



MICs News and Views

Healthcare information from Matheson, Iroquois Falls and Cochrane

Nurses applauded across the country.

Next week, May 9th to May 15th, is *National Nursing Week*. Lady Minto Hospital joins Villa Minto and the nation in thanking local nurses for their commitment to our health and well-being.

Over fifty full-time and part-time Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses work in our hospital and long-term care facility. These nurses use their 730 years of collective experience to provide a high level of client care. As a result of their work the MICs facilities have some of the highest client

satisfaction scores in the province.

Lady Minto's Patient Care Coordinator, Carol Ann Goulet, explains that she finds her work very rewarding because she "enjoys the interaction and caring for people." However she is quick to point out that nursing is physically and mentally demanding and it takes a lot of work to keep up her skills and learn to use new technologies. "It is a very demanding profession. We are doing the best we can".

Compared to a decade ago nurses are more frequently

treating patients who are sicker and in need of more complex care. This along with hospital budget cuts and a looming nursing shortage means our nurses are increasingly working harder and harder.

National Nursing Week is centered around May 12th, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, a dedicated pioneer of modern nursing. It is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to thank our nurses who continue to work with Florence Nightingale's spirit and dedication.