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Commission d'évaluation de la qualité de l'éducation postsecondaire

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The Honourable John Milloy
Minister, Training, Colleges and Universities
3rd floor, 900 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Dear Minister:

**Re: Application from Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology
for Ministerial consent to continue to offer a
Bachelor of Applied Technology (Photonics):
Recommendation to Grant Consent**

Pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, on August 16, 2007, Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology applied to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities for consent to continue to offer a Bachelor of Applied Technology (Photonics) program, the current consent for which is due to expire on August 24, 2008, and the first cohort for which would complete the program in April 2008. In addition to this renewal application, Algonquin submitted a request for to change some elements in its current consent on October 30, 2007,

In accordance with section 5.2 of the *Act*, the renewal application was referred on September 11, 2007, to the Board for its review and recommendation, and the consent change application was referred on December 14, 2007.

In view of the fact that the requested consent changes also applied to the consent renewal, the Board decided to process both of these concurrently. It reviewed both applications in accordance with its *Handbook for CAAT Renewals, May, 2006*, and gave final consideration at its meeting of May 26th, 2008.

Based on:

- the applicant's original submissions,
- the report of the assessment panel appointed by the Board,
- any additional material submitted by the applicant, and
- the Board's assessment of the information against the Board's standards and benchmarks for a bachelor degree in an applied area of study,

the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board recommends that you grant consent to Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology to offer a Bachelor of Applied Technology (Photonics) program, to be abbreviated B.A.T., at its Woodroffe Campus, until May 1, 2011. This consent termination date is recommended since it is the earliest convenient time that the Board will be able to conduct a full review of the program after there has been at least one graduating class and the institution has been able to conduct and operationalize the results of its mandatory self-study.

Yours truly,



Dale Patterson,
Chair

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