

Candlelight Ball fundraiser will help Gastro-Intestinal Investigation unit

By Angela Blackburn

OAKVILLE BEAVER STAFF

The 12th Annual Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) Candlelight Ball should not only shed rays of hope for reduced waiting lines, but added patient comfort to the hospital's Gastro-Intestinal Investigation (GI) Unit.

The annual fundraiser to be held this year at the Burlington Convention Centre on Nov. 8 is expected to result in several new pieces of much-needed equipment in the newly expanded GI Unit.

All proceeds from this year's gala will go to the GI Unit.

Gastroenterologist Dr. Sudhir Pandya has been practicing in Oakville for nine years. He has an office in the Reynolds Street Medical Arts Building and works at the OTMH GI Unit with three other gastroenterologists.

Until Oct. 1, the OTMH GI Unit was a two-room unit with three gastroenterologists.

This month, a third room opened and a fourth gastroenterologist began work there. Four surgeons also work in the unit that could see upward of 5,000 annual procedures.

The GI Unit deals with patients, who have upper bowel complaints like heartburn, indigestion, ulcers, those who vomit blood or have trouble swallowing.

It also handles patients with lower bowel disorders like bowel cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's Disease, colitis and rectal bleeding.

Upper bowel disorders can often be investigated through the mouth and small intestine, while lower bowel disorders are often investigated through the large intestine.

Three pieces of equipment to help in these investigations are being sought at the Candlelight Ball.

A duodenoscope worth about \$45,000 should help in the diagnosis and treatment of complaints like jaundice, gall bladder and pancreatic disease.

A new cautery unit, known as an ERBE Unit, is also being sought. This piece of equipment is worth approximately \$22,000-\$25,000 and is what Pandya calls a "smart" unit manufactured in Germany.

Of leading-edge technology it can determine things like tissue resistance, when it comes to cutting and cauterizing,

and has the ability to utilize attached units like the argon plasma laser that can be used to treat surface lesions, explained the doctor.

Pandya said the unit is essential in every GI Unit room and is used to treat bleeding ulcers, bowel polyps and to cauterize biopsies.

"It is an essential unit and every room that does a procedure should have one," said Pandya, noting OTMH's new third GI Unit room needs this piece of equipment.

A new colonoscope worth \$42,000-\$45,000 is also needed at the GI Unit. This tool is used in lower bowel investigations and can be inserted through the rectum with what Pandya calls conscious sedation rather than the anesthesia required by an operating room (OR) procedure.

"Patients can recover more quickly and don't have a big scar on the belly," said Pandya.

The physician is also able to watch the investigation via a TV screen type monitor and has the flexibility to move the equipment up or down or side to side during the procedure. New technology can also make the newer units far more comfortable for patients, said the doctor.

It along with the cautery unit is used for biopsies or to remove polyps.

Since equipment must go through a sterilization process and could suffer a breakdown, Pandya said several pieces of extra equipment are always welcome.

Currently, the third GI Unit room needs a cautery unit and there's no back-up for the duodenoscope.

Pandya said OTMH has managed to get good service from its exiting equipment, even though it has been in use longer than the expected five-year life cycle.

For the GI Unit doctors, new equipment means they can't better do their job.

To patients it will mean easier access to treatment, more efficient treatment and less waiting time.

"We do outpatient procedures in the great majority of cases. Twenty years ago, bleeding ulcers would have been treated in the OR," said Pandya.

Tickets to the Candlelight Ball cost \$275 per person, \$2,750 for a table of 10 and \$3,250 for a table of 10 with corporate recognition. OTMH's largest fundraising event, the ball raised more than \$115,000 last year.

Tickets include cocktails, a three-course gourmet meal, a silent and live auction, a raffle and dancing to the Russ Little Band.

For information call 905-338-4351.



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Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital Gastroenterologist Dr. Sudhir Pandya shows a Colonoscope and Duodenoscope to nurses Pat Michelutti and Donna Chamberlain.



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COUNCIL & STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, October 6, 2003

Planning & Development
Council Meeting
Council Chambers
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Community Services Comm.
Oakville Room - 7:30 p.m.
Administrative Services Comm.
Trafalgar Room - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14, 2003

Council Meeting
Council Chambers
7:30 p.m.

Monday, October 20, 2003

Planning & Development
Council Meeting
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7:30 p.m.

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Specifications and tender forms may be obtained from the Town of Oakville Purchasing Services (Finance Department), 1225 Trafalgar Road (1st Floor), Oakville, Ontario; Telephone 905-338-4197.

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Manager, Purchasing Services

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Zoning By-law Amendment
Part of Lots 9 and 10, Concession 1, SDS

File No.: Z.1409.11

Please be advised that a public information meeting will be held to discuss a proposed technical Zoning By-law Amendment initiated by the Town to change the mapping to permit townhouse units in accordance with the approved plans of subdivision. The amendment affects two sites in the Iroquois Ridge North Community. The information meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 7, 2003** in the **Oakville Room**, commencing at **7:00 p.m.** at **Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville**.

Any individuals wishing to attend this meeting and speak to this matter are invited to do so. An explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed applications, describing the lands to which the proposed applications apply, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the proposed applications apply can be found below.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the approval authority, in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, does not make oral submission at the public meeting, or make written submission to *Peter Cheatley, Director of Planning Services Department, Town of Oakville* at the address noted below, before the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is approved or refused, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

You may direct any written submissions and/or questions to **Brenda Stan** at the Town's Planning Services Department, Town of Oakville, P.O. Box 310, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON. L6J 5A6. Tel: (905) 845-6601, ext. 3034, email address: bstan@oakville.ca.

Location – The lands are located in the Iroquois Ridge North Community. Site 1 is located on the south side of Agram Drive, north of North Ridge Trail. Site 2 is located on the north side of Craighleith Road, east of Prince Michael Drive.

Official Plan – Figure M2, Land Use, Iroquois Ridge Community North District, designates both sites as Medium Density Residential (35 units per site ha).

Zoning – Site 1 is zoned Residential – Mixed Dwellings (R11). Site 2 is zoned Residential – Mixed Dwellings (R8) subject to Special Provision 723 which permits apartment buildings.

Proposal – The Town is initiating this technical amendment to change the mapping to zone both parcels as Residential – Mixed Dwellings R8(a) to permit townhouse units in accordance with the approved plans of subdivision.

Note: This application may be subject to modification at a Council Meeting in the future.

Dated on the 1st day of October, 2003 at the Town of Oakville.

Bin Newell, MCIP, RPP
Manager, Community Planning
Planning Services Department

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