

Campus will be funded with development charges

PRICE from A1

Ensuring rapid response times and effective collaboration of first responders will also minimize risks to the public when emergencies occur, both at present and in the future as development of the former Innisfil land takes place.

In 2013 it was estimated the first responders campus would cost \$1 million to operate annually. But this combo facility would also save the city \$8.5 million in building costs and \$292,000 in operating expenses, compared to the stand-alone facilities for police, paramedics and city operations.

About 22-23 acres of land are needed for the campus, or about three acres less than the stand-alone facilities. No locations has been chosen at this point, but the campus is expected to be built in south-central Barrie.

There's \$500,000 in this year's city capital budget for the campus design, the same amount in 2017.

Construction is slated to begin in 2018, with \$19 million in costs, \$29.5 million in 2019 and nearly \$27.3 million in 2020.

The campus will be funded from development charges - which are used by municipalities to pay the capital costs

of major work related to new growth - the city's tax capital reserve and property taxes.

All of these funding decisions and their timing, of course, are at city council's discretion during its annual budget discussions - which set property tax rates each year and determine capital projects.

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Simcoe County paramedics assess a woman involved in a two vehicle collision in this file photo. A proposed first responders campus in Barrie will not be as costly as initially anticipated.

'He just stared ahead blankly'

TRIAL from A1

"Everything is spiraling downward, my life is falling apart," Mitchell texted to a family member two weeks before his wife was shot.

"Deena has been the love of my life. I don't want to give up," he said in another text. "I always looked at her as my best friend."

After his arrest, Brooks went blank as a zombie, the officer

testified.

"There were no sounds of crying. No tears whatsoever. He just stared ahead blankly," said Pinn.

"Could he have been in shock?" asked defence Kim Miles.

"He might have been," answered the officer.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

The trial continues.

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FRAUD from A1

Lawrenson said the investigation has concluded.

"We're not expecting anything further to come of this, but you never know, something else may become disclosed," he said.

While not specifically commenting on this case, he said people should be aware of who there are entrusting their care to.

"You should be cautious about entrusting your welfare and well-being and make sure you are very diligent about that," Lawrenson said, adding he could not comment on details around the alleged fraud.

"It's not common, fortunately. It's rare and that's good," he said. "You would never suspect a family member would try to do that."

The two suspects were held in custody for a bail hearing and released. They are scheduled to appear in a Bradford court on

April 7.

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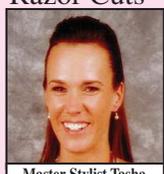
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