

Media Release**March 7, 2010****Rotary Club of Pembroke Makes \$25,000 Pledge
to New Algonquin College Ottawa Valley Campus**

Citing a need for more skilled trades training and a modern post-secondary institute to serve the Upper Ottawa Valley, the Rotary Club of Pembroke has made a \$25,000 pledge to Algonquin College's effort to build a new campus near Pembroke's waterfront. The announcement was made by Rotary President, John Escott, during a major fundraising event held for the College on the weekend where the service club was one of eight teams competing in a Monopoly tournament.

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Escott calls the College a major contributor to the economic well-being of the region and encouraged other service clubs to join Rotary in pledging support to the College's efforts to raise \$2.5 million through its community capital campaign. "This project is vital to Renfrew County's need to train more skilled workers, particularly when you consider the existing and looming shortages in many traditional skilled trades. We are aware the new campus will provide the College with the opportunity to expand its programming, including its apprenticeship offerings, and we want to help the Algonquin College succeed by making a major donation to its fundraising efforts," adds Escott.

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Dean Karen Davies said she was extremely grateful for this donation by the Rotary Club of Pembroke. "Rotary is an exceptional organization that does great work in supporting community projects. We are very pleased that Rotary has chosen our efforts to build a new campus as a worthy project that will benefit so many people by increasing access to post-secondary education in the Upper Ottawa Valley. We sincerely thank Rotary for its commitment to our fundraising drive."



The Rotary Club of Pembroke is the second service club in the city to make a pledge to Algonquin College's capital campaign. Last summer the Kiwanis Club of Pembroke committed to raising \$50,000 for the cause.

Construction on the new campus is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2011 with the building open to students in the fall of 2012. The campus will be

constructed near the city's waterfront, and across from the Pembroke Memorial Centre, in close proximity to the city's historic downtown. When it opens, the campus will accommodate more than 1,000 full-time students.

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