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Fighting to maintain our local health-care services is worthwhile

Shortly after 9 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23, I found myself in a life and death situation that required much help from our local emergency and medical personnel.

Shortly after calling 911, an ambulance with paramedics arrived, along with supervisory staff to lend further assistance. I was quickly stabilized and transported to South Muskoka Memorial Hospital and wheeled into the trauma unit.

While there, several medical staff of different disciplines went about their work in a most professional way, almost reflecting a military precision in what they were doing. Pertinent information was shared, blood work was rushed to the lab, X-rays were taken, and the doctors analyzed the data to determine the situation.

Dr. Ken Hotson quickly determined that I needed to be transported to Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket.

At noon hour I was turned over to the medical staff at that hospital, and the appropriate interventions were immediately carried out.

Words alone cannot express enough my appreciation and thanks to each one of the medical personnel that were involved in my care. I am so proud to know (through my own experience) of the high standards of personnel and care that we have here in Muskoka.

To everyone who fights to keep these standards and facilities and services in our region, your efforts are worthwhile. All of us should support you to keep our hospital as fully functional and capable as we possibly can.

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