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Niagara-on-the-Lake Receives Donation from GAMRU South Shore Search & Rescue Team

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The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake is grateful to have recently received a retired rescue training mannequin named Oscar from the Grimsby Auxiliary Marine Rescue Unit (GAMRU) South Shore Search & Rescue Team, a volunteer group that provides search and rescue support every summer on Lake Ontario.

After hearing about the news of Oscar's retirement, Town Staff reached out to GAMRU and were fortunate to receive this donation.

"Mannequins like this can be used in different types of safety training and orientation sessions to benefit various groups," stated Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa. "On behalf of Town Council, thank you to GAMRU South Shore Search & Rescue Team for their generous donation to our community."

The Town plans to utilize Oscar at the upcoming free Health and Safety orientation sessions hosted at the Community Centre (14 Anderson Lane, Niagara-on-the-Lake). These orientation sessions will teach residents how to operate an automated external defibrillator (AED) and learn basic emergency techniques. Residents only need to attend one of the orientation sessions.

Details are as follows:

- The sessions will be hosted on
 - Saturday, March 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Simpson Room, and
 - Tuesday, March 28, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Simpson Room
- Complimentary coffee, tea and light snacks will be provided
- Registration is not required

"Oscar is making his first appearance at the Community Centre's Health and Safety orientation sessions, but I know it will not be his last appearance in Town," stated CAO Marnie Cluckie. "This mannequin can be used for life-saving training so individuals can practice training in a safe, stress-free environment. From use in health and safety training to fire orientation for our volunteer firefighters, this mannequin will be an excellent resource to enhance the life-saving skills and knowledge of residents and Town Staff alike."

Thank you to GAMRU for the generous donation. Welcome to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Team, Oscar!

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