

## Algonquin College's capital campaign for new trades centre continues to gather steam with another \$100,000 pledge

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**Wednesday, September 2, 2009** – Algonquin's Constructing Our Future Campaign continues to gather steam this week with a \$100,000 pledge from Modern Niagara Ottawa Inc. This latest pledge was made to coincide with Modern Niagara's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

"The entire College community would like to thank Modern Niagara Ottawa Inc. for their generous contribution," said Robert Gillett, President of Algonquin College. "This is the second major pledge announced in less than a month and it continues to demonstrate the community support for the Algonquin Centre for Construction Excellence."

"Over 200 of our current employees have received their training through Algonquin College," said Brad McAninch, President of Modern Niagara Ottawa Inc. "We will continue to depend on Algonquin to provide excellent training for our tradespeople, and this facility will be a critical component to our success."

The Constructing Our Future Campaign has set a goal of raising \$7 million for the \$79-million construction project of the Algonquin Centre for Construction Excellence slated to open in 2011. Once completed, the centre will add 600 new spaces for construction trades training and become home to a total of 2,500 cross-disciplined full-time students and 5,000 part-time registrants as it brings together all of the College's trades, design and building sciences programs and research into one creative cluster.

An integrated learning approach will be used in the training of several professional disciplines including architecture, interior design, engineering technology, the building trades, and research.

Built to LEED Gold standards, the Algonquin Centre for Construction Excellence will be a model for sustainable construction practices and innovative curriculum design and delivery. The centre will be a 152,000-square-foot state-of-the-art building for construction trades training. The centre and its functional systems will serve as learning aids, respond to the academic needs of its occupants, and teach the importance of building a better future.

The new building will also be an architecturally significant landmark, as it will be uniquely integrated with the renewed Baseline Transit hub and be the focal point of the Centrepointe district commercial development.

For more information please visit <http://algonquincollege.com/expansion/woodroffe.htm>

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