



JILL BALSER

· MLA | DIGBY-ANNAPOLIS

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Re: Letter of Support for Clare Health Centre Expansion

To Whom this May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the expansion proposal for the Clare Health Clinic located in Meteghan Centre, Nova Scotia. The Municipality of Clare has my full support in their efforts to expand their facility that will deliver necessary and supplementary care to residents of the District of Clare and surrounding communities.

As you may be aware, the Clare Health Centre is known as one of the best practice models for community health centres and delivery of bilingual primary care services in the province. They are actively seeking to add to their existing family practice team to include additional physicians and other healthcare professionals who are tremendously needed in Southwest Nova Scotia.

Years ago, residents who lived within Digby County, outside the Clare district lines, could to be patients of the centre. Once Clare Health Centre reached maximum patient capacity, the physicians could no longer take on these individuals and families that lived outside of the Clare region. Therefore, leaving many residents without a family doctor or any access to primary care.

As the MLA for Digby-Annapolis, I believe that this project will significantly help primary care patients in my riding, predominantly for communities that have not had a doctor for years including but not limited to Weaver Settlement, Weymouth, Weymouth Falls, and Danvers.

By securing the necessary funding, the Municipality of Clare will be able to accommodate more healthcare professionals to grow their team, and therefore be able to take on more patients. I trust and fully expect that this will generate numerous benefits for the entire area and all communities involved.

Please acknowledge that I strongly support the Municipality of Clare in their efforts to take on this momentous project.

Sincerely,

Hon. Jill Balsler
MLA Digby-Annapolis