



## **AYER'S CLIFF OFFERS SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE MASSAWIPPI VALLEY HEALTH CENTER**

Mayor Vincent G erin is pleased to announce that the Ayer's Cliff Council has approved a \$ 30,000 grant to the Massawippi Valley Health Center (MVHC).

For almost 5 years now in Ayer's Cliff, the presence of the MVHC allows rapid access to health services close to home for the 2,100 citizens of the area served, namely Ayer's Cliff, Barnston West, Hatley Township, Hatley, North Hatley, Ste. Catherine de Hatley, Stanstead Township, Stanstead, Stanstead East and Ogden.

The President of MVHC, Richard Violette, expressed his profound gratitude and pride, "Ayer's Cliff has supported the health center since it opened, and we greatly appreciate this additional support. We are committed to providing comprehensive services with two family physicians, the blood pressure, cholesterol and thyroid specialist, and the surgeon for minor procedures. Nurses, a podiatrist, a physiotherapist, a nutritionist, a psychotherapist and a massage therapist are also available. We actually offer a good inventory of care. "

Since opening in 2015, the MVHC has received more than 16,000 patient visits, more than 7,000 nursing procedures / consultations and 3,000 laboratory tests.

Although these figures are significant, thousands of other citizens are seeking access to such services, either because they do not have a family doctor or because their doctor has retired. "Having another family doctor at the clinic to complete the services offered will allow greater ease of access for young families and also help with home care for our aging citizens. One of the roles of a town council is to take care of its people and that is why it is important for us to contribute financially and to get involved. ", said Mr. G erin.

The management of the Massawippi Valley Health Center, led by the experienced nurse, Ms. Ines McNeill, the philosophy of health promotion and disease prevention is at the heart of the clinic. "The grant from Ayer's Cliff and the new space on the premises will provide several new programs for clients. Furthermore, the addition of a new doctor would serve many more citizens, without costing the government a dime.", explains Mr. Violette.

In closing, Mayor Vincent G erin said, "The Village of Ayer's Cliff is supporting MVHC's efforts to find another family physician and is optimistic about the development of services over the next few years. Our priority is the well-being of our citizens and their health and we are closely following all that is being done to improve the quality of life in our village. "