



Potton in Brief

January 2013

Decisions:

Endorsement of two requests for financial assistance from the MRC's "Pacte rural" Program, one for the Ken Jones Centre and the other for Potton's project to establish a pilgrimage route.

Adoption of a resolution calling for the continuation of the bilingual status of the municipality as the possible adoption of Bill 14 in Quebec could lead to the loss of such status because the number of English-speaking people is now below 50% in Potton.

Distribution of \$ 57,719 to various non-profit organizations.

Authorization to launch a tender for the purchase of blue and brown bins.

Agreement with Eastman to use our Ecocentre.

Agreement to launch a call for tenders for the repair of Jay View and Owl's Head roads.

Appointment of members of the Sustainable Development Advisory Committee: Edith Smeesters (chair), Jean Pierre Gravel, Carole Delaître, Suzie LeSauteur