

Mayne Island Health Centre Association About Us – MIHCA at a Glance

An incorporated non-profit society operated by an elected board of community volunteers, MIHCA supports and promotes access to appropriate, timely and sustainable health and wellness services on Mayne Island.

We work with our medical team, Island Health and the Mayne Island community to:

- identify current and future health care needs through ongoing consultation, and community feedback
- seek grants and/or fund-raise to acquire new technologies, equipment and enhancements not funded by Island Health, but beneficial to health care delivery in rural environments like ours
- advocate on behalf of our community's health care needs and attract and engage complementary health care providers
- sponsor and organize First Aid Training and other health and wellness education
- and coordinate Mayne Island's COVID-19 and annual Influenza vaccination clinics.

Our Story:

MIHCA was established in 1976 to raise funds for -- and oversee -- the construction of the original Health Centre.

Since then, MIHCA organized and fund-raised to build the first addition in 1996 and the Emergency Room in 2017. From the get-go, MIHCA has relied on the community's generous support of our health care on Mayne through memberships and generous donations.

With that community support, we acquired the Electronic Medical Records System in 2013 as well as the lifesaving AEDs around the island – and we fund the on-going operating and maintenance costs of both.

Those are the tangibles. We've also sponsored first aid training for many years and hosted many health and wellness education seminars and workshops. We look forward to being able to resume that face-to-face learning soon!

While we have no involvement in the day-to-day operation of the Clinic in the Health Centre, we make every effort to ensure our medical team has the technology and equipment needed to support the care provided to our community. And through MIHCA, every dollar invested in the Health Centre belongs to our community.

During the COVID-19 Pandemic:

We've organized several large whole community COVID-19 vaccination clinics in addition to the annual influenza clinic we've coordinated for many years. Our board members volunteer at every one of these events.

We also support our Medical Team's COVID-19 communications to our community, and update our website regularly with current relevant health care information. As well, we post critical information on social media and in paper format on bulletin boards around the island.

The Mayne Island Improvement District (MIID)'s annual tax levy:

The annual tax property owners pay to the Mayne Island Improvement District (MIID) funds the continued maintenance and upkeep of the Health Centre buildings, grounds and the Heliport.

That tax levy does **not** fund the purchase or ongoing maintenance of any of the furnishings, technology or equipment in the buildings -- or MIHCA's activities on behalf of our community.

To find out more about MIHCA and how we support our community, please go to our website at:
www.mayneislandhealth.ca