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Region installs heart units in facilities

Chief saw teammate die in hockey game

BY LISA QUEEN
Staff Writer

Three months ago, York Regional Police Chief Armand La Barge was on a breakaway with the puck on his stick during an old timers hockey game when a heart attack felled a teammate.

For 20 minutes, Chief La Barge administered CPR to the cardiac arrest victim. When paramedics arrived at the Uxbridge arena, they took over first aid.

While they got the man's heart pumping with a defibrillator, the damage was too severe and he eventually died.

NEVER KNOW

"You never know when it can happen. You never know where it can happen," Chief La Barge told a packed room at the launch of York Region's new Heart Alive program Thursday.

The project, which will cost an estimated \$222,000 per year for the next two years, will see 65 automated defibrillators installed at more than 20 regional buildings. It is hoped the devices will eventually be available at other public places including municipal arenas and recreation centres, shopping malls, workplaces and private facilities such as golf courses.

Defibrillators shock a cardiac arrest victim's heart to restore a normal beat. Although 230 regional employees have been

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GREENBELT ALLIANCE DEMANDS LIBERALS STOP DEVELOPMENT IN 'THREATENED' AREAS

Protect Rouge land: group

BY MIKE ADLER
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Ontario's government should intervene to save five "threatened" areas in York Region, a coalition of health and environmental groups declared Friday.

The newly formed Greenbelt Alliance also said the province should double the area that may be part of its proposed greenbelt

around Greater Toronto. "To avoid the pain of having to revisit greenbelt planning, get it right the first time," spokesperson David Donnelly said in an interview.

The 40-member alliance, including provincewide groups such as Ontario Nature and local ones such as Friends of Fairy Lake and Save the Rouge Valley System, calls the North Leslie area in

Richmond Hill, where developers seek to build 6,000 homes among headwaters of the Rouge River, "the most threatened site in Ontario" and listed it as one of 10 hot spots the Golden Horseshoe Greenbelt must protect.

The list demands the Liberal government stop a proposed road extension across Pine Valley in Woodbridge, cancel the Big Pipe

trunk sewer line to King City, declare protected status for Rouge Park North in Markham, Whitchurch-Stouffville and Richmond Hill and add the former Duffin Rouge Agricultural Preserve in north Pickering and southeast Markham to the greenbelt.

The Greenbelt Protection Act, debated for second reading this

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WALK ON BY

Artist Monika Wagner (left) and Norman Verrall stroll past papier-mache sculpture Brothers, by Geraldine Wallace Weyman, during opening of annual juried show at Latham Gallery Sunday. The show continues through May 8 at the downtown Stouffville public gallery. The 255 entries were narrowed down to the 41 works in the show.

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