



# Potton in Brief

July 2014

## Township Council's recent decisions:

Appointment of Diane Rypinski-Marcoux as pro Mayor until February 2015.

Authorization for purchase of an industrial mower for the public parks, for a maximum of \$17,000. Authorization to replace the tractor used for parks and sidewalks, for a maximum of \$23,000.

Adoption of a Zero Waste Event Policy for waste management at public events, whether organized by the municipality or not. Details at Potton.ca.

Authorization to pay Mr Olivier Tremblay for a cost overrun in beaver control and to provide an extra \$2,500 for remaining work and emergency situations until the end of 2014.

Appointment of Diane Rypinski-Marcoux as Chair of the Urban Town Planning Committee (CCU) and recognition to the outgoing President, Michel Daigneault, with thanks for his dedication.

Issuance of a fine to an owner of stray animals who, despite repeated warnings and actions, continues to offend.

Awarding a \$14,700 contract to SMI for the preparation of plans, specifications and cost estimates for restoration of the foundation of the Round Barn; and authorization to pay for the job, providing that the necessary funds will have been received by the Municipality to offset the costs.

Council has also adopted second drafts of bylaws amending the zoning and conditional usages, which affect only specific sectors encompassing the Mansonville Village and the Ruitier Brook Valley; as legislated, these changes are now the object of a period during which applications for approval by way of a referendum can be made; the period ends July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014. For more information, see the public notice on:

<http://potton.ca/announcements/public-notice-application-for-approval-by-way-of-referendum>.

## Community information:

The **Potton multicultural festival** will take place on August 8 and 9. Friday, August 8: from 5 pm to midnight with bingo, Smorgasbord dinner and Salty Dog music. Saturday, August 9: continuous animation for everyone from 9 am to midnight; booths, games, parade, multicultural lunch, BBQ dinner, fireworks, etc. The full program is at [www.potton.ca](http://www.potton.ca). Volunteers needed, contact Diane Rypinski-Marcoux: 450-292-5817.

The Potton Heritage Association (PHA) invites you to visit the exhibition at the Round Barn on "**The landscapes of Potton, our collective cultural heritage**." Details at <http://pottonheritage.org/>. PHA also organizes a **photo contest** on the theme: What is your most beautiful landscape? (in Potton, of course!) Send your photos by Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, to be judged by the public during the Multicultural Festival. Information:

[http://pottonheritage.org/?page\\_id=326](http://pottonheritage.org/?page_id=326).

And why not also submit your photos to the photo contest organized by the MRC Memphremagog? Details at <http://typiquementmemphremagog.com/>.

"**Sundays in the Park**" continue throughout the summer with varied music (11 am to 1 pm). Bring a lunch and enjoy!

The Poorna jnana-yoga Foundation invites you to their **activities at Potton Springs**. A large garden party will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. See their programme at: <http://fondationp jy.ca/qui-sommes-nous/potton-springs/>.

**Beware of Giant Hogweed** (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)! This is a dangerous plant now invading Quebec. It may cause severe skin inflammation. To recognize the plant, the health effects and for actions to take for its removal, see [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heracleum\\_mantegazzianum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heracleum_mantegazzianum).

The **Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources** officially begins the process of **cadastral reform** in Potton by sending a letter to landowners. It will be important to indicate your preferred language of correspondence so that subsequent communication will be in the language of your choice. For info:

<http://mern.gouv.qc.ca/english/land/cadastre/>.

Note that blue and brown bins placed in the wrong position will no longer be collected. **Wheels must face your property**.

**Shoreline shrubs** will be distributed in August. Information and order forms can be found at the Town Hall or on [www.potton.ca](http://www.potton.ca); deadline: July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

We are looking for young **environmental assistants for sorting waste** at the multicultural festival; this is paid work. Contact Alexandra Bélanger at 450-292-3313 ext. 242.

**Distribution of the compost** produced with our brown bins will take place on August 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon at the Ecocentre on 5, West Hill road. First arrived, first served. Bring \$0,50 for transportation bag.

There are still **apartments available**, for immediate occupancy, at the Résidences Potton Residences. Grants are available for people with an annual income of less than \$20,500. For more information contact Helen Barry Dussault, 450-292-3323 or 450-292-3108.