



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Manitoba Building Trades Institute & Passive House Canada Partner to Launch Manitoba's First Green Building Training Program for the Trades**

March 15, 2021 – [Manitoba Building Trades Institute](#) and [Passive House Canada](#) are proud to announce the partnership of a new energy efficient training program: Passive House for the Trades. This three-week course offered exclusively through MBTI will give skilled trades professionals in Manitoba a practical understanding of standardized sustainable building practices.

Courses are set to start April 21 2021, running Wednesdays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Passive House for the Trades will combine in-class lectures as well as hands-on training modules focused on building ecology, economic efficiency, insulation, ventilation, quality assurance, and building envelop specialization, all while considering the environmental impacts of construction projects.

"The way we build is, by necessity, changing in order to meet our climate goals," says Tanya Palson, Manager of External Relations at Manitoba Building Trades. "It is critical that Manitoba has training available for the tradespeople who will be physically building to meet new design standards."

[International Passive House Standard](#) is recognized as the proven best way to build for health, comfort, affordability, resiliency and energy efficiency in residential, institutional and commercial buildings.

Members of Manitoba's skilled trades workforce who choose to complete the program's Certified Passive House Tradesperson exam will receive special accreditation and be listed in the directory on the Passive House and international Passive House Association websites.

"The field for Passive House tradespeople is growing and providing significant opportunities for specialization in sustainable, low energy construction" says Luiz Bezerra, Education, Training and Development Manager at Passive House Canada. "This partnership with MBTI takes our trades course to a new level in Manitoba allowing us to meet the needs of this growing market"

Passive House for the Trades is intended for experienced tradespeople, general contractors, and developers involved in energy efficiency building. Interested participants can register at [mbtrades.ca/passivehouse](http://mbtrades.ca/passivehouse).

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## **About Manitoba Building Trades**

*MBT represents the common goals of more than 10,000 construction and trades professionals in our 13 member unions to deliver safe, skilled and highly productive labour. Its advocacy is based on the belief that unionized construction labour is the most competitive alternative for public and private project proponents in the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors. MBT delivers cost competitive skilled labour while maintaining the highest standards of training, wages and benefits and workplace safety. [www.mbtrades.ca](http://www.mbtrades.ca)*

## **About Passive House Canada**

*Passive House Canada is the national voice for advocating the International Passive House, high performance building standard across Canada. PHC facilitates the adoption of the Passive House buildings through advocacy, education, events, member services and technical advice. It is at the foundation of how we build better. It is how we feel better. [www.passivehousecanada.com](http://www.passivehousecanada.com) (778) 265-2744 ext. 807*

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