

## Kathy Lawson

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**From:** John McTaggart <john@mctaggarts.ca>  
**Sent:** December-05-16 9:28 AM  
**To:** Kathy Lawson  
**Subject:** FW: Multi-Trades' School

Kathy,

This is a copy of a letter that David Kircher has sent onto the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development for some direction.

Maybe we could have copies of this available for the meeting.

Thanks

John

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**From:** Tichbornes [mailto:admin@tichbornes.com]  
**Sent:** December-05-16 9:20 AM  
**To:** john@mctaggarts.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Multi-Trades' School

Good Morning John

FYI

Thanks

Dave

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**From:** Tichbornes [mailto:admin@tichbornes.com]  
**Sent:** November-15-16 3:25 PM  
**To:** 'poppy.sanders@ontario.ca' <poppy.sanders@ontario.ca>  
**Subject:** Multi-Trades' School

Dear Ms. Sanders:

A recent article published by Inside Ottawa Valley.Com, indicated there is a shortage of about 300,000 skilled trades' workers in Canada, with many job sites reporting 50% of the skilled trades' people are foreign workers. I live in North Western Ontario and see how difficult the apprenticeship path can be for young adults that have graduated from high school and are looking for a career in the skilled trades.

We have a pulp and paper mill, idled in February 2014 that is situated in the middle of Fort Frances, owned by Resolute Forest Products. Resolute has not, to date, been able to effect a sale of this facility. I believe this pulp and paper mill could be re-habilitated and converted into a multi-trade school. This model would include the delivery of both "hands on" work experience and classroom theory on site, to all apprentices for each applicable trade. Something similar to other Co-Op programs except the entire program would be delivered to the apprentice on site. The program, and ratios of journey people to apprentices would continue to be established by the College of Trades. Like any other post-secondary college or university, the implementation of the apprenticeship program would be the responsibility of the school.

Any information or input you may have for this model of a trade school would be appreciated, my contact information is below.

Thank you,

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