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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation  
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**Carleton Place Hospital receives donation from Giant Tiger Foundation**

During the grand opening of the new Giant Tiger, store owner Ray MacLaren and his wife Kristine presented a \$1000 cheque to the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation. The gift will purchase a portable oxygen saturation machine for the hospital's recovery room. The machine measures the oxygen levels in a patient's blood and is estimated to cost \$1,100.

"When we began planning the grand opening for the new store we decided to do something that would benefit the community that has welcomed us in such a wonderful way", stated Ray MacLaren. "We decided that a gift to the Hospital Foundation would touch most of the residents living in our area and we are very pleased to be able to make this donation."



*Mike Gagne, CEO of CPDMH, and Sylvie Powell, President of the CPDMH Foundation, accepting a cheque from the Giant Tiger mascot and Ray MacLaren, owner of the Carleton Place Giant Tiger.*

"This is a big day for the MacLarens and Giant Tiger, and I'm very honoured that they included the Hospital Foundation in their celebrations", said Sylvie Powell, CPDMH Foundation President. "On behalf of everyone associated with the Hospital and Foundation I would like to thank Giant Tiger for everything they have done for our organization in the last few years and I wish Ray, Kristine and the Giant Tiger team much success with the new store."

The new Giant Tiger, located at the corner of McNeely and Coleman, is 25,000 square feet which is roughly 3 times the size of the old location. The new store will have an expanded dairy, deli and produce section and will carry a wider selection of frozen foods, clothing and other products.

"My wife and I have enjoyed the move to Carleton Place and are really excited about this new chapter in our lives", continued Mr. MacLaren. "We would like to thank the community for their support in the last few years and I hope they respond favourably to Giant Tiger's new look."

Giant Tiger has had a presence in Carleton Place since 1977. In December 2004, the MacLarens moved from Iroquois to manage the store in Carleton Place. In August 2007, the MacLarens became owners of the Carleton Place location and began the plans to build a bigger store. Earlier this year, Ray MacLaren was recognized as the Carleton Place businessperson of the year by the Carleton Place & District Chamber of Commerce.

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