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*The Heart of West Prince*

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## **PRESS RELEASE** **Posted 12 January, 2010**

### **Alberton Will Offer Incentive for Holland College Regional Training Centre**

For Immediate Release

Alberton – January 8, 2010 – Alberton is offering an incentive for Holland College to establish its new proposed Regional Training Centre in the town.

During a special meeting held January 6, the town council voted unanimously to give the college a parcel of land owned by the town on which to build the new training centre.

Mayor Michael Murphy welcomed the government's announcement in the November 12, 2009 Speech from the Throne that the Training Centre would be located in West Prince, saying the town is very interested in being chosen as the location for the Centre, and citing potential economic spin-offs and educational opportunities for residents of West Prince.

“Alberton is centrally located and has many benefits to offer the College. The town has a number of apartments to accommodate students and instructors, as well as a vibrant commercial base offering the kinds of services such an institution requires,” he said.

He added that Alberton is easily accessible to most residents of West Prince and provides health services such as the facilities of the Western Hospital, a pharmacy and Island EMS ambulance depot.

“In addition, locating the Centre in West Prince will open doors to higher education for area residents, making it easier for many to acquire the skills necessary in order to find meaningful employment in today's job market,” added Mr. Murphy.

He also highlighted the fact that students coming to the Centre from other parts of the province, and possibly from other provinces, as well as instructors and support staff, would provide a boost to the economy of West Prince as a whole since they would need goods and services provided by area businesses.

West Prince residents would also have the opportunity to obtain employment during the construction of the Centre and once it is operational, further stimulating the economy of West Prince and benefitting the whole area.

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