

## The population wants government funding



A new press conference was held in Quebec City on April 5 on the *Coopérative de solidarité SABSA* file. Various stakeholders met to present the results of a survey conducted with the residents in the Quebec City area which show a collective desire to keep the SABSA clinic and the model of neighbourhood clinics running.

Hereafter are the major points:

- ◆ More than a third of respondents know about the *Coopérative de solidarité SABSA*, if only having heard it spoken about (37%).
- ◆ The majority of respondents indicated they disagree (64%) with the decision of Minister Barrette to not fund the *Coopérative SABSA*.
- ◆ Almost all the respondents believe that it is best that the healthcare professionals can fully carry out their field of practice by providing routine care (89%).
- ◆ More than three out of four respondents indicated that they would be inclined to have routine health problems treated in a clinic of healthcare professionals if they had the opportunity (79%).



### Save SABSA, the movement continues

Have you participated in the movement for the survival of the *Coopérative de solidarité SABSA*? You can do so by liking and sharing the **Facebook page, *Sauvons la clinique SABSA***.

You are also invited to sign the *pétition Sauvegarde de la clinique d'infirmières de la Coopérative de solidarité SABSA à Québec*, on the National Assembly website.

### Abolition of positions in Chicoutimi The union questions the *Parti québécois*

On March 23 last, as part of the electoral campaign to fill the MNA position vacated by Stéphane Bédard in the riding of Chicoutimi, the president of the *SPSICR du Centre de santé de Chicoutimi* (FIQ), Martine Côté, questioned the *Parti Québécois* candidate, Mireille Jean and her leader, Pierre-Karl Péladeau.



At that time, Martine Côté demanded that the politicians clearly express their position about the decision of the *CIUSSS du Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean* to abolish 8 nurse and licensed practical nurse positions in the CHSLD when we know that the workload is already very heavy in these settings. The candidate and the official opposition leader in the National Assembly stated that they shared the union position.



The next day, Mireille Jean met with the entire union executive, accompanied this time by the previous House leader, Stéphane Bédard.

### Among the 20 women of the year according to Challenges



In a special edition, published in March 2016, the Haitian magazine, *Challenges*, presented

20 women who have distinguished themselves over the last 12 months. Among them was the president of the FIQ, Régine Laurent, who “has distinguished herself by her leadership and her commitment to the promotion of fair and equitable working conditions for her members”. They also pointed out her involvement and that of the FIQ in the setting up of a clinic without physicians in Quebec City, as well as the drafting of other projects of this type elsewhere in Québec.

To be seen at <https://challengesnews.com/20-femmes-de-lannee/>.