



TOWN OF RENFREW

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SANDRA J. HEINS

April 3, 2007

Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley
315 Pembroke Street East
Pembroke, Ontario
K8A 3K2

Attention: Karen Davies, Dean

Dear Ms. Davies:

Reference: Letter of Support for a new Ottawa Valley campus

As Mayor, and on behalf of the Renfrew Town Council, I am pleased to offer the Town of Renfrew's support to your efforts in pursuing the possibility of building a new campus for the Ottawa Valley region.

Algonquin College's campus in the City of Pembroke has offered access to post-secondary education to thousands of Renfrew County residents and many others for the past 40 years. It's economic impact to this area is immense, as it helps support our labour force by training and educating skilled individuals, gives our youth an affordable close-to-home opportunity for post-secondary education and is a major employer in the Ottawa Valley.

Many graduates in the areas of business, health-care, skilled trades and tourism, to name a few, have made the decision to remain in the Renfrew County and to put their top-notch training and education to work here in our communities.

The Town of Renfrew has been pleased to be able to partner with Algonquin College for the past two years in bringing the 2006 and 2007 Options Skilled Trades Fair to this community and to see first hand the importance that the Algonquin College programs mean towards the support of the skilled trades workforce in the Ottawa Valley.

As elected officials, we as Members of Council deal directly with the business community each day, and can clearly appreciate the impact that local education and training has on our community. I commend your efforts to promote the Ottawa Valley campus of Algonquin College and wish you well in your endeavours to expand an already excellent program.

Should you wish to discuss the Town of Renfrew's support further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Municipal Office at (613) 432-4848, Ext. 112.

Sincerely,

Mayor Sandi Heins,
The Corporation of the Town of Renfrew

