

**MEDIA RELEASE****June 23, 2010****Giant Tiger - Pembroke Makes \$25,000 Donation  
to New Algonquin College Campus**

Downtown Pembroke's largest department store is showing its support for Algonquin College's plan to build a new campus to serve the Ottawa Valley. Giant Tiger has pledged \$25,000 towards the College's capital campaign to build a campus that will be within walking distance of its store.

Giant Tiger Pembroke store owner Lou Hammill says the building of a new College campus is a step in the right direction for the entire region, and particularly Pembroke's downtown. "This new campus will be a drawing card for the downtown and will bring vibrancy and excitement to the city's inner core, opening up possibilities for new business opportunities and business expansion. We are thrilled that the campus is being built adjacent to the downtown and look forward to its opening in 2012", adds Hammill.

Mark Huckabone, Capital Campaign Chair, congratulated Giant Tiger for its leadership in supporting the project. "Building a new Algonquin College campus is one of the most exciting things to happen in Renfrew County in many years. We are very pleased with the number of individuals, organizations and companies that are supporting this initiative. Giant Tiger will certainly benefit from the new campus, given its close proximity to the new campus site, and we anticipate that this leadership gift will spur other businesses to make donations to our capital campaign as well", adds Huckabone.

Giant Tiger has been a pillar of the downtown business community in Pembroke since the late 1960s. As a company, Giant Tiger employs more than 6,500 people across Canada, at almost 200 stores. The company was founded in 1961 with its head office in Ottawa and continues to be a Canadian-owned family discount store.

The 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 more than \$1.5 million in pledges towards its capital campaign goal. More information on the project is available at the new campus website: [www.algonquincollege.com/pembrokenewcampus](http://www.algonquincollege.com/pembrokenewcampus)

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