



POTTON

POTTON IN BRIEF

April 2017

Recent decisions by the Municipal Council

New presentation

Non-ordinary decisions:

- ✓ The Township has hired a Tourism and Communication Development Agent on a permanent basis: welcome to Lakshmi Diana Nguon.
- ✓ The Township will not renew its contract with the City of Magog for the fire prevention program; from now on this program will be handled entirely by the Potton Fire Department – this is the result of a long gestation to restructure the Department.
- ✓ The Township has accepted a proposal by the Organisation of the Missisquoi Bay Watershed Basin; the project concern the characterization of agricultural land along river banks in Potton. Better knowledge of our territory can only help all.
- ✓ Council agreed to permit a one-time non-commercial event (conditions apply see details in the minutes of the Council meeting); this will be a moto cross and quads competition to be held in zone RU-6 on Pipeline road, on a private property.

Recurring and run of the mill decisions:

The Township continues to hire summer employees (6 positions filled).

Contracts for the supply of calcium chloride and the supply of crushed stone, for unpaved roads, were awarded. The 2017 hourly rates from contractors was also approved.

Also, several resolutions deal with grants (for roads), recurring cycling events (the America Cup), special payments (Cadastral reform, Coeur Villageois, the Volunteers Party) as well as for nomination of inspectors for the Memphrémagog Lake patrol.

Community Information

Cinema Potton will present at the Town Hall on the 2nd floor: on the National Canadian Film Day 150, Wednesday April 19th at 3:30 pm, **Atanarjuat - The Fast Runner**, drama realised in 2002 by Zacharias Kunuk. This is an adaptation of an ancient Inuit legend 4000 years old. English subtitles. Free admission. Thursday May 4th at 7:30pm, **Manchester by the sea**, American drama realised by Kenneth Lonergan in 2016. This film received many awards at the Oscars and Golden Globes in 2017. In English with French subtitles. Admission: members \$7, students \$5, non-members \$9.

The Potton Cultural and Heritage Committee is inviting artists from the MRC Memphrémagog to propose a second public artwork of “Les Pierres angulaires” to be realized and installed in Mansonville, in the André-Gagnon park. This work must be inspired by natural elements of the park, use recycled materials, should be made in collaboration with a local contractor, all of which will be amongst the criteria considered. The work needs to be completed by October 1st 2017. Interested artists are invited to an information meeting at the Mansonville Town Hall on Friday, April 21st at 6 pm Please confirm your presence by calling (450) 292-5698. For more information on criteria and the 2017 schedule, please consult the following link: www.potton.ca/pierresangulaire.

Registration for the Outdoor Adventures Day Camp and the Soccer program will be held from Monday April 24th to Friday May 5th 9:15 am to 12:15 pm and 1:30 to 3:45 pm as well as on Saturday, May 6th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Town Hall. **Day Camp:** parents will be given a guidebook at registration time that will include: a list of items to bring daily to camp, a behavioural protocol and important contact information. **Soccer: new practice night on Thursdays.** A calendar will be sent to you two weeks prior to the season start date. For details on both programs, visit potton.ca.

New! Zumba drop-in days: Mondays and Wednesdays until May 17th from 5 to 6 pm at Mansonville Elementary (5 Marion-Atwell Street). Fee: \$10. Come and join the group for a fun-filled hour of calorie burning sweat. Please bring light weights (1-3 lbs.), yoga mat and water bottle. Information: (450) 292-3313 ext. 228.

Invitation to the Annual General Meeting of Sunshine House Mansonville: Wednesday April 26th at 6 pm at the Mansonville Baptist Church. Refreshments will be served. Please confirm at (450) 292-5058 or lucettefield@outlook.com.

The Volunteer's Party will be held on April 27th from 5 to 7 pm at the Town Hall. If you are volunteering for an organization, you are invited to register with the head of your organization. If you are volunteering behind the scenes and are not affiliated with an association, kindly RSVP before April 20th by calling (450) 292-3313 ext. 221.

Environment Information:

- Opening of the **Ecocentre** on May 6th (every Saturday from 8 am to 1 pm) at 5 West Hill Road.
- **Branch depot** on May 27th from 1:30 to 4:00 pm at the former dump (chemin du Traitement-des-Eaux, accessible via Bellevue Road).
- Do you want to **dispose of your bulky items**? Opt for the free home collection service offered by Ressourcerie des Frontières: (819) 804-1018.

- **Disposal of polystyrene** (code No. 6) at 5 West Hill Road on Saturdays from May 6th to October 28th from 8 am to 1 pm and every Sunday from 1 to 5 pm Please, wash the containers, remove the labels and sort by category: expanded, extruded and non-expanded. Details at the Ecocentre and on potton.ca.
- **Conference on Coexistence and Proactive Management of the Beaver** by Olivier Tremblay, Wildlife Manager, Saturday, April 8th at 10 am at the East Bolton Town Hall on Route 245. Free admission.
- Participate in the **Township Ditch Clean-up** on April 22. Meet at Place Manson at 8 am for a light breakfast before joining one of the 3 teams. Gloves and bags will be distributed on site. Participation prizes will be drawn at noon. Register by email or by phone at the contact below.
- Shrubs to plant along shoreline will be available this spring only (no distribution this fall). Information and forms available at the Town hall or on the municipal website, before May 12th. New: To mark the month of the tree and forests, a distribution of trees will take place on Saturday, May 20th from 10 am to 12 pm at 5 West Hill Road. Come and get your free tree and learn more about it.

