



Potton in Brief

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August 2016

Township Council's recent decisions:

Administration: several miscellaneous resolutions regarding the FQM convention, the pro-mayor, municipal archives, and an authorisation for a cycling tour by the organisation Villa Pierrot; details in the minutes of the meeting.

Finances: political representations are made by resolution to benefit from the grant covering the brown bins (for organic waste) as this was refused in the past for technical reasons.

Administrative personnel: the hiring of a new person to the position of Citizen Support and Reception was approved by Council, to replace a departing employee.

Environment: the Municipality will have its own representative on the technical committee for the *Ressourcerie des Frontières* (as it has a contract with this organisation).

The Municipality also decided to join in a partnership with the Inter municipal Regie for the elimination of waste Brome Missisquoi, for the treatment of organic waste in Cowansville; sending the waste from the brown bins there will be less expensive than sending it to Coaticook, given an equal processing cost.

The Municipality is also joining a movement by several hundredth other Quebec municipalities to request that justice be done concerning the proposed law on hydrocarbons; this law aims to withdraw any say from municipalities on this matter, including exploring on its territory (two resolutions and one notice of motion in the minutes).

Last but not least, two vacancies on the sustainable development advisory committee (CCDD) were filled by the nomination of Mrs. Baudinet and Mrs. Sherrer.

Urbanism: Five (5) minor exemptions, one request under PIIA (Village), on request before the CPTAQ and two bylaw violations were handled and resolved. Details in the actual minutes of the meeting.

Leisure: the Council authorized a soft ball tournament in park André Gagnon.

Motions and bylaws:

Two motions were introduced to amend the codes of ethics and codes of conduct (for elected officials and for municipal employees). According to the special procedure, draft amendments for these bylaws were also adopted (with the final adoption in September).

Community information:

The Cultural and Heritage Committee of Potton (CCPP) is proud to present the **24th edition of the Multicultural Festival** which celebrates different cultural communities and talents of Potton. The committee is pleased to offer new and exciting activities this year including: a petting zoo, soap box race for children ages 6 to 12 years, Karaoke evening, several groups and musicians from the region, BBQ dinner coordinated by the Fish and Game Club of Mansonville and other meals with an international flavor, many craft booths and local products, photography contest and plenty of activities for young people. Those interested to carry the flag of their country during the parade on Saturday and those interested volunteering their time at the Festival, please contact Julie Bernier: julie.bernier4@gmail.com. For more information on programming, please visit www.potton.ca or our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/festivalmulticulturel

With the summer season in full swing, **the public market** awaits you every Saturday. Shop locally and prepare delicious meals with freshly harvested produce including; meats, fish, local cheeses, pastries, maple syrup, artisan products as well as Potton's famous menhir seeds. Come early, the Café du Marché that serves cappuccino, coffee, ice tea and pastries. From 9 am to 1 pm at the Round Barn. See you at the market. Updates and special events:

<https://www.facebook.com/MarchePublicMansonville>

At the Library, from August 2nd to 29th, Josette Favreau presents: □ *Les Chefs d'œuvres des amies de la peinture*. Book donations are still welcome for the **big annual book sale** at the Multicultural festival on August 13th. Proceeds benefit the Municipal Library and the CAB's Youth Center.



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Environment:

- **Water and energy saving products kits** are available for \$10 on July 23rd at the Town Hall during regular office hours.
- **Water testing kits** will be available again to private property owners with wells. Test kits may be picked up at the municipal garage (5, West Hill road) on August 20th, between 9 am and 1 pm. Follow the instructions, and return the kit to the municipal garage on Sunday, August 21st between 1 and 5 pm, with a \$50 cheque in the name of Environex.
- We are still looking for help at the waste sorting during the multicultural festival. Please contact Cynthia Sherrer at 292-3313 ext. 336.

Abbondanza Farm and Education Centre will be holding a number of terrific workshops this summer. Come learn how to create beautiful and productive gardens:

- August 21st: Rock it - Making stonewalls and structures
- August 28th: Edible Landscaping made simple – gardens that are good enough to eat.
- September 18th: Seed saving for everyone.

For more details and to sign up visit www.abbondanzafarm.com or call Gwynne Basen at 450 292-0732

Events at the Centre de santé et de ressourcement spirituel Potton Springs:

- Sunday August 14th, from 9 am to 4 pm, **Youth camp**. Mindfulness meditation, walking in the forest and games suitable for children ages 5 and up.
- Sunday August 21st, 10 am to 4 pm, **Potton Springs Garden Party** for all the family.
- Registration and information: 450-376-2224 or 450-204-4041 or:
www.potton-springs.foundationpjy.ca

Cinema Potton will present *Tomorrow* at the Town Hall of Potton on Thursday September 8th at 7:30pm This is a French documentary about environmental issues, directed by Mélanie Laurent and Cyril Dion. Bringing hope to humanity, this film won the César Award for Best Documentary Film in 2016. Available in French original version with French subtitles. Admission: 7\$ for members, 9\$ for non-members and 5\$ for students.

The **Missisquoi-North Volunteer Centre (CABMN)** is still in need of volunteers for its accompanied transport service, and to assist with government forms and requests. For more information: 450-292-3114 or a.laplume@cabmn.org

Participate in the **questionnaire “Sorting is a kid's game”** sponsored by the MRC campaign “ABC du bac”. For more information: www.abcdubac.com

The **Lyme disease** is steadily spreading in our area and is caused by a type of bacteria transmitted by an infected tick bite. Ticks are found in wooded areas and tall grass. It is strongly recommended to wear long-sleeved shirts and pants when walking in these places. If you get bitten by a tick, carefully grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible, using clean tweezers. Pull slowly upward, but try not to twist or crush the tick. Once the tick is removed, store it in a tightly closed container, such as an empty pill container, noting the date and the place where you were bitten and see a doctor. For more information, search for *Lyme disease* on:

<http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/>

Several **invasive plants** are getting worrisome in Potton, including: Japanese Knotweed, Invasive Phragmites and Giant Hogweed. It is important not to propagate these species and to recognize them first. You will find a file on each of these plants on Potton.ca (from the municipality of East-Bolton), how to identify them, the problems caused, preventive means and ways to get rid of them eventually.

Four **apartments are available** at \$646 at « *Apartments Potton* ». Monthly rent may be reduced with AccèsLogis. The dining room is available for community or private events. Information: 450-292-3323 or lesappartementspotton@gmail.com.