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Dear Sir/Madam

Huron County Paramedic Services began a Public Access Defibrillator Program (PAD) in 2007. At that time the Province of Ontario as well as private donors provided funding to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario. As administrators of the program, the Heart & Stroke Foundation, would fund Paramedic Services to purchase AED units and place them in the community. The initial goal of the program was to place an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in every arena and higher volume public gathering buildings in Huron County. That goal was met and exceeded as Huron County has placed 86 Defibrillator units in arenas, libraries, municipal offices, schools and some Huron County buildings.

Like the smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, AEDs are becoming an expectation in public buildings. As with any piece of protective equipment, there is an acceptable life expectancy. Replacement of AEDs at their life expectancy is no different than replacing your smoke detector or fire extinguisher. The industry accepted life expectancy of an AED is ten (10) years.

Huron County Council has approved the replacement of AEDs that are ten (10) years or older. County staff have placed a "Request for Quotation" on the Huron County website in order to secure the best possible pricing on replacement AEDs. It is estimated that the replacement cost for each unit will be approximately \$2,000. Huron County will continue to provide replacement supplies and maintenance on the AED unit as they have in the past.

According to our records, the unit in your building meets the requirement for replacement. Huron County Council is requesting your consideration in becoming a community safety partner by contributing to the replacement costs of the AED unit. If you choose to fully sponsor the AED, then recognition of your organization will be provided on the unit. We estimate we have over 35 units to replace this year throughout the County and all financial donations are gratefully appreciated.

Only one (1) person in ten (10) survives a sudden cardiac arrest outside of a hospital. However the chance of survival **doubles** when CPR in combination with an AED is used within the first few minutes. (*Heart and Stroke Foundation website, February 2018*)

Thank you in advance for your generous support of this program.

Sincerely

Jeff Horseman  
Chief Emergency Services  
County of Huron