

Recent decisions by the Municipal Council

Out of the ordinary decisions:

- ✓ Council announces that it may take over Merises and Sittelles roads at the behest of their owners, and at their own cost, as will be decided through a protocol.
- ✓ Council backs two requests for grants totalling \$100,000 (from the MRC and from Tourisme Cantons de l'Est); on condition of these being available, the Township could fork up the balance of the financing required through a borrowing bylaw, which would itself be conditional to a referendum Township wide.
- ✓ They will soon be here: three drinking water fountains, in the public parks: Manson, André-Gagnon and the market place. Cost: \$6,250, awarded to the lowest bidder.
- ✓ At last! The contract for the roadside brush cutting is awarded to the firm Déneigement TC Inc. for \$5,745 plus taxes. This cancels all two preceding awards.
- ✓ The Township now needs help to ensure it does not miss on its fair share of grants under the new road restoration program announced in mid 2015 to Quebec municipalities. This help in the form of assistance for an engineering firm will cost up to a maximum \$5,000 tax included based on banked hours.
- ✓ As concern the second Mansonville well to assure drinking water supplies, the Township must acquire additional land to secure the protection area of the well. In order to make acquisition proposals to the land owners, a mandate has been given to Miguel & Fournier to precisely survey the amount of land needed.

Recurring and run of the mill decisions:

There were several minor derogations granted and one PIIA request granted during this session. Also, an extraordinary request to insert a new project for a conditional usage benefiting Bois Acer has been granted, despite the priority of the reform concerning the urban bylaws.

Ms. Ghislaine Dubois will join the Advisory Committee on urban matters, replacing Debra Harding, which gets our sincere thanks for loyal service rendered. Welcome to our new member on the Advisory Committee.

Lastly, Council adopted two amending bylaws—see the details in the minutes of the last meeting.

Our new website is live! At the time you receive this bulletin, the new site should be fully accessible. Thus you may now subscribe to Potton in Brief on line, by registering to received the Infoletter: this will be proposed by the website right during your first visit. Comments on the new website will be accepted using this email: potton-est-chouette@potton.ca

Community Information

NEW! The Municipality of Potton in collaboration with the Missisquoi-North Volunteer Centre is pleased to launch the “Welcome Home” binder, a special information kit now available for new residents to Potton. It includes essential informatio everything in between! The Municipality and the CABMN would like to thank the n a new resident might be seeking, from services available to community-related events and dedicated volunteers who helped realize this project. New residents can pick up their Welcome Binder at the Town Hall in either French or English. Information: (450) 292-3313, ext. 228 (Town) or (450) 292-3114 (CABMN)



The Round Barn Update: The Round Barn has been temporarily closed for security reasons. We are making all possible efforts to be able to proceed with the restoration works and to reopen the barn as soon as possible. The fundraising campaign for the restoration of the barn continues and those interested in making a donation can contact Christine Baudinet at (514) 731-3554 or by email at christinebaudinet@gmail.com

Due to the closure of the Round Barn, the Potton Heritage Association’s 2017 exhibition “**Potton Tourism at the turn of the 19th century**” is on display at the Anglican Church Community Hall located at 309, rue Principale. The exhibition is open to the public on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., until September 2 and admission is free. Welcome everyone!

The Beach at Vale Perkins will be open every day but Wednesdays, from June 22nd to August 13th, from 10:30 am until 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am-6 pm. With lifeguard supervision.

Free Drop-In Pumptrack workshops every Friday, June 16th to August 4th, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Snacks provided. Bring your bike, protective gear, helmet, and water bottle. Cancelled if raining.



Don't miss the Sundays in the Park in Park Manson that continue until August 27th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a variety of invited artists. Bring your lawn chair, a picnic and enjoy jazz, folk country, bluegrass, rhythm blues or Celtic music, etc. In case of rain, the concert will take place on the second floor of the Town Hall. Artists of the month of July: Lovely Brothers, Ralph Steiner and friends, Matthew McCully & Jon Macaulay, Mayday.

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB) is seeking 15 people interested in receiving an organic food basket in Mansonville, every other week, beginning in October. For information, please phone (450) 292-3114 and ask for Debbie or Angelle.

