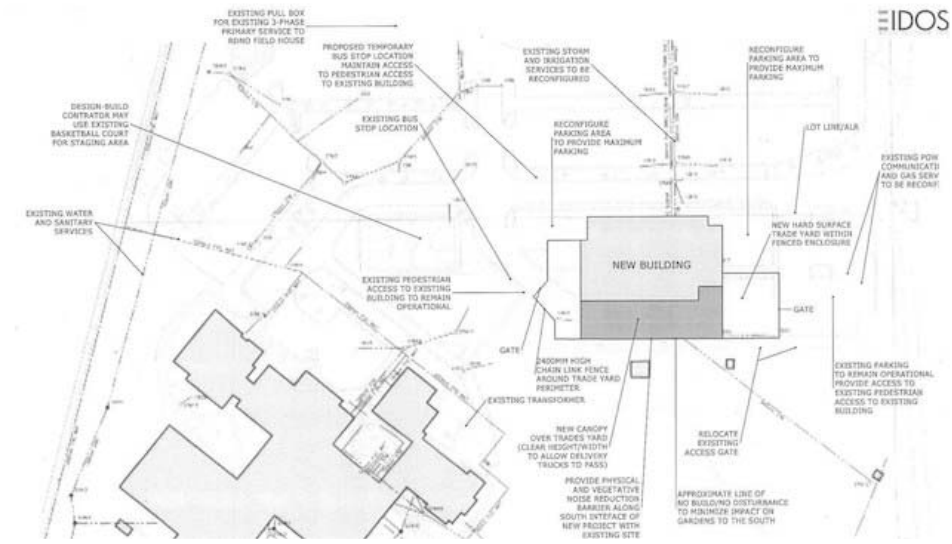

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A planned new trades training centre for the Vernon campus of Okanagan College can proceed to the next step after Coldstream council gave the thumbs up to a development permit.

Approval was given at Monday's council meeting.

In a letter to the district, architect Tim McLennan explained that approximately 13,450 sq. ft. of new multi-purpose trades shops and supporting space would be built on the campus.

The multi-use trade space is earmarked for electrical, plumbing and pipe fitting, aboriginal, women in trades and industry and carpentry training.

About 150 students are expected to be in programs that will use the planned facility.

"There is need to build purpose-built trades space on campus to accommodate existing programs currently located in leased space," McLennan said in his letter.

Currently, trades training is done in the leased space at the Vernon airport, but the federal and provincial governments are providing $6.21 million in funding for the new centre.

The new facility is expected to be built to a gold standard, utilizing local materials and a highly efficient mechanical system.

The building will be subject to Coldstream's greenhouse gas reduction rules.

The facility will also address a shortage of available trades training shops in the region.

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