

Lumber company has a heart

By Chris Simon

Two Innisfil facilities will be getting some heart.

Tarpin Lumber donated two Automated External Defibrillators to the town last week. The defibrillators will be placed in the Innisfil Recreation Complex and South Simcoe Police Service North Division administration building.

"We count on our friends and suppliers, and the units we've placed (so far) have been the result of people giving us donations," said Hugh Heron, chair of the Mikey Network, an organization that distributes defibrillators to public areas throughout the region. "There's been no bigger supporter of the network than Tarpin Lumber. They've been marvelous."

Over the last year,

Simcoe County paramedics have installed the machines in Ontario government buildings and public access facilities like arenas, libraries, and recreation centres throughout the region.

Last week, the Simcoe County District School Board also launched a Public Access Defibrillator program at 22 facilities across the region.

During the past four years, the MIKEY Network has distributed over 350 defibrillators in communities from Toronto to Barrie, said Heron.

"The network was started when we lost one of our colleagues on the golf course," he said. "We decided to place defibrillators throughout the area, from the Greater Toronto area to Barrie. Over

the past four years, I've met six people who would not be here without a defibrillator."

AEDs are computerized medical devices capable of analyzing the electrical activity of the heart, and determining if it would benefit from an electrical shock once a person has slipped into sudden cardiac arrest. Defibrillation helps restore blood flow, by attempting to reset normal electrical activity in the heart.

Mayor Brian Jackson says the donation is greatly appreciated.

"Hopefully, we never have to use these, but if we do, the right equipment is there," he said.

"We very pleased to have these, and be prepared for an incident we hope we never have."



Photo by Chris Simon

Representatives from Tarpin Lumber and the Mikey Network presented Innisfil mayor Brian Jackson and deputy mayor Gord Wauchope with two defibrillators

last week. A defibrillator will be placed in the new South Simcoe Police Service North Division administration building, and the Innisfil Recreation Complex.

County set for next round of growth meetings

By Richard Blanchard

The next stage in Simcoe County's Growth Management Study will see another series of public meetings throughout the county.

Members of the corporate services committee gave approval to the release of the latest draft last week and three public meetings, which will be hosted through the county at the end of the month.

A meeting will be held at the Nottawasaga Inn between 5 and 8:30 p.m. on April 29.

Other meetings will be held in Midland on April 24 and Midhurst on April 25.

The meeting at the Nottawasaga will see a formal presentation about the study at 7 p.m.

County warden Tony Guergis told councillors that the latest step in the growth management study was fur-

ther proof that the county could come up with its own solution to growth issues.

"It's wise of the county to move forward. Its given us a tremendous opportunity to make our own decisions about the future," he said after the corporate services meeting.

Among the report's recommendations are an increased emphasis on industrial/commercial growth along the Highway 400 corridor and recognizing that population growth will be concentrated in the southern part of the county during the next 25 years.

The City of Barrie is expected to increase by 55,000 people to a total of 185,000 while Innisfil is expected to grow by almost 100 per cent to 65,000. New Tecumseth is also expected to nearly double in size to 49,000 residents by 2031.

The study suggests that

growth is likely less than was originally projected in Essa and Adjala-Tosorontio.

As Adjala-Tosorontio council discussed last week, the county study expects that the township will grow at a rate of about 1.85 per cent per annum over the next 25 years.

The township itself had forecast a rate of over two percent per year.

Guergis said that the emphasis on population and industrial growth in South Simcoe was a recognition of the development growth.

He noted that the report recommended that the coun-

ty be given some flexibility in approving new industrial land along the Highway 400 corridor.

"I know that there is a lot of land designated industrial in the northern part of the county which isn't currently.

It maybe needed in the future but there is the demand now

in the south," he said.

Guergis said that he was pleased that the county was moving fairly closely to the schedule that it had set for the Growth Management Study.

Further information is available at <http://growth.simcoe.ca>.

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Town staff also suggest the subdivision would meet government policies.

"These applications are consistent with the policies outlined in the provincial policy statement (of) 2005, which state appropriate development standards that promote intensification, redevelopment and compact form should be promoted in settlement areas," said planning manager Ross Cotton in a report to council. "The subject lands are located within

an established settlement area boundary and have been designated for residential development since 1996."

But the townhouses could also impact the Wauchope property's value.

"We feel the proximity of the townhouse units may have a detrimental affect to the value of our property," said Brenda. "We're concerned about the density of those units as far as (the number of) people. We're hoping to have our concerns addressed."



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