



Potton in Brief

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June 2016

Township Council's recent decisions:

Administrative matters: various contracts renewed (Red-Cross, cameras surveying quarries); on the financial side, the half year statutory financial forecast was filed for the beginning of 2016; various account renderings for annual grants received were approved (Recyc-Québec, Ministry of Transport roads from 1993), and last, but not least, the first of two payments to the Sûreté du Québec (SQ) was authorized (\$278,616).

Seasonal personnel: hiring of two persons, one for the measurement of sludge in septic tanks, and another as lifeguard at the Vale Perkins beach.

Urbanism: two minor exemptions on residential projects were granted; one request under PIIA-6 (Owl's Head) was also granted. A decision to give priority to the complete revision of the urban town planning bylaws was enacted, decreeing a moratorium on one-time specific bylaw modifications in the meantime.

Notices of Motion: four were given, covering several standardized bylaws adopted by each municipality covered by the SQ within the MRC Memphrémagog; these concern nuisances, peace and order, parking and false alarms generated by security systems.

Adopted bylaws: a simple amendment was done for the subdivision bylaw as well as a simple amendment for the bylaw governing permits and certificates.

Only the text of Council resolutions contained in the Minutes is valid; the decisions summarized herein are for information only.

Community information:

Exhibitions at the Library: from June 1st to June 27th, portraits by Andrew Aiken. From June 28th to August 1st, works by Raymond Gagnon: landscapes, nature and winged wildlife. Vernissage on July 8th, 5 to 7 pm.

Market season is in full swing! Come and support local producers at the public market, near the Round Barn, every Saturday from 9am to 1pm. Seasonal vegetables, meats, fish, local cheeses, pastries, maple syrup, artisan products are all featured, to say nothing of Potton's standing stone seeds which are also on sale.

The Round Barn of Mansonville will be open to the public from 10am to 3pm, every Saturday beginning June 25th to October 8th. This year Potton Heritage Association presents an exhibition featuring *The Covered Bridges of the Eastern Townships*, and *the Landscapes of Potton*. In addition, several artists and photographers from Austin will display their work, inspired by their 2014 visit to our Round Barn. Free admission to all.

Participate in the 2016 photography contest, sponsored by the Potton Heritage Association. This year's theme: Barns in Potton, (with the exception of the Round Barn). Their aim is to compile a catalogue of our heritage barns, so rapidly disappearing. Please send your entries to the Heritage Association before August 6th, in 8" by 10" or 8" by 12" format, to Christian Smeesters (450-292-0547). Entries will be displayed at the Multicultural Festival August 13th and the winner(s) chosen. Details are available at www.pottonheritage.org.

Loisirs (for information or to make any reservations: 450-292-3313, ext. 228)

- **Registrations for Summer camp and the Day camp:** There is still time to register your child(ren) for these camps; but please do it as soon as possible, during office hours of the Town Hall. A late registration fee of \$10 will apply. Details at <http://potton.ca/canton/sports-loisirs/camp-de-jour>
- **The beach at Vale Perkins** will be open every day **but** Wednesdays, from June 22nd to August 14th, from 10 am until 4 pm, under the supervision of a lifeguard.
- **Family Day at the Beach:** Saturday, July 2nd from 1:30 to 4 pm (Sunday, in case of rain Saturday). Entertainment, costumes, face painting, balloons and games for the entire family, organized by *Les productions Super Hiro*. Because parking at the wharf is limited, please park at Owl's Head, where a shuttle will be available from noon to 4 pm. On the menu: hotdogs, corn and juices. (no containers made of glass allowed). Bring your lawn chairs. This event is promoted by the Municipality and by generous contributions from Épicerie Ducharme, Euro Déli du Village, and Jewett's Store.



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- **Canoe-camping excursion** for adolescents ages 13 to 17, on July 9th and 10th. Cost: \$55 which includes guide, canoe, meals and many activities such as orientation, survival and open-air cooking. Reservations essential.
- **Free Pumptrack workshop** every Friday, June 17th to August 12th, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Snack provided. Bring protective gear, helmet, water bottle and bike.
- **Sundays in the Park begin on July 3rd**, with a variety of invited artists. Bring your lawn chair, a picnic and enjoy!

