

Auxiliary donates \$50,000 to Headwaters Foundation

New for 2016, the Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary is donated money toward the purchase of carefully selected hospital equipment.

The announcement was made at the group's annual general meeting May 25. The Auxiliary will be presented a cheque for \$50,000 funds that will be used toward the CT Scanner upgrade

A CT Scan is a mainstay diagnostic tool that can see bone, tissue and blood vessels to help diagnose a wide range of conditions, including bone fractures, blood clots in the lungs, cancer growths and strokes. It is one of the busiest diagnostic tools in the hospital. Last year, it ran about 14 per cent higher volumes than the year before with 12,997 exams.

Headwaters' CT is six years old, and in order to ensure that it performs at its most efficient and accurate capacity, it is imperative that the hospital integrates ASIR technology into the current system. ASIR is an interactive reconstruction algorithm which helps to reduce overall radiation exposure dose by about 40 per cent. In addition to low dose, these upgrades offer improved productivity of the CT machine with increased processing speed, workflow enhancements and remote connectivity.

In December, the Auxiliary completed its five-year pledge of \$750,000 for the Commitment to Care Campaign. Over the next year, the Auxiliary will contribute \$150,000 to assist the Foundation in their mandate of raising funds for vital hospital equipment.

In partnership with the Foundation, the Auxiliary helps to raise funds for hospital equipment through a number of events and activities, including the annual House Tour, the Teddy Bear Clinic, the Candy Cane Fair, quilt raffles, gift shops, coffee bars, book exchanges, and including Seconds Count, the Hospital Thrift Store.