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## ***Votes Needed to Support MASSAWIPPI VALLEY HEALTH CENTRE in The Aviva Community Fund Competition***

### *Equipping two new exam rooms will help the Health Centre*

Sept.24, 2018 Ayer's Cliff, Qc– The Aviva Community Fund (ACF) returns with over \$1 million to fund charitable initiatives across Canada. The ACF competition supports organizations that bring people together for a long-lasting and positive impact in the community. This year, Massawippi Valley Health Centre has applied to the ACF competition with hopes to win funding for the equipment for two new exam rooms. The project will help complete the lower level renovation for the new health promotion/illness prevention department.

In order for the Health Centre to win funding, we're asking for Canadians who care about the Ayer's Cliff health co-op to support it by voting online at <https://www.avivacommunityfund.org/voting/project/view/18-145>. From September 25 to October 4, 2018, each voter has a total of 10 votes that can be used all at once, or throughout the voting period. Voters can use all 10 votes to support one idea, or up to 10 different ideas.

"Since the Health Centre opened in 2015, we have had more than 16,000 patient appointments, done almost 3,000 lab tests, had our nurses perform more than 7,000 consultations or procedures. These members of our community have had the benefit of first-class bilingual healthcare close to home and without long wait times", says Richard Violette, President of the health centre. "This takes pressure off the Emergency Room."

The top 50 ideas with the most votes at the end of the voting period will win \$10,000 to fund their project idea. Winners will be announced on November 20, 2018.

"Over the last 10 years, we have supported over 280 community groups across Canada," says Colm Holmes, President and CEO of Aviva Canada. "We're proud to fund and celebrate moments – big and small – that bring people together. I encourage all Canadians to get involved in their communities and help a good cause by voting for their favourite ideas today."

The Massawippi Valley Health Centre needs the community to vote in order the project to become a reality! Please visit the idea page at <https://www.avivacommunityfund.org/voting/project/view/18-145> to vote and stay updated on the ACF competition.

#### **About Massawippi Valley Health Centre**

The Massawippi Valley Health Centre is a community-owned health cooperative that provides general medical services to the Massawippi Valley community and surrounding areas. For more information visit the website [www.csvm.ca](http://www.csvm.ca) or contact Richard Violette, President at 819-820-5670.