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North Stormont Council Supports Safer Care at WDMH

It seemed fitting that the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation had a giant cheque on hand to celebrate the giant donation from the Township of North Stormont. At its meeting on August 29, 2017, the Council presented a gift for \$15,000 for the Foundation's General Equipment Fund. The money will be used to help purchase new Automated Dispensing Cabinets (ADCs) for medication.

"The Township of North Stormont is excited to continue their support of the Winchester District and Memorial Hospital. Many residents of North Stormont rely upon the Winchester Hospital to provide primary and emergency care. Supporting the purchase of Automated Dispensing Cabinets (ADCs) will help to improve the level of service at WDMH at the point of care," said Mayor Dennis Fife. "Council is proud to be a supporter of the WDMH and applauds the efforts of the hospital to continue to provide excellent health care services to the residents of North Stormont."

At WDMH, delivering 15,000 medications to patients each year is a complex task. The new ADCs ensure the right drug or drugs are dispensed to the right patient at the right time. They are like a vending machine that dispenses pre-packaged medication. Only one medication drawer can be unlocked at a time – both when stocking the machine and when a nurse is getting a patient's medication. This simplifies the process and increases patient safety.

"We are very fortunate to be able to bring 10 ADC units and a pill packager to WDMH for our patients," noted Kristen Casselman, WDMH Foundation Managing Director at the presentation. "Time and time again, I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of Eastern Ontario and how many times people go above and beyond to support WDMH and the patients we care for. It's only because of donors like the North Stormont Council that we are able to support WDMH in providing compassionate, excellent, health care, close to home. Thank you!"

The Township of North Stormont has been supporting the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation since 2002 and has given \$165,350 to date.



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Celebrating at the cheque presentation ceremony are: (back row L-R) : Jim Wert, Councillor; Bill McGimpsey, Deputy Mayor; François Landry, Councillor; Randy Douglas, Councillor and (front row L-r) Kristen Casselman, Managing Director, WDMHF; Cindy Peters, Vice Chair, WDMHF; and David Rijstenbil, Board Member, WDMHF.

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