



City's Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Activated Again

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April 19, 2010- The City of Nanaimo's recently installed automated external defibrillators (AEDs) have once again played a critical role in the successful resolution of a cardiac incident at Cliff McNabb Arena.

On April 9th, a participant in the City of Nanaimo's Senior Scrub hockey program collapsed on the bench. Fellow team members acted quickly to initiate CPR and deploy the AED device. The rescuers took turns administering CPR until British Columbia Ambulance Service personnel arrived. The player was air lifted to Victoria where he underwent bypass surgery.

City staff also assisted in the rescue process, which was the second incident requiring an AED since their installation in September 2008. The City of Nanaimo wishes to remind the public that these units are available in the City's recreation facilities, and can be accessed by the public.

Keith MacDonald, fellow teammate and rescuer says "This is a fantastic thing the City has done to get these into the arenas and public facilities. Without the AED, I'm not sure he would have survived. They are well worth the investment."

For more information about the AED devices, please contact Suzanne Samborski, Senior Manager of Recreation and Culture at 250-755-7518 or Suzanne.Samborski@nanaimo.ca.

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