For all environment-related information please call: 450-292-3313 or email info@potton.ca

Workshop: Building and Using a Compost Toilet

Saturday May 13th from 10 am to 3 pm; fee \$75.00 but it includes a nice lunch. Join us for the first workshop of the season at **Abbondanza Farm** and Education Centre. Outdoor compost toilets are a great sustainable alternative to the outhouse. They're simple to build, safe and easy to use and very environmentally friendly. You will learn how to build your own compost toilet and know the necessary regulations to follow. The workshop will be led by Edith Smeesters, a Potton resident, a biologist and expert in ecological gardening, the environment and sustainable living. For more information and to register: Gwynne Basen (450) 292-0732 or abbondanzafarm@gmail.com.

The Mansonville Public Market opens Saturday May 27th with a plant sale offering a large selection of vegetable, herb and flower seedlings ready to plant as well as a variety of flower baskets. The first produce of the season will be available, local meat, fish and cheese, baked goods, maple syrup handicrafts and more. The market is located at the Round Barn, Main street, Mansonville and is open from 9 am until 1 pm. The market will be open every Saturday until October 7th. Come support your local producers. For more information: Gwynne Basen (450) 292-0732.

Mother's Day pancake breakfast with sausages fruit, juice, coffee and of course maple syrup! All proceeds will go to the food bank and Christmas baskets in Potton. Sunday, May 14th from 9 am to 11:30 am at 330 Principale Street in Mansonville (École du Baluchon) Cost: \$10 per person, free for children 5 years old and under. For additional information or to purchase tickets please contact the CAB at (450) 292-3114.

The Youth Centre Activities:

- Thursdays: Boys Group (boys, age 5-12) from 2:30 to 4:30 pm
- Fridays: Girls Group (girls, age 5-12) from 2:30 to 4:30 pm
- Fridays: SADD (high school students) at 6 pm
- Friday: Drop-in (age 12+) from 7 to 10 pm
- Saturday: Dance Groupe from 1 to 3 pm
- Saturday: Leadership from 3 to 4:30 pm
- Saturday: Drop -in (age 12+) from 4 to 10 pm

Special events/activities at the Youth Centre

- Friday & Saturday April 13, 14, and 15th: Youth Centre closed
- Saturday April 22: Bowling Cowansville from 6 to 10 pm
- Friday May 05: Campfire/Cookout from 6 to 10 pm
- Saturday May 13: Bingo fundraiser for the Youth Center
- Saturday May 20th: Babysitting course. Ages: 11+ Cost: \$65. Register before April 29th by calling the number below.

Information/ Maison des Jeunes - Youth Centre 282, Principale Street (450) 292-4886.

The Ken Jones Centre Committee is responsible for respite care, social integration, and leisure activities for special-needs clients, particularly persons with intellectual disabilities and their families. We have recently welcomed a new participant to the group and he enjoyed his first bowling tournament with the group. Information: (450) 292-3114.

Parent group-The Tiny Tots Circle- for parents and children ages 0-5 years. Join the Tiny Tots Circle and enjoy getting to know fellow parents in Potton. They have a wide range of activities with weekly programming from October to June including free workshops: motor skills, arts and crafts, special guests and much more. Day: Fridays from 10 to 11 am; location: on rotation depending on the workshop, detailed calendar on the municipal website at www.potton.ca; free admission. For more information and to join the mailing list: Contact (450) 292-3313 ext. 228

Exhibition at the library " World of Animals" from April 4 to May 1st. More than 100 art pieces made by students of Mansonville schools under the supervision of Productions Super Hiro.

Municipal Warf: Please take note that the Municipal Warf, 59 George-R Jewett Road (Vale Perkins), will only be open on April 28th, 2017.

The Multicultural Festival will hold it's 25th edition this year! Time goes by since Karen Muzerall organized the first festival in 1992. The steering committee will need volunteers to help on August 11 and 12th. Get involved and have fun. Call Diane at (450) 292-5817 or Trish at (450) 292-3313 ext. 228.

Free mediation service available in Potton. Are you involved in a conflict with a neighbour, co-worker, friend, or family member? Conflicts are part of life, that is why it is important to learn how to best manage them. Call Le Pont at (819) 565-2559 to find out about how you can benefit from their mediation service and how they can help you resolve your conflict.

Peddling and Solicitations

Be careful! Anyone soliciting at home must have a municipal authorization. Ask to see the municipal license and do not hesitate to check with the municipal office 450-292-3313 ext.221

Apartments are available at \$647 per month at « Potton Apartments ». Monthly rent may be reduced with AccèsLogis. The dining room is available for community or private events. Info: (450) 292-3323 or lesappartementspotton@gmail.com.

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