

## Pictorial memories

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Pembroke's waterfront will soon have another pavilion joining the four others highlighting local history.

This new one, to be located between the timber crib and the outdoor chapel on the opposite side of the Kiwanis walkway, will commemorate the history of Algonquin College and post-secondary education in the city.

Speaking to city council's planning and waterfront committee Tuesday, Jamie Bramburger, manager of community and student affairs at Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley, said the idea came about a year ago during discussions with Fred Blackstein, the volunteer chairman of the Pembroke Waterfront Project, who suggested this is a good opportunity to place one in the west end of the waterfront.

He said the pavilion will be the same design and style of the others which are currently in place along the waterfront walkway.

The structure will consist of four panels, each displaying three pictures illustrating moments in the history of the college, from its roots as the Lorrain School of Nursing to the new Renaissance Square campus, set to open September 2012.

"We're not asking for funds for this," Mr. Bramburger said, as the project's costs - \$20,000 in materials, \$5,000 in volunteer labour - will be covered by contributions from the college, the Algonquin College Students' Association, the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, the Pembroke Waterfront Community Committee and the Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation.

"This is a good fit," he said, tying in the walkway and the waterfront to the new campus.

It will share a positive message about the importance of education in our community and tell the story of how Algonquin College was built.

Council members were all supportive of the idea, although Coun. Terry O'Neill, head of the planning and waterfront committee, said he would be more comfortable if he had assurances the college would look after it once it was constructed.



This is in accordance with the waterfront monument policy, where organizations have to commit to maintaining such structures, either by themselves or providing funding for it.

Mr. Bramburger said this wouldn't be an issue. This is about the college, and we're making darned sure it looks good," he said. The pavilion is to be in place before the new college campus is opened in 2012.

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