

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Petawawa Family Donates Half-a-Million Dollars to College
Capital Campaign for New Ottawa Valley Campus**

Pembroke, ON, November 24, 2009 - The effort to build a new Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley Campus received a major boost today when a \$500,000 donation was made to the College capital campaign by a Petawawa couple. The extraordinary contribution is one of the largest charitable donations ever made to a Renfrew County fundraising project by an individual or family.

As an expression of gratitude and in recognition of this transformational gift to the Pembroke Campus, Algonquin College President Robert Gillett, has announced that the library at the new campus will be named after the donors, Kathleen and F. Allan Huckabone. "On behalf of the entire Algonquin College community, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Huckabone family for their significant contribution to this campus and this community", says Gillett. "With community support like this, it is abundantly clear how much the people of the Ottawa Valley care about the College and the important role the local campus plays in supporting the region's economy and overall well-being."



Recognizing the need to replace the aging facility from which the College currently operates, the Huckabones were early supporters of the College when it began its quest to build a new campus. In a statement released to the media, the Huckabone family says: "We are delighted to support Algonquin College in its fundraising efforts. It is clear the College needs a new building and the City of Pembroke will benefit from having the new campus located in its historic downtown. We hope our donation will inspire others to give to this very worthy cause and we eagerly await the opening of the new building in the fall of 2012."

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F. Allan Huckabone is a well-known Pembroke lawyer who was called to the bar in 1959 and throughout his career was widely respected as an expert in civil litigation. While a law student at Osgoode Hall in Toronto, he articulated with Peter White, Q.C., a descendant of Pembroke's founding family. Mr. Huckabone then spent time with the firm of White and Bristol in Toronto, before returning to Pembroke to practice law.

Kathleen Huckabone is a founding member of the Pembroke and Area Women's Book Club, a testament to her love of reading and her support of education. The Book Club started more than 40 years ago. As a couple, the Huckabones have supported, and continue to support, many community and charitable causes for the betterment of the Upper Ottawa Valley and beyond.



Construction on the \$36 million project is scheduled to begin in April of 2011. When built, this new campus will expand access to full-time post-secondary and apprenticeship programs; provide an enhanced learning experience for students with leading-edge classrooms, labs, recreational facilities and green space; and contribute to the revitalization of Pembroke's downtown by creating new business opportunities which will strengthen the local economy.

Enrollment at Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley hit an all-time high this fall with more than 815 full-time students studying at the campus. When operational, the new facility would increase enrollments to allow for more than 1,000 full-time students annually. The new campus will also enable the College to further support the region's training needs by expanding its apprenticeship, academic upgrading, and continuing education courses.

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