



Potton in brief

February 2016

Recent decisions of the Municipal Council:

Acceptance of the judgement rendered by the Court in the case of the Mansonville Rifle Association (MRA); the judge confirms that the use "Rifle range" is not permitted in the zone where it is located; but the activities of the firing range are nonetheless protected under vested rights; however the judge also restricted such rights, under which the derogatory use is permissible; accessorially he adds that the MRA must respect all municipal bylaws, particularly as pertains to nuisances, which includes that of excess noise.

Authorization to commission a firm of specialists in the field of pay equity, for a sum not to exceed \$6,000 including taxes, on the basis of two or three tenders.

Appropriation of \$100,610 from the non-allocated surplus in order to acquire a new shipping container (\$3,800) for the Ecocentre; exercise lease-purchase buyout option of the agreement for the road grader (\$89 000); as well as to pay the financial contribution to the Fondation de l'Hôpital de Magog, year 4 of 5, in the amount of \$7,810.

Approval of the list of properties to be sold for non-payment of taxes. The first step will be to send a registered letter to owners in arrears, to enjoin and entice them to make good on their taxes.

Authorization to call for candidates to fill the following seasonal and temporary job opportunities: life guard at Vale Perkins beach; for the measurement of septic tank sludge; for the Ecocentre; at the municipal wharf; in the Tourist office; coordinator and leaders for the Day Camp; as well as persons to maintain municipal parks and public spaces.

The hiring and training of three apprentice First Responders for the Civil Protection and Fire Services.

The moving of a radio antenna for the Service de Civil Protection and Fire Services from the Ruitter Brook area to the Town Hall for the cost of \$2407.50

Authorization for a call to tender for various needs for the Roads Department (i.e. to furnish crushed stone aggregate and material for dust abatement) and to establish hourly rates for local contractors.

Authorization for the Mayor to sign a letter in support of the request to modify or ease Regulation Q-2r.22, in a way such as to permit the installation of composting toilets in our territory.

Nomination of William Robert to fill seat n° 6 on the Consultative Committee for Sustainable Development until January 1st, 2018.

Authorization to renew the contract with la Société Protectrice des Animaux de l'Estrie, (SPCA) for one year, at the annual rate of \$4,785 or about \$2.51 per resident.

Two notices of motion were given: 1) to separate the tariffs for hook-ups to the water and sewage systems for Mansonville and for Owl's Head, respectively; 2) to modify the nuisances bylaw in order to give coherence to the notion of "wood sawing", as it is interpreted in different articles of the bylaw.

Community news:

Exhibition in the Library from February 2nd to 29th: Creative Collages by Hiro Gagnon. From March 1st to April 4th: "D'une porte à l'autre", works by Claude Beauchemin. Sale of gardening books until end of March.

The 7th annual edition of « **Festival of Hearts** » continues to the end of February! Stimulating activities for heart health are proposed: snow shoe excursions, workshops, lectures, social dancing, walking, and so on! Check the calendar sent by mail in January or available at the Library and on the website www.potton.ca.

Cinema Potton presents *The Wolfpack*, on February 18th at 7:30 in the Town Hall: an American documentary presented in English, with French subtitles. On March 3rd a film, title to come, will be presented in French, (title will be announced on Cinema Potton's Facebook page). Cost: members \$7, students \$5, non-members \$9.

The **Ken Jones Centre** has organized a **fundraiser** for February 26th at 7pm in the Anglican Church: an evening of story-telling (in English) and songs with actress Lucy Peacock, who has kindly donated her time. Tickets: \$25.00. Reserve at 450-292-4473 or by e-mail to juniemoonbeam@yahoo.com

Interactive workshop for sorting waste materials with eco-counsellor Carole Delaître, Saturday, March 12th, from 10:30 to 11:30 am in the Town Hall. Registration at 450-292-3313 or at info@potton.ca. Surprises for youngsters!

Volunteer Recruitment Workshop, Wednesday, March 9th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Town Hall. Guest speaker: Katherine Levasseur from the CAB Sherbrooke. This workshop will be delivered in French with a bilingual discussion. Reserve before March 1st: info@cabmn.org or 450-292-3313, Ext. 0.

The **Ressourcerie des Frontières is launching a contest**, open to everyone, to create an artwork from recycled material. Visit www.ressourceriedesfrontieres.com/ for details and to register before February 29th. Nice prizes to win!

Five apartments are available at \$627 per month in « Apartments Potton ». Rental may be reduced by AccèsLogis. Information: 450-292-3323 or lesappartementspotton@gmail.com

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The decisions summarized here are for convenience only; only the official texts of the resolutions in the minutes of the Council are valid.