



## **Toyota Canada Foundation Addresses Automotive Skills Shortage with a \$275,000 Donation to Algonquin College**

**Ottawa, ON, Nov. 28, 2006** – Toyota Canada Foundation, the Ontario Trust for Student Support and three Ottawa-area Toyota dealers are helping to address the current skilled-trades shortage in the automotive industry with a donation to the Algonquin College Foundation and the College's Transportation Technology Centre.

Donations from Tony Graham Lexus Toyota, Mendes Toyota, Bel-Air Lexus Toyota, Toyota Canada Foundation and the Ontario Trust for Student Support total \$275,000. These donations will go to the Algonquin College Foundation's Transportation Technology Campaign and the establishment of bursaries available to students in the College's Motive Power Technician Program.

"With this donation, Algonquin College will be able to continue to address skilled-trades shortage in the automotive industry," said Algonquin College President Robert Gillett. "Algonquin College strives to address the career-training needs of our local community. Our partnership with Toyota Canada will help Algonquin continue to provide quality instruction in areas that business and industry have identified as essential in today's economy. This provides our students with the skills they need to be job-ready upon graduation."

"This support from an automotive industry leader such as Toyota Canada is extremely important to the College and our students," said John-Paul Tapp, Dean of the School of Transportation and Building Trades. "Toyota's donation to Algonquin will have a direct impact on the quality of our programs and students that are learning in our state-of-the-art Transportation Technology Centre."

"The Toyota Canada Foundation, which is the charitable arm of Toyota Canada Inc., is very pleased to support Algonquin College with a new endowment fund for the establishment of scholarships for students in the Motive Power Technician Program," says Randy Galluzzi, National Manager of Toyota University and Chairman of the Toyota Foundation Committee.

"On behalf of the three Ottawa-area Toyota dealerships, I am pleased to be here today to recognize the wonderful automotive program at Algonquin College and to offer our support by way of this donation," says Tony Graham of Tony Graham Lexus Toyota.

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With the partnership of the Ontario Trust for Student Support, eight scholarships will be established at Algonquin College by the Toyota Foundation.

“Toyota Canada recognizes the need to encourage our upcoming workforce to pursue careers in the automotive industry,” says Rick Daniels, Director Toyota Canada Inc. “In order to support students’ career choices, it is necessary for manufacturers to actively support colleges and universities with bursary programs such as the one we have established at Algonquin College.”

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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. Algonquin is the leader in the integration of technology into the learning landscape. Algonquin College has a diverse population of nearly 16,000 full-time students and 35,000 part-time registrations in more than 140 programs and is committed to student success. For more information please visit [www.algonquincollege.com](http://www.algonquincollege.com).

**About Toyota Canada**

Toyota Canada Inc. (TCI) is the exclusive Canadian distributor of Toyota cars, trucks, sports utility vehicles and forklifts, as well as Lexus luxury vehicles, through a sales and service network of over 260 dealers across Canada. A consistent award winner for product quality and ownership satisfaction, Toyota has sold over three million vehicles in Canada. More information about Toyota is available at [www.toyota.ca](http://www.toyota.ca), or through the Toyota Canada Customer Interaction Centre at 1-888-TOYOTA8.

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