

Media Release**May 22, 2009****Kiwanis Club of Pembroke Supports Capital Campaign
for New Algonquin College Ottawa Valley Campus**

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The Kiwanis Club of Pembroke is pledging \$50,000 towards the capital campaign to build a new Algonquin College campus in downtown Pembroke. Kiwanis Past President, Jay McLaren, made the announcement today during a walkabout with College staff on the property earmarked for the new campus which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2012.

Kiwanis Club President, Rick Duncan, says Kiwanis has played a major role in the development of Pembroke's waterfront and views the new College campus as an exciting addition to the area. "There have been many people who have worked very hard to clear the way for this project to proceed, and Kiwanis wants to be part of that enthusiasm. We see the new Algonquin College campus as not only a wonderful learning environment for post-secondary students, but also as a hub for community activities and a showcase for the city's downtown and waterfront area," adds Duncan.

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Kiwanis is the first service club to go public with a major contribution to the new campus capital fundraising campaign, but Duncan expects others will follow. “We have certainly talked with other service club members and know there is a lot of interest in the project. We are very pleased to be able to set the table for future donations,” says Duncan.

The project, known as Renaissance Square because of its potential to revitalize Pembroke’s downtown and its significant economic and social impact on all of Renfrew County, is a \$36 million project. The College is continuing to encourage the provincial and federal governments to help fund the construction costs as part of the infrastructure stimulus package announced recently for Canadian colleges and universities.

Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley Dean, Karen Davies, thanked the Kiwanis Club of Pembroke for its commitment to the project. “This is true leadership by an organization that has done so many good things in our region. We recognize that service clubs rely on volunteers who are committed to helping communities reach their full potential. We also want to acknowledge that Kiwanis has once again stepped to the plate and hit a home run by making such a substantial commitment to building our new College campus,” says Davies.

Capital Campaign Chair, Mark Huckabone, also congratulated the Kiwanis Club for its donation. “The capital campaign committee continues to be inspired by the number of organizations, businesses and individuals who are willing to get involved in our fundraising efforts. We also know that public declarations of support by organizations like Kiwanis encourage others to step forward, and for that we thank the Kiwanis Club,” says Huckabone.

The College has set a fundraising target of \$2.5 million. To date more than \$1 million has been secured through pledges. More information on the project and capital campaign can be found at the Renaissance Square project website: www.algonquincollege.com/pembrokenewcampus.

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Left: Fred Blackstein, member of the College's Board of Governors, takes Kiwanis Club members and college staff on a walk in the park to look at the future building site of the college.

Below right: Campus Dean Karen Davies thanked the Kiwanis Club for its generous support to the college and for helping to provide students in the Ottawa Valley with an opportunity to study at a new college facility in their home community.



Left: Kiwanis Treasurer Brian Grant and past president Jay McLaren, sign a pledge cheque for \$50,000 for the new campus of Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley while Dean Karen Davies looks on.



Above: Peter Leigh, Kiwanis president elect, and Brian Grant, Kiwanis treasurer, presented a cheque to Lisa Edmonds, member of the Capital Campaign Committee and Dean Karen Davies.



Below: Mayor Ed Jacyno said the College has already made a significant economic impact on the county and will continue to positively affect the region with its new campus near the downtown area.

About 75 College staff and Kiwanians spent a recent lunch hour together at the Riverwalk Amphitheatre for a picnic lunch and special announcement.

They also participated in a walkabout of the future college site led by Fred Blackstein, and were on hand for some supportive words from Mayor Ed Jacyno about the importance of the project for the community.

The highlight of the lunch was a generous pledge donation by the Kiwanis Club to Algonquin College in the amount of \$50,000.

The College hopes to raise \$2.5 million toward the new campus which is slated to be built by fall 2012.

