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A generous investment in the future

The Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association (APTA) has provided a gift of \$20,000 to support NSCC's Heavy Duty Truck and Transport (HDTT) pre-apprenticeship programs. The donation will assist with the purchase of training aids for programming.

APTA Executive Director, Jean-Marc Picard says his members want to support the students who are working their way through their apprenticeships to support his 325-plus members. "The donation is an investment in the workforce of the future which will be helping to ensure our members and their vehicles are in business."

Akerley's Academic Chair for the program, Gord MacKenzie, accepted the cheque on behalf of all four HDTT programs the funds will support. "A gift of this nature will help our HDTT programs purchase training aids that otherwise would be hard to manage – it will benefit our students and, in turn, industry."



Jean-Marc Picard presents a gift of \$20,000 to NSCC's HDTT program. In the photo are (L to R) Akerley faculty members Wayne MacPherson and Owen Sanford, Akerley Academic Chair Gord MacKenzie, APTA Executive Director Jean-Marc Picard and NSCC Foundation Chair Barry Saunders.

NSCC Foundation Board Chair, Barry Saunders was on hand to thank the association for its generosity and says that the board is grateful that those in the industry are so keen to give back and support the work of the College. "A contribution straight to the infrastructure of our programs is key to ensuring our students have the best and latest technology and tools for their trade. We would like to thank the Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association for their generous donation that will be distributed across the province to the four campuses that have the Heavy Duty Truck and Transport programs."