



# Potton in Brief

April 2013

## Decisions:

Resolution to allow voting by mail in the election of November 2013 for non-resident voters.

Designation of the Mayor to represent the Township at the hearing of the "Commission des transports du Québec" concerning the application by Veolia Transdev to cancel the service in Mansonville; the Township is opposing this request.

Round Barn: adoption of the framework for the public market, approval of a grant request of \$160,000 from the federal Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund and authorization to call for the preparation of plans and specifications for the first phase of the restoration of the round barn. It should be noted that the restoration of the barn will be funded by grants and monies raised by "Le groupe bénévole municipal de Potton", a non-profit organization helping in the management of some municipal assets such as the round barn, the covered bridge and the public market.

Authorization for Council members to solicit donations for the round barn.

Award of contracts for the mechanical sweeping of streets and the annual supply of gravel including its spreading.

Adoption of the rate schedule for seasonal public works based on offers provided by contractors.

Call for tenders for paving of part of the Owl's Head road and all of Jay View street.

Mandate to Appalachian Corridor for the characterization of our wetlands.

Waste management: adoption of the financial assistance program for home composting (\$ 20 annually); purchase, conditional to the receipt of a grant, of waste collection bins for use in public municipal places.

Adoption of a protocol related to the installation process of antenna wireless systems; this protocol will guide negotiations with Bell Mobilité.

Adoption of a brand new bylaw on waste management which includes the many changes to be implemented in June.

## Other information:

This year again, backyard composters are offered at a reduced price. You can order the Nova Envirocom composter (black plastic) before May 3 at a cost of only \$30. To reserve a composter, you must send a check or cash to the Town Hall (2, rue Vale Perkins) with your name, address and telephone number. Information sessions on composting will be held in French on May 24 and in English on May 31 at the Town Hall. Both sessions will begin at 7 pm. Reservations required.

A financial incentive is now available for permanent residents who practice backyard composting throughout the year. To qualify, please refer to the program requirements and complete the application form by visiting the website of the Municipality or by asking at the reception of the Town Hall.

The municipal Ecocentre located at 5 West Hill is now opened! You can take bulky construction waste, household hazardous waste, computer equipment and tires every Saturday from 8 am to 1 pm except on August 10, 2013.

The Township wishes to encourage citizens who have a well to test their water annually. To do this, test kits will be available at the Town Hall in June (date to be confirmed) and will be delivered to a laboratory in Sherbrooke. You must bear the cost of the analysis, but delivery is free. Relevant information will follow in May, but we need to know how many people are interested in this service to order the kits. Please contact Alexandra Leclerc at 450-292-3313, ext 229 or [leclerc.a@potton.ca](mailto:leclerc.a@potton.ca) for information regarding composters, the financial incentive, the Ecocentre and the analysis of water.

The blue and brown bins, required for the new waste management to be implemented in June, will be delivered in mid-May, all the information necessary for implementing the changes needed to comply with the new governmental requirements will then have been transmitted to all.

At the request of prevention specialists and in accordance with the trend, the issuance of fire permits will be very limited when the new bylaw is adopted (soon). A newsletter containing all relevant information will be sent to all when the time comes. Environmental protection, air quality, elimination of unnecessary expenses generated by out of control fires and risk reduction among our firefighters are some of the reasons for such a measure.

All municipalities in the Memphremagog MRC served by the Sûreté du Québec have a bylaw concerning false alarms. According to this bylaw, the owner of a place where a false alarm is triggered more than once over a period of 12 consecutive months is liable to a fine of \$250 and more. The term "false alarm" means an alarm triggered unnecessarily by defect or malfunction. In addition, an audible alarm outside cannot be heard more than 15 consecutive minutes, otherwise the charge is punishable by a minimum fine of \$250. The bylaw on false alarms was established with the approval of councils to reduce frivolous appeals that mobilize the police unnecessarily, thereby harming patrol activities of municipalities.

The public market is looking for a reliable person for sales Saturday mornings from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. If you are good with the public, responsible and ideally bilingual, please email [marchepublicdepotton@gmail.com](mailto:marchepublicdepotton@gmail.com) or call Richard Tetreault at 450-292-3780. This is a paid position.

Volunteers are also sought to help build a great public market in Mansonville and to sit on the board of directors.