

Algonquin College hires project management, development teams

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Algonquin College is moving forward with the next phase of the building of its new waterfront campus near Pembroke's downtown. The college has announced the hiring of Tiree as its project management firm, and Civitas Architecture, in partnership with Jp2g Consultants of Pembroke, as its campus development team.

Tiree, based in Ottawa, will oversee all aspects of the \$36 million project including managing, monitoring and co-ordinating multiple stakeholders, consultants and construction entities as the plan is developed and construction takes place. Tiree's president, Duncan McNaughton, says: "We are excited to be leading this project and we look forward to delivering Renaissance Square on time and on budget."

Civitas Architecture has extensive experience in co-ordinating multidisciplinary projects, particularly with school boards, colleges and universities throughout Eastern Ontario. By teaming up with Jp2g of Pembroke, they have found a local partner that has extensive local planning and engineering expertise and a good understanding of the project site and the surroundings lands.

In addition, the firm of Lowans and Stephen, highly-regarded for their expertise in sustainable planning and design, will be working with Civitas, along with specialists in landscape architecture, environmental planning, building engineering and real estate. The new campus will be planned, designed and built over the next two years and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2012. Over the spring and summer of 2010, the campus development team will complete a comprehensive campus plan which will be a guiding document for the design and construction of the campus. The consultants will also prepare all documents required for the municipal site plan approval process and the Request for Proposal (RFP) document to select and engage a design-build team to construct the new campus.

Pembroke campus dean Karen Davies says the college is pleased to have these firms on board as it prepares to start construction on Renaissance Square.

"We are confident that we have chosen companies that have the expertise and capacity to help us build a world-class facility for our students, staff and the community. We are also very pleased that our lead partners have recognized local talent through the hiring of Jp2g Consultants to assist in the planning of this very large project that will bring so many benefits to all of Renfrew County."

The name of the project, Renaissance Square, symbolizes the potential for a rebirth of the college and Pembroke's downtown core.