



# Potton in Brief

October 2014

## Township Council's recent decisions:

A referendum, on the question of changing the zoning and conditional use in the RF1 zone, will be held Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be no advance polling. But it will be possible for **non residents** (one vote per property to be designated in writing) to vote by mail. If you are not registered on the electoral list, you have until October 31<sup>st</sup> to do so. Furthermore, a mailing will go out soon to non residents concerning this.

Approval of the Council's strategic plan covering 2014-2017 for Potton. Available on [potton.ca/](http://potton.ca/)

Hiring of a temporary employee to clear snow from the sidewalks this winter, as is customary.

Authorization for a contract on maintenance of air conditioning equipments in municipal buildings for 2015.

Addition to the snow removal contracts for the following roads: Anemones and Equinoxe (private roads with service) and Boright (new municipal road).

Support to Robert Piché Foundation to implement a rehabilitation and social reintegration center, at Domaine Giltaur in Highwater, for alcohol and drug abuse victims.

## Community information:

[Quebec Waste Reduction Week](#) will be held from October 18 to 26. You are invited to further reduce your waste by applying the 3Rs approach (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle / Compost). Some encouraging data for Potton: 42% waste reduction between June 2013 and May 2014 vs the previous year. Increase of 14% for recycling. Composting 192 tonnes of organic material from the brown bins! We were cited as an example in La Presse + on September 21<sup>st</sup>!

Remember that leaf bags are not accepted, except loose leaves in small quantities, in the brown bin. You can bring them bagged to the EcoCenter (5, West Hill Road) on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. until October 25<sup>th</sup> and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. You can also mow dry leaves, to shred them, on the lawn, mix them in gradually as "green" material in your compost bin all year round or leave them in the forest altogether.

Culture and heritage days were a great success. The 2014 Culture award was given to Karen Muzerall, founder of Potton Multicultural Festival (among others). The 2014 Heritage award was given to Hans Walser, an ardent defender of our heritage landscapes for decades. The exhibition on the subject at the round barn, which ends October 13, attracted more than 1,000 visitors this year.

Participate in Tiny Tots Circle (Parent & Child Activities animated by les Productions Super Hiro). These activities will be held at the Library October 10<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Join the group for story time and creative arts and crafts. Enjoy some social time and meet some fellow parents. Motor skills activities will be held October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. at Mansonville Elementary School. Improve your child's coordination and learn some new games that you can play anywhere. For more information and to obtain a calendar of all of the activities please call (450) 292-3313 ext. 228.

On October 16<sup>th</sup> Cinema Potton presents: *Finding Vivian Maier*, a documentary about one of the best photographers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and on November 6<sup>th</sup>, a French comedy: *Qu'est ce qu'on a fait au bon Dieu ?* The films always start at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Cinema Potton is very pleased with the success of the two films presented as part of the "Culture Days", *Lego* and *Québécoisie* on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the many that turned out!

The Coopérative de solidarité des petits Ziboux would like to thank all the sponsors, participants and volunteers who have supported the first petits Ziboux challenge held on September 6 despite the pouring rain! Proceeds from the day were \$855. Thanks to the Optimist Club all participants came away with a medal.

There is a vacancy on the Advisory Committee for Sustainable Development (CCDD). If you are interested, please complete the form available at City Hall and on [potton.ca/](http://potton.ca/).

Please note that the hunting season continues in our region and it is advisable not to walk in the forest during this time or to wear bright colors (red or orange) when doing so. From November 1 to 16: gun, bow and crossbow, for deer with antlers. From November 22 to 30: gunpowder, bow and crossbow, for antlerless deer.

We invite you to visit the website "[Typiquement Memphremagog](#) »" that has been launched to allow you to discover our cultural landscapes through geographically referenced photos on a map of the area. Everyone is invited to contribute to this interactive website with photos, texts, translation and stories.

MRC Memphremagog, Magog and Transport des Alentours are proud to announce a shuttle service (for \$3.50) between the bus terminal in Magog (at St Hubert BBQ- exit # 118) and Mansonville, Friday and Sunday evenings. You can find the schedule and itinerary on: <http://www.mrcmemphremagog.com/Index.html>

Two Potton organizations, Cooperative des petits Ziboux and le groupe Missisquoi-Nord, have applied to the Aviva Community Fund. You can help by voting daily for their project:

<https://www.fondscommunautaireaviva.org/ideas/acf20898>

<https://www.fondscommunautaireaviva.org/ideas/acf20857>

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