

Algonquin College Opens Soccer Facility

Ottawa, ON, February 22, 2006: The doors of Algonquin Students' Association's \$5.4 million Soccer Facility officially opened today on Algonquin's Woodroffe Campus. Algonquin Students' Association President, Michael Barrett, and Algonquin College President, Robert Gillett, were on hand for the official opening.

"We are pleased with the partnership we have with our Students' Association" says Algonquin College President Robert Gillett. "The Algonquin Soccer facility is solid evidence of Algonquin's commitment to health and wellness, and is a wonderful addition to the College."

The facility is the first of its kind in the Canadian College System and consists of a synthetic turf with cryogenic rubber infill playing surface spanning 130 x 70 yards and bleacher seating for 300 spectators. It also features a 6,000 sq. ft. clubhouse, four change rooms and a therapy clinic.

"This facility represents the partnership of the Students' Association to serve the needs of students and reflects its mission to be responsive to the changing needs of students," says Algonquin Students' Association President Michael Barrett.

The Algonquin Soccer facility will be the College's home field for the Algonquin Thunder men and women's soccer teams, and is available for use by the community for sports such as soccer, rugby, touch football and ultimate.

The Algonquin Soccer Facility is funded and operated by the Algonquin Students' Association and is open from 9:00 a.m. to midnight Monday through Sunday in the winter, and from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the summer.

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About Algonquin College:

Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology is located in the Nation's Capital and the Ottawa Valley and is the third-largest college in Ontario. Situated in the City of Ottawa, Algonquin College also has satellite campuses in the City of Pembroke and the Town of Perth.

Algonquin is the leader in the integration of technology into the learning landscape. Algonquin College has a diverse population of 14,487 full-time students and 34,761 part-time registrations in more than 140 programs and is committed to student success. The career and learning aspirations of students inspire and inform the College's focus on leadership, partnership and innovation. This focus has enabled Algonquin to lead all Ontario colleges in the services provided to its students in the annual province-wide Key Performance Indicator (KPI) survey.

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