Lyme and tick disease: You are invited to an information session on Lyme and Tick Disease offered by Camille Gagnon-Larivière, Communications Intern under the Director of the Eastern Townships Public Safety Board, Thursday, July 20 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 2 Vale Perkins, 2nd floor. Please note the information session will be given in French (20 minutes) followed by a bilingual discussion and question period. Free and open to all. (450) 292-3313 ext. 228



The 2017 Photography Contest, sponsored by the Potton Heritage Association, will be held during Potton's Multicultural Festival (FMP), which begins on August 12, 2017. The theme for 2017: The Flowers of Potton. Limitation: No person, child or adult, should appear on the photographs due to their publication in public. For more details and guidelines, please go to <http://patrimoinepotton.org/>

Mansonville Baptist Church activities: A youth meeting is held on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00. Games, a Bible story, and a snack is the format for the meeting. Elementary school-aged kids and up are most welcome. Information: Walter at (450) 243-6810. The same meetings are also held from August 7th to 11th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Each day a Youth Club will meet at Mansonville Baptist Church. Elementary school-aged kids and up are welcome. This will be conducted by our summer pastor, Randy Janzen, and Myriam Gaudreau with volunteers from the church assisting. Games, Bible stories and snacks will make up the program. Information: Walter at (450) 243-6810.

Mansonville Public Market: There you'll find the freshest produce grown by local farmers as well as local meat, cheese and fish, baked goods, maple syrup, the Potton menhir seeds and artisanal products. Meet your friends for a tasty cappuccino and snack at the CAFÉ DU MARCHÉ. Visit us on Facebook (Mansonville public market) to get the schedule of activities and the latest updates on what's fresh and available. The Market is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday until Thanksgiving. Come and support your local producers!



Hiking: A reminder that Potton citizens have free access to the Trails of the Green Mountain Nature Reserve. Come and pick up your pass at the Tourist Office at 4 rue des Pins, near the Town Hall.

Fundraising for an adaptive van at Sunshine House: A big THANK YOU to all who have already contributed to our fundraiser. With your help, we have reached \$13,500. We have a little further to go to reach our goal of \$22,000 is met, so if you haven't yet had a chance to donate, your help will be more than appreciated. www.facebook.com/soleil.mansonville/ Please make your cheque to "Canton de Potton," "A Van for Sunshine House" and send to Stanley Lake, 107 Ruitter Brook, Mansonville JOE 1X0.

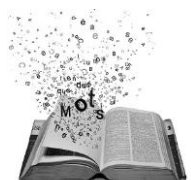


Town Job Offer: the position of foreman for Public Works will become available soon. Accordingly, this job opening is now posted on our website. A current CV is mandatory. The posting is also available at the Town office.

Solar Power for beginners: Sunday, July 16th 9 a.m.—1 p.m. This workshop led by Potton resident Ron Alward, a pioneering solar engineer, will guide you through how you can use solar electricity around your home or cabin. You will learn what is available to buy and install yourself and see what others are already doing. Installation of a small solar electric system on site. Cost: \$40 For more information: www.abbondanzafarm.com

Local art, books and products in Potton: The new Alinéa boutique has opened its doors, featuring local artists and producers. You can find jams, soaps, organic products, watercolour cards, maple syrup in addition to the works of artists from the area. Alinéa also offers books by Townships and Quebec authors. The shop is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Buying from Alinéa means encouraging and supporting the artists of Potton and the region.

The Play on Words Festival returns this summer from the 22nd to the 23rd of July. Honorary President, Arlette Cousture. Guest writers: George Tombs, Nathalie Cooke, Stanley Péan and 20 other Quebec writers. Interactive activities offered to the whole family by Super Hiro Productions and Dave Sturton, and culinary tastings. Tickets for jazz supper and literary reading with Author Stanley Péan are \$40. The event will take place on July 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Trattoria Restaurant, 304 rue Principale. For further information: Marie-Paule Villeneuve (514) 346-5683



A meditation group meets every Sunday at 9 am in the Potton Apartments Community Hall, under the direction of Marie Garon, a Yoga teacher. Please enter through the back door that leads directly into the room, but be careful: be on time because the door will be closed after 9 am. 27 Neil Armstrong Street in Mansonville. Free activity. Everyone welcome! Contact: stansje@sympatico.ca

The Potton Springs Spiritual Health and Healing Centre presents its annual activities on July 15 and 16. On the program: litho therapy treatments, foot baths with sulphurous water, meditation sessions, outdoor activities and conferences. Paid workshops and conferences. For information, contact Diane Bruyère at (450) 204-4041 or visit www.potton-springs.fondationpjy.ca

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