

Monopoly challengers start coming forward

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There are now four teams prepared to vie for the opportunity to challenge Canada's best Monopoly player in support of Algonquin College's Pembroke new campus capital campaign.

KI Pembroke, Runge Stationers, and a group of local engineers have joined Scotiabank in officially registering for the College-Opoly tournament on March 6 at the Pembroke Armoury.

The engineers have confirmed that they are bringing in the big guns as CFB Petawawa commanding officer Lt.-Col. Keith Rudderham will be a member of that team. At KI, a staff tournament will be used to play down and decide who will be on that team. More teams are expected to complete their registration over the next few weeks at what is billed as the Ottawa Valley's largest Monopoly Tournament.



Campus dean Karen Davies said the College is very pleased with the high level of interest in this unique fundraising event.

"We have had so much support from the community and local businesses and organizations since we announced our intention to build a new campus for the Ottawa Valley.

We think College-Opoly is going to be a great community event and we are thrilled that area companies and individuals are getting involved in what will be a very fun activity involving the world's most popular board game," she said.

1 Rick Troutman of the Runge Stationers' team, Rudy Witlox of KI Pembroke, and Fred Blackstein of the Engineers' team.

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2 Will Lusby, Canadian Monopoly Champion

Teams that have registered in the College-Opoly tournament have paid a \$5,000 registration fee. The fee is a donation to the College's capital campaign.

The top three teams in the tournament will advance to the championship game against Will Lusby who, at a tournament in Montreal last May, defeated 47 of the top players in the country to become Canadian Monopoly Champion.

In addition to the main tournament, the general public is invited to participate in friendly Monopoly matches for an admission fee of \$15.

Snacks will be provided and there is also the opportunity to win great prizes. Tickets to the event are limited.

More information on the College-Opoly tournament can be found at Algonquin College's Pembroke new website at:

<http://www.algonquincollege.com/pembrokenewcampus/latestnews.htm>

Construction on the new campus is scheduled for April of 2011 with the building slated to open in September 2012.

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