

## Staff Report

**To:** Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council  
**Report From:** Michaela Johnston, CEMC, Accessibility and Health & Safety Manager  
**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2025  
**Subject:** Bill 141: Registration of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

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**Recommendation:**

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information.

**Report Summary:**

Bill 141, “Defibrillator Registration and Public Access Act”, was assented to the Provincial Parliament on June 18, 2020, but has yet to be passed into law. Bill 141 aims to improve public health and safety with the goal of increasing access to AEDs and ensuring they are easily located during medical emergencies, by registering each AED with the Ontario Ministry of Health. A database is proposed to be kept and provided to emergency responders including 911 Dispatch Centres so that AEDs can be located and accessed during critical situations.

The Town of Goderich has 11 AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) located at the following town-owned buildings:

1. Town Hall – 57 West Street, Goderich
2. Tourism Centre – 33 St. David Street, Goderich
3. Goderich Library – 52 Montreal Street, Goderich
4. Maitland Recreation Centre – 190 Suncoast Drive East, Goderich
5. Goderich Regional Airport – 33874 Airport Road, Goderich
6. Goderich Municipal Childcare Centre – 376 Cambridge Street, Goderich
7. MacKay Centre for Seniors – 10 Nelson Street East, Goderich
8. Public Works – 361 Cambridge Street, Goderich
9. Bannister Park (outdoors - seasonal) – 180 McDonald Street, Goderich
10. Pickleball Courts (outdoors – seasonal) – 26 Suncoast Drive East, Goderich
11. Goderich Fire Department – 248 Suncoast Drive East, Goderich

These AEDs have been registered with the AED Foundation of Ontario, which is the official registrar for the Province of Ontario. AEDs registered through this portal are forwarded where possible to the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Dispatch Centre. The AED Foundation of Ontario is also working with the Ministry of Health and local emergency dispatch centres to connect AEDs to 911.

**Linkage:**

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Welcoming and Caring Community
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #4: Good Government

**Financial Impacts and/or Source of Funding:**

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

**Consulted With:**

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