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## Vanier residents to raise money for new health centre

Beautification group  
looking to help fund  
Mamawi Centre

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EMC community - The Beautification Vanier group passed a motion at a recent meeting that will see it raise money for the new Wabano Mamawi Centre on Montreal Road.

The Wabano Centre is in the midst of a campaign to raise money to help fund the expansion of health services and construction of the first-ever national centre of excellence in Aboriginal health.

The buy-a-tile campaign was created by the centre to help raise \$400,000 for the construction of their new Mamawi Centre. Beautification members Kim Yule and Lucie Marleau raised the idea at the committee's April 17 meeting.

"I think this is really important," Yule said. "It would

solidify our presence in the community."

The tiles will be part of a star blanket design on the floor of the cultural gathering space in the Mamawi Centre, currently under construction on Montreal Road.

Each tile is \$200 and has space for two names.

"Even if people want to donate \$2 I think we will be able to get to \$200," Yule said.

The Vanier Community Association has also indicated it would be purchasing a tile.

The campaign has sold 300 tiles to date.

Only moments after the motion was made, several Beautification Vanier members reached into their pockets to start the pool for the purchase of a tile.

The group will be sending a letter out to members encouraging them to donate what they can.

Others looking to contribute to the buy-a-tile campaign can find more information by contacting Carlie Chase at 613-220-1447 or via email at cchase@wabano.com, or by visiting wabano.ca.