

New program for heart attack victims

A new program and partnership between Halton Region EMS paramedics and Trillium Health Centre is already saving lives. Halton Region EMS paramedics can now transport patients with a certain type of heart attack directly into the Cardiac Catheterization lab at Trillium Health Centre - bypassing the patient's local hospital and Trillium's Emergency. The new protocol was

launched on Monday, Dec. 14, 2008 by Trillium and Halton Region EMS, supported by the Mississauga-Halton Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), the Sunnybrook-Osler Centre for Pre-Hospital Care, and Halton Healthcare Services, to improve cardiac care services in Halton Region including Halton Hills, Oakville and Milton.

When patients are diagnosed by Advanced Care Paramedics with a specific type of heart attack, called ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI), they consult one of Trillium's interventional cardiologists and bring the patient directly to the Cardiac Catheterization lab at Trillium for primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PPCI) within 90 minutes.

Research has shown that patients with ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) receive greater benefit from treatment with primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PPCI) instead of traditional thrombolytic (blood clot busting drugs) therapy. In short, patients have better outcomes when cardiologists use a balloon catheter and stent to open the blocked coronary artery instead of drugs that dissolve the clot blocking the artery.

When a Halton Region EMS advanced care paramedic (ACP) identifies a patient with a heart attack that meets the STEMI protocol criteria, the ACP will consult with one of Trillium's four interventional cardiologists by telephone. Upon acceptance of the patient by the interventional cardiologist, the patient is transported directly to the Cardiac Cath Lab at Trillium for PPCI. The patient receives treatment at Trillium within 90 minutes from the initial diagnosis by the ACP, including

transport and intervention time.

On December 21, 2008, the first two STEMI patients were brought in

from Milton and Oakville, respectively, after suffering heart attacks when using their snow blowers in cold weather.



SNOW, SNOW EVERYWHERE: As this shot of Knox Ave. and the Prospect Park gates shows. Forecasters say it's going to get warmer next week.

Frugal Five

You don't have to spend big bucks to have fun in the Acton area - many groups offer events for free, or at a price that's easy on the wallet.

The New Tanner weekly offers five of those "inexpensive" events to our readers.

1: Friday, January 30, 12 p.m. Movie time at the Acton Library, Free.

Bring your lunch to the Acton library to eat while watching the Disney classic Sleeping Beauty. Seating is limited. Call 519-853-0301 for information.

2: Friday January 30, 2 p.m. to 3:20 p.m., skating at the Acton Arena, \$2. Looking for some PD Day fun? Enjoy the ice.

3: Friday January 30 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Acton Indoor Pool \$2. Last one in misses the PD Day fun. Call 519-853-3104 for details.

4: Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Euchre at the Acton Legion, \$2. All are welcome to the Wright Ave, Legion to play.

5: Until it melts, skating at the McKenzie-Smith Bennett School rink, Free. The Town maintained outdoor rink at

MSB is now open - enjoy pleasure skating and shiny hockey games.

If you have a fun and free - or at least under \$5 event, send your suggestion to Frugal Five at angela.tyler@bellnet.ca or niblock@eastlink.ca

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- You may be renting, but are paying heating costs and
- You may be married or single
- You must be over 65 years of age

To apply send your name, address and phone number to:

Royal Candian Legion Branch 197
 15 Wright Ave.
 Box 69
 Acton, ON
 L7J 2M2
 Attn. David Crook

Chariman Veterans & Seniors

Branch 853-0910, Home phone 905-985-0366
 All replies will be held in the strictest of confidence.

No applications accepted after Feb. 15/09

PROSPECT PARK SPLASH PAD PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

The Recreation & Parks Department is in the process of designing a water play area at Prospect Park.

Your input is needed as the process moves forward.

Information regarding the preliminary concept plans and impacts to the existing wading pool will be available for review and comment.

For Futher Information Please Contact:

Warren Harris
 Manager of Parks and Open Space
 Tel: (905) 873-2601 ext. 2274
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YOU ARE INVITED!

Monday February 9, 2009 Presentation at 7:00 p.m.

Acton Arena and Community Centre Hall 415 Queen Street East



February 1st 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.

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