

**JEN-COL CONSTRUCTION TO BUILD ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA ACADEMY, NEW
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN MORINVILLE**

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Alberta Infrastructure and Jen-Col Construction, the successful bidder and General Contractor on the project, held a kick-off meeting with Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools and project staff to review the plans and timelines for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy. This new elementary school will be built in the Westwinds Development in Morinville and is scheduled to open in 2020.

The school will meet Leed Silver Certification, which includes the use of solar panels to provide energy efficiency. For the certification level to be met there are numerous construction, system and site requirements as well school administrative procedures that need to be put in place. The building will also inspire and encourage leadership and environmental stewardship for all staff and students who will eventually occupy the school. The building design also boasts green spaces in front of the building designed to be social areas, including a green amphitheater. Bicycle parking will be maximized as a way to encourage more active modes of transportation. Board Chair, Becigneul commented, *"the awarding of our construction partner represents a key milestone in this project, and we look forward to a sod turning ceremony in the New Year. The addition of another elementary school in the community is needed to accommodate the growth of young families in the town."*

This fourth school for the District will service the demand for faith-based education in the town and growth in the service area of the Morinville Ward. It will alleviate the pressure on École Notre Dame and provide unique programming opportunities based on community interest gathered during the consultation process. The building will feature modern learning spaces that support 21st Century Learning and honour its namesake, St. Kateri affectionately known as the *"Lilly of the Mohawks."*

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