The "**Ride de Filles**" (www.ridedefilles.com) 8th edition sponsored by Quebec's Breast Cancer Foundation, will pass through Mansonville, July 9th between 2 and 2:30 pm. This is a spectacular convoy of 250 women motorcyclists, who will cross Potton, from Knowlton, north to south on highway 243 on towards Glen Sutton. We invite everyone to gather in front of the Resto 243 at 2pm to encourage the riders and to show support for the fight against breast cancer! You may also donate directly by visiting [http://www.rubanrose.org/Ride de filles 2016-fr-238](http://www.rubanrose.org/Ride_de_filles_2016-fr-238).

Since spring 2015, the MRC Memphrémagog has offered coordination of a land sharing service, **Banque de terres**. This project aims to maintain agricultural dynamism in the region and to increase the accessibility to land to next generation farmers. Do you have land available? A farm building? Need a farming partner? Some help? Would you like to share your farming know-how? Information at www.banquedeterres@mrcmemphremagog.com or by contacting Marie-France Audet at: 819 843-9292, Ext. 228 to discuss the concept and possibilities for you.

WOW!! Spartan Race to be held at Owl's Head! On the weekends of July 16th -17th and July 30th - 31st, **Spartan Race**, the global leader in Obstacle Course Racing, will be conquering the hills of Owl's Head for the final races of their 2016 Eastern Canada season. Thousands of racers and spectators of all ages are expected here, in the initial Sprint weekend, and for the grueling Super/Beast/Ultra Beast races the following weekend. Elite athletes, families, and a wide variety of charity partners will gather together to accept the challenge and have some fun getting muddy.

Citizens of Potton who wish to participate in the Race will receive a 10% reduction by registering on-line and entering promotional code Potton. Spectator fees are \$15 in cash, however, a \$5 Gift Voucher redeemable at Spartan's onsite Merchandise Store is included. Parking is \$15 per car (cars, SUVs, vans), \$30 for larger vehicles (towing trailers, RVs, and busses), and \$10 for motorcycles. There is also an onsite, secure Bag Drop for racers to leave gear in our Spartan bags (provided at parking), priced at \$3. All fees are cash only. A visit to www.spartanrace.ca will give you much more information. See you there!

Could you offer overnight accommodation to the visiting participants of the **Spartan Race**? Several thousand competitors and their families are expected over the two weekends, and our usual lodging spaces in Potton will be full to capacity. If you have room(s) or space for camping on your land, contact Christine Baudinet: christinebaudinet@gmail.com or by phone (514) 731-3554.

The MRC de Memphrémagog is launching a contest in the context of the re-cycling **awareness campaign L'ABC du bac: Sorting is child's play!** It is a fun quiz to test your knowledge of how to sort your residual waste and to learn more about the subject. Contest runs from May 25th to October 14th, 2016. To participate, go to www.abcdubac.com. A new quiz will be posted on the site each month and with each correct answer, the participant accumulates points and increases his or her chances of winning one of the eight magnificent prizes offered. A subscription to the Info-letter of the MRC, or sharing on Facebook will also help to increase your point standing and chances for a prize.

An agreement has been reached between the Municipality and the **Green Mountain Nature Reserve** to provide, soon, **entrance, free of charge, to citizens of Potton**. Call Town Hall for information on how to obtain you pass.

Environment: a notice regarding accessibility to septic tanks which was sent to the property owners in Sector 3 only, contained an error. Residents of this sector must make both septic tank covers accessible for the measurement of the sludge, between June 20th and 30th and not until July 30th as our notice indicated.

There is still one vacancy to fill on the Consultative committee for sustainable development (CCDD). If you have a little time to give and want to join a dynamic team, simply fill in the application form available at the Town office or call 450-292-3313.