

An expansion at Cégep Heritage College

Gatineau, April 13, 2015 - At a press conference held today at Cégep Heritage College, on behalf of the Minister of Education, Higher Education and Research, Mr. François Blais, Mme Maryse Gaudreault, Hull MNA, announced an investment of \$ 11.9 million at Heritage College to create spaces to accommodate a larger number of students.

This investment is part of the Ministry's 2014-2024 10-year capital plan that includes forecasted investments in both the college and university networks. The investment will allow for the construction of additional classrooms and student spaces at Heritage's main campus on Cité-des-Jeunes, and will address the additional space requirements of certain services such as the library and the physical education facilities.

"This is excellent news for Heritage" states Michael Randall, Director General. "One year after celebrating our 25th anniversary as an autonomous CEGEP, we will be adding a new wing to our installations! Heritage was built for 800 students, and we surpassed that mark over five years ago. We currently have 1200 students, shoe-horned into our building. So it's more than timely that we be able to offer adequate space for our students, space that will ensure that we can live up to our ambitions and to our responsibility to offer first-class post-secondary education, in English, to all residents of the Outaouais as Heritage is a public CEGEP open to all. By enabling us to better serve our students and offer more programs as we'll now have the space to do so, we will be in a much better position to retain Québécois students who cross the river every day to study in an Ontario institution, on this side of the river."

Over the past two years, the College has worked with the Ministry to prepare initial architectural plans for an addition to the building. The College will be issuing a public tender shortly to confirm and detail these initial plans. It is anticipated that construction will start next fall.

About Cégep Heritage College: Cégep Heritage College is one of 48 CEGEPs (Collèges d'Enseignement Général et Professionnel) in the province of Quebec, the only English CEGEP in Western Quebec. The College offers four pre-university programs, and eight career programs. What's more, its Centre for Continuing Education offers programs leading to Attestations of College Studies and made-to-measure programs for businesses.

Quality education, small classes, a friendly atmosphere, and dynamic extra-curricular and social activities make Cégep Heritage College the perfect place to study and meet new friends. The College's modern facilities feature a gymnasium, fitness centre, dance studio, comprehensive library, and 156-seat auditorium. Our spacious campus grounds include a large soccer field, basketball court, 6 beach volleyball courts, and biking and hiking paths.