



## **Nipissing University**

Nipissing University began three major renovations and/or construction projects during fiscal 2006/2007.

The first major project was the renovation of the Monastery building located on the escarpment adjacent to the main campus. This project is expected to be completed for beginning of class in September 2007. The total cost will be, once completed \$1.4 million.

The second major renovation project is located in Brantford. Our concurrent education program in Brantford is growing rapidly and we needed new facilities to accommodate this growth. Nipissing purchased an existing building on Wellington Street in Brantford and began the renovation. The project completion date is tentatively marked for June or July 2008. The total cost is expected to be \$4 million.

The final construction project is located in Bracebridge. Our Muskoka campus has experienced steady growth over the past few years and has outgrown its current location. The new location on Wellington Street in the Jubilee park area is expected to be completed in June or July 2008. The total cost is expected to be \$6.2 million.

Purchasing activities will only begin when the buildings are near completion and furniture and equipment are required. This should be an exciting year.

The Bachelor of Education program was hit with an overwhelming increase in applicants and acceptances this year. To accommodate this increase, the university added three (3) new sections to the program. We were also into the second year of a three year contract with Toshiba and purchased 801 laptops at a cost of \$790,779. The purchase should have been higher but faculty agreed to keep their current laptop for a second year.

Finally, Nipissing University is well into its final phases of the final CFI award to Dr. Ewa Cholewa. The renovation costs plus the addition of the new Greenhouse proved to be more than expected. The combined CFI/MRI contributions for this project are \$896,494 but the total cost of the project will exceed \$1.8M. The final payments from CFI and MRI should be received during the next year.

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