

Operating Millage Renewal and Reduction



THE FACTS

 **VOTE MAY 3**

? What is the millage for?

Unfortunately private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and other sources don't cover all the hospital's costs. The millage covers the difference.

? How much will the millage renewal and reduction save me?

The old millage that expired in December, 2004 was 1.4 mills and this renewal is only for 1.2 mills, a saving of .2 mills on your tax bill.

? What do we get for the money?

We get a hospital in our community that's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We also get top-quality care when we need it. In fact, the nursing facility received the Governor's Quality Care Award in 2002.

? Is this a new millage?

No, this millage goes back to 1989. It has supported hospital operations for 16 years.

? Is the millage going to be used to build the new hospital?

No. The millage is only for operating expenses such as wages, utilities, medical supplies and patient meals. None of the millage will be used to build the new hospital. That will be funded by federal grants, bonds and fundraising.

? Who supports the millage renewal?

- Mackinac Straits Hospital Auxiliary
- Mackinac Island City Council
- Helen Newberry Joy Hospital Board of Trustees
- War Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees
- Moran Township Board of Trustees
- Bois Blanc Island Township Board of Trustees
- St. Ignace City Council
- St. Ignace Township Board of Trustees
- Hendricks Township Board of Trustees
- CLM Community Action Board of Trustees
- St. Ignace Visitors Bureau
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Brevort Township Board of Trustees