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### **Curriculum Services Canada Welcomes New Director, Professional Learning Services**

The Board of Directors and management staff of Curriculum Services Canada (CSC) are pleased to announce **Hélène Fournier** as Director of Professional Learning Services, effective May 25, 2009.

As Director of Professional Learning Services, Hélène's main responsibility will be to develop and manage a variety of e-learning projects, using several e-learning modalities and formats to support the learning needs of educators and other adult learners. She will blend video production, web conferencing, social networking, and learning site development along with a variety of support materials to reinforce and expand CSC's innovative professional learning initiatives.

Hélène joins CSC from her recent position as Project Director of Alberta's Distributed Learning Strategy for Alberta Education. Prior to this, she played a leadership role in the design and development of e-learning materials for K-12 students, teachers, and parents in Alberta. Hélène previously worked at Red River College in Winnipeg as a Program Officer of the Distance Education Division, as well as at La Cité collégiale in Ottawa, where she held various positions in the areas of e-learning and information management. She has also worked for a number of Canadian and overseas institutions as a trainer and consultant in the areas of distance learning and distributed learning. In all of her previous positions, Hélène has demonstrated leadership, competence, and creativity. Hélène has both a Master of Educational Technology and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Technology-Based Distributed Learning from the University of British Columbia, and a Bachelor of Commerce (Double Major) from the University of Ottawa. She is fluent in French and English.

Under Hélène's leadership, we envision moving with even greater innovation into the electronic delivery of professional learning, as well as further improving CSC's established and recognized e-learning capacity. Hélène will continue to integrate applications that use new technologies along with forward thinking to support learners in their professional learning needs.

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