



Four-way agreement secures site for new Health Centre



Mayor Ellen Anderson, President of the Thornbury Village Cidery, Andre Corbeil; Community Family Health Centre representative Wayne McFarlane and chair of the board for North East Grey Health Clinics, Lynn Johnston look at the sledge hammer damage to the old building on King Street East behind the Cidery where demolition is underway to prepare a site for the new Community Family Health Centre.

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An old, decrepit building is being demolished to make way for a new family health centre in The Blue Mountains after a four-way agreement between a local developer, the Cidery, and the town, made land available for the centre.

The site, located on King Street East across from Kings Court and neighbouring the Thornbury Village Cidery will soon be transferred from the town to the North East Grey Health Clinics Inc. and construction on the new Community Family Health Centre is set to begin next spring.

The land being used was partly owned by the cidery and partly owned by developer Nick Angelotti of Applewood Developments. The two landowners reached an agreement with the town to transfer lands and the memorandums of understandings between all four parties were signed recently.

At the site on Tuesday, September 15, the Mayor and Corbeil along with Johnston and McFarlane took a swing at the building with some shiny gold-coloured sledgehammers.

Mayor Anderson also used her father's hammer, because she said he's been asking about when the old building was going to come down.

"We are thrilled to know that these arrangements have become reality and that we now have the land assembled for our health clinic," said Mayor Anderson. "This is the spirit of The Blue Mountains coming through again."

McFarlane announced in a speech that the fundraising team, which was taking a break during the economic downturn, is restarting its campaign. So far it has raised \$1 million and needs \$1 million more for The Blue Mountains centre.

The same team will also be fundraising another \$2 million for a centre in Meaford.

McFarlane also announced that the next fundraiser, scheduled for later this fall, would be donated in full to the tornado fundraising project in support of apple growers and farmers in the community and those people who sustained damage to their properties in the Georgian Peaks Ski Club area.

McFarlane said it was important to raise money for the health centre and for tornado relief because it was important to make The Blue Mountains a great place to live, work and to retire.