

Media Release**June 25, 2009****Eastway Inc. Makes \$50,000 Donation to
Algonquin College's New Campus**

One of Pembroke's fastest growing companies is showing its support for Algonquin College's plan to build a new campus to serve the Ottawa Valley. Eastway Inc. has pledged \$50,000 towards the College's capital campaign.

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Dan Bedard, right, President of Eastway Inc. presents a cheque for \$50,000 to Dean Karen Davies, and Capital Campaign Committee member Lt. Col. Bill Moore for the new Pembroke Campus which will be built by 2012.

Eastway Inc. President, Daniel Bedard, says the building of a new college campus is a step in the right direction for the entire region. "Our company believes strongly in this community and we know that having access to a skilled labour force is the key to our company's success. Having a modern college campus with more training opportunities is vitally important to our business and to the entire economic fabric of the greater Pembroke area," adds Bedard. **(Continued...)**

The new campus will open in the fall of 2012 and be built in Pembroke's downtown, near its picturesque waterfront. The building will create additional student spaces for full-time students, allow the College to expand its programming, and will be a catalyst for further economic development and the revitalization of Pembroke's historic downtown.

Capital Campaign Chair Mark Huckabone congratulated Eastway Inc. for its leadership in supporting the project. "Building a new college campus is one of the most exciting things to happen in Renfrew County in many years, and we are very pleased with the number of individuals, organizations and companies that are supporting this initiative. Eastway is to be commended for its forward thinking and its willingness to help the College achieve its goal of building a world class college campus in downtown Pembroke," says Huckabone.

Eastway has extensive experience in refurbishing all makes of buses and special equipment used in transit. The company which started in 1962 has more than 100 employees in Pembroke and Ottawa, with the majority working at the Pembroke operations. The company services customers throughout North America including several municipal transit operations.

The College's new campus project, known as Renaissance Square, is valued at \$36 million. The College has set a fundraising target of \$2.5 million and has so far secured over \$1.3 million in pledges towards its capital campaign goal.

More information on the project is available at the College's new campus website: www.algonquincollege.com/pembrokenewcampus

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