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INAUGURATION OF THE NEW EMERGENCY ROOM AND MEDICAL IMAGING DEPARTMENT OF THE BARRIE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Ormstown, April 26, 2010 – The Québec Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Yves Bolduc, and Huntingdon MNA, Mr. Stéphane Billette, officially inaugurated, this morning, the new Emergency Room and Medical Imaging Department of the Haut-Saint-Laurent HSSC's Barrie Memorial Hospital. Mr. Bolduc took advantage of the opportunity to highlight the exceptional contribution of a physician, Dr. Kevin P. Brissette, who, for 34 years, dedicated himself to the population of the Haut-Saint-Laurent, and who passed away in January of 2009. In tribute to Dr. Brissette, the east wing of the third floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital now bears his name.

The new Emergency Department, renovated at a cost of \$ 2,060,000 has undergone state-of-the-art remodelling providing improved efficiency. The ER has five observation beds. The Medical Imaging Department has been expanded and now boasts a new CT scanner that allows the Haut-Saint-Laurent HSSC to offer a full range of medical imaging services, greatly reducing the waiting time for patients requiring exams of this type. The CT scanner and the construction work on the Medical Imaging Department cost \$ 1,940,000.

The Barrie Memorial Hospital, celebrating 70 years of existence this year, wishes to extend a particular thank-you to the Barrie Memorial Hospital Foundation, which through the support of the population, has provided a major portion of the funding for these improvements. These upgrades are a tangible way of ensuring the Hospital's continued existence. Thanks are also extended to the Ministry of Health and Social Services for its financial contribution, as well as to the Women's Auxiliary and the Québec Foundation for Barrie Memorial Hospital.



From left to right: Mrs. Claire Pagé, President and Executive Director of *the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de la Montérégie*, Mrs. Madeleine Greig, Chairman of the Barrie Memorial Hospital Foundation, Mrs. Sophie Doucet, Executive Director of the Haut-Saint-Laurent Health and Social Services Centre, Mr. Yves Bolduc, Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Stéphane Billette, MNA for Huntingdon and Mr. Milton Reddick, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Haut-Saint-Laurent HSSC.

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