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Standing beside Milton District Hospital's outdated mammography machine are Boyke and Dicky Deumer (right), who recently contributed \$100,000 toward the purchase of a new unit. Looking on is hospital mammography technologist Robin Fense. The generous donation gives a major boost to the Milton District Hospital Foundation's campaign to replace the important machine, which is used in the detection of breast cancer.

Couple contributes \$100,000 for mammography machine

By FANNIE SUNSHINE

The Champion

Boyke and Dicky Deumer aren't the type of people who like being in the spotlight.

But the Campbellville couple found themselves there when they donated \$100,000 to the Milton District Hospital Foundation to go toward the purchase of a new mammography machine.

"We understood there was a need for a new mammography unit," Mr. Deumer said. "We thought about it, thought we could do it (donate) and did it."

Although there's cancer in Ms

Deumer's family, that's not why she and her husband decided to donate toward a new mammography unit.

"We've supported the hospital for years. It's not personal, not at all. The whole community will benefit from this. There was a need so we donated," she said.

And the hospital foundation is closing in on its \$180,000 goal. To date, \$150,000 has been raised for a new mammography machine.

"A gift of this calibre really leaves you speechless," said Donna McLaughlin, hospital foundation co-ordinator, adding the new mammography unit has been ordered and should be arriving at the hospital within the

next few weeks.

"I want to thank the Deumers and the community and anyone else who still wants to donate. We've had donations ranging from \$50 to \$100,000 and each one is as important."

While the current mammography machine used at Milton District Hospital is still in working condition, it's not compatible with some of the newer breast cancer screening technologies. With new equipment, Milton District Hospital will be able to provide clearer, more accurate mammography results.

For more information regarding the mammography unit fundraiser, call the hospital foundation at (905) 878-2383.

Some huge decisions to be made for town in new year: Krantz

By RICHARD VIVIAN

The Champion

There will be some big decisions made next year in terms of Milton's future, says Mayor Gord Krantz.

"There are some pretty big projects we'll have to come to grips with. We're probably talking in the neighbourhood of \$25, \$30 million with regards to some of these decisions," he told The Champion.

Heading up the list of pending decisions is the fate of two existing and one proposed municipal facilities.

A recent study indicates the current Town Hall and Milton Public Library buildings don't have the room to accommodate future demands for service. The need for an arts and cultural centre has also been identified.



Gord Krantz

In order to meet the demand, the Town is considering several construction options, including:

- Expanding Town Hall at the existing site (43 Brown St.) and building the library and arts and cultural centre on the Milton

Hydro/Lions Park site (corner of Thompson Road and Main Street).

- Developing the existing Town Hall into the arts and cultural centre and putting a new Town Hall and library on the Milton Hydro/Lions Park site.

- Putting all three facilities at the Milton Hydro/Lions Park site.

"Not all those will be built next year, but decisions will be made with regards to going ahead or not going ahead and the timing," Mr. Krantz said.

The smoking bylaw review will also have an impact in 2002, as the Town strives

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Christmas fund totals big \$24,279

Miltonians have again shown their generous nature, contributing nearly \$25,000 to The Canadian Champion's annual Salvation Army Christmas Bureau Fund.

In total, \$24,279 was raised to help local needy families enjoy the holidays.

"I think it's pretty amazing considering the year it's been," said Canadian Champion receptionist and campaign organizer Sheena Cameron of the final total.

"Milton is a great town — it seems to come through all the time."

Many of the donations came in at the last minute, piling in on Christmas Eve, Ms Cameron added. "That was a great day for donations."

More than 190 individual contributions were made to the fund — the largest of which weighed in at \$2,500.

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