

# Acton man makes donation to the Georgetown Hospital

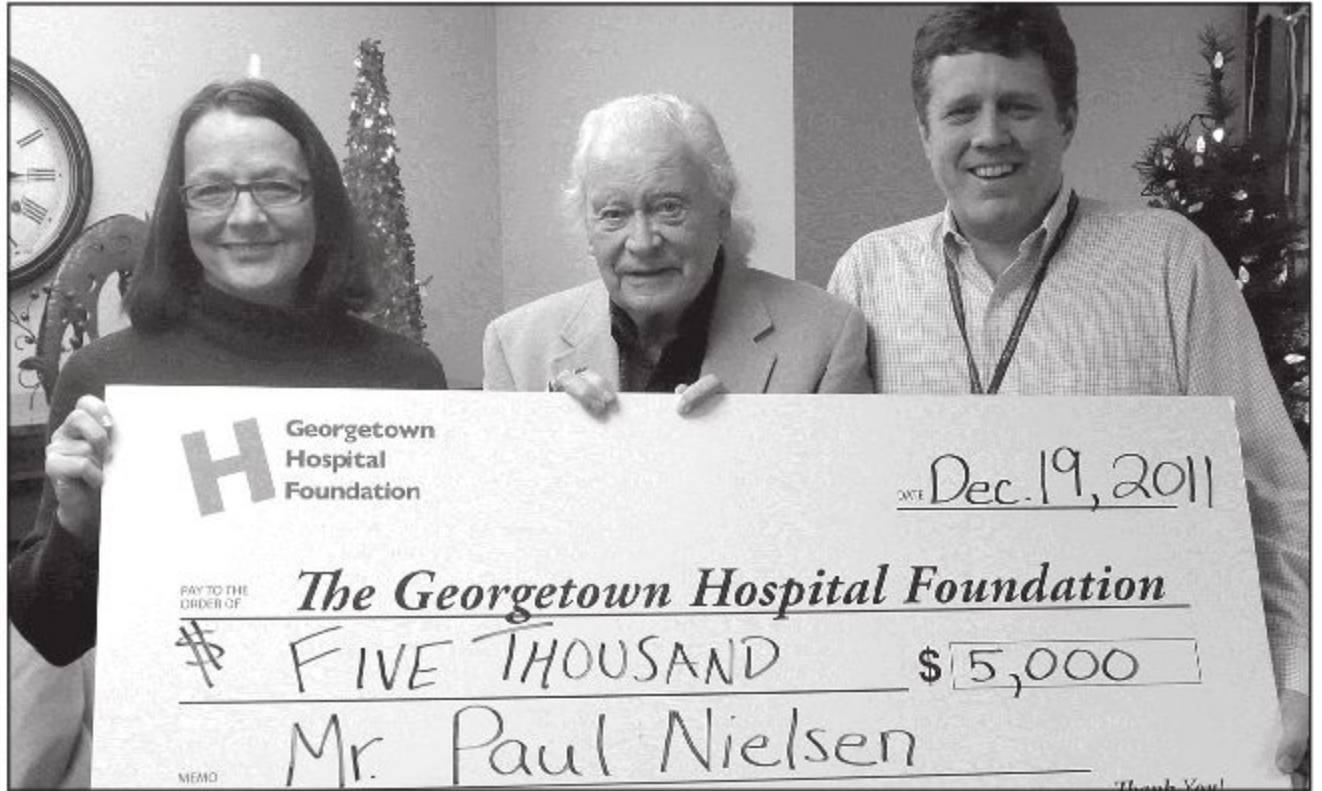
Acton's Paul Nielsen hopes his \$5,000 donation to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation will prime the pump and encourage others in Acton, who are able, to be generous to the campaign for emergency and diagnostic imaging expansions.

Forty-odd years ago, Nielsen, as a Hospital Board member and captain of the Acton fundraising campaign, was asking others to dig deep and make a donation to help build the Georgetown hospital - now, he's doing the giving. Asked why he was making the donation now, Nielsen quickly pointed to Board member, Acton BIA manager Josey Bonnette and joked he has a "tendency

to do what women tell me [to do]."

"I greatly encourage anybody in town who has made good money here - there's a few..." he said, adding the community needs to support the hospital.

Foundation executive director K.C. Carruthers said he appreciates Nielsen's cheque and his fundraising abilities. He said the tender for the approximately \$12-million project will be issued in January or February, and there is a \$5-million fundraising gap. "We haven't publicly announced what our final goal is going to be... but have \$2-million (raised) already," he said, adding Nielsen's donation is gratefully accepted.



**GENEROUS DONATION:** Acton's Paul Nielsen (centre) continued his decades-old tradition of helping raise money for the Georgetown hospital with a \$5,000 cheque, which he presented to Hospital Foundation executive director K.C. Carruthers and Foundation Board member Josey Bonnette on Monday. - Frances Niblock photo

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# Wrong way waste collector suspended and reassigned

A Halton Waste Management truck driver was suspended for a day without pay and further discipline is pending after his supervisor witnessed him driving his truck "the wrong way on the one-way street," last Wednesday in

Acton. Rob Rivers, Halton's Director of Waste Management said the supervisor was in Acton to observe the driver who had been retrained about proper collection following several complaints of wrong-way-way driving from concerned residents on Mill Street East and Arthur Street.

Asked why the driver repeated the Highway Traffic Act violations, after being retrained and correctly clearing the route earlier, Rivers was hard pressed to answer. "I, he doesn't, we're not, it's still part of our investigation, but he felt the need to go back and check some of the route," Rivers said on Friday, agreeing the driver's actions were bizarre. "That's

part of the whole issue." When Halton informed the contractor, Miller Waste Systems, about the new infractions, the driver was pulled off the route, suspended and sent home. The driver said he backtracked along his route because he was "confused."

After witnessing the unsafe, illegal driving for the third time last Wednesday, Acton's Shawn Irwin, who had previously called Halton, called police. He vowed if it happens again, he would block the driver with his van. "One of these days, someone is going to get killed... I'm concerned about the safety of children heading to McKenzie-Smith Bennett School," Irwin said, unaware that the driver had been sus-

suspended and replaced. Rivers said he would invite Irwin to witness a new operator being trained on the route yesterday (Wednesday), with the contractor's health and safety representative and a Halton's supervisor. He said they are also trying to "influence and direct" the contractor not to pick up waste in the area when kids are heading to McKenzie-Smith Bennett School.

As to the offending operator, who had driven the route in question since October, Rivers said he's been reassigned, but did not know where, or what type of "progressive discipline" might be meted out under the terms and conditions of the waste management contract.

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