

# King Weekly Sentinel

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## York teachers empowered to bring lifesaving skills to students

Some 200 York Region high school teachers have been empowered to bring lifesaving CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) skills to their students through a new program.

The teachers – from 31 local high schools, including King City Secondary School – attended a workshop at Bill Crothers Secondary School in Markham, June

26, where they were trained to empower their students with CPR and AED skills through the award-winning ACT High School CPR & AED Program.

The program is built on a strong community-based model of partnerships and support, whereby the ACT Foundation helps communities find local partners who donate CPR & AED train-

ing mannequins, AED training units, teacher training and curriculum materials that schools need to set up the program. Teachers then teach CPR and AED skills to their students as a regular part of the curriculum, reaching all youth prior to graduation.

The June 26 training workshop marked the full implementation of the program in York Region. In total, 250 teachers from 48 high schools with the York Region District School Board and the York Catholic District School Board have been trained as CPR and AED instructors for their students.

These teachers will empower 14,000 York Region students with CPR and AED skills each year, including approximately 200 students in King.

In York Region, ACT's partners are the Ontario government, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Hydro One, AstraZeneca Canada, Pfizer Canada, Sanofi, TransCanada Corporation, IBM Canada Ltd., the Regional Municipality of York and York EMS, Molise Kleinburg Estates, and Nashville Developments. These partnerships allow for the donation of 1,700 durable mannequins and 244 defibrillator training units to the schools, as well as teacher training as CPR and AED instructors for their students.

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ding program possible," said ACT Foundation executive director Sandra Clarke. To date, the ACT Foundation has set up the ACT High School CPR Program in more than 1,600 schools nation-wide, empowering more than 1.8 million youth to save lives. The program is built on ACT's award-winning community-based model of partnerships and support. ACT's health partners who are committed to bringing the program to all

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## Purcell resigns Meaford position

Catherine Purcell, King's former director of parks, recreation and culture, submitted her resignation as Meaford's director of community services. She tendered her resignation July 17, according to the Meaford Independent.

Purcell had been placed on paid administrative leave on May 18, after she was arrested in Meaford by York Regional Police on charges of fraud. The alleged fraud took place while she was employed by King Township where she had worked for 11 years before taking the newly created director of community services position in Meaford in July of 2011.

Meaford Mayor Francis Richardson confirmed Purcell's resignation with the Independent.

Police report that in April, they launched an investigation after receiving a complaint from representatives of King Township regarding purchases made by a former employee. Officers were advised that Purcell had made unauthorized personal purchases using her corporate credit card. Officers also learned she had allegedly forged a document in order to purchase two private boxes at a sporting arena in the City of Toronto.

The day after her arrest on May 17, Meaford council held an emergency closed session meeting after which Mayor Francis Richardson informed reporters that the decision had been made to place Purcell on paid administrative leave until the matter was resolved.

"Council and the municipality are pulling together in this troubled time. The municipality is aware of the charges against one of our employees. These are charges only and must be proven in court. Our employee is entitled to the presumption of innocence until proven otherwise. The charges are unrelated to the employee's job in the Municipality of Meaford," Richardson told reporters at the time.

Purcell was scheduled to appear in Newmarket court again today (Wednesday).

## King to seek federal funding

By Mark Pavilonis

King Township staff has been asked to look into possible funding opportunities, stemming from a federal program.

The Federal Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund was launched in Ontario July 5 and the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario is responsible for delivering \$49.6 million over two years.

The fund is meant to support the rehabilitation and improvement of existing community infrastructure that is non-commercial and accessible for use by the public. Examples of eligible projects include community facilities like community centres and parks; recreational facilities like trails and sports fields.

To be eligible, projects must also be constructed by March 31, 2014. The deadline for applications is Aug. 24.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini noted the grants are capped at \$1 million and involve a 50% contribution by the municipality. He felt many local projects may benefit from this shot in the arm.

He asked staff to narrow down a list and prepare an application. While council is on their summer break, a meeting will be held to meet the application deadline.

## PROPOSED BELL MOBILITY (BW3426) TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY

- Proposed is a 40 meter self-support tower structure, that will occupy an area of
- ANY PERSON may make a written comment submission to the individuals listed below within 30 days of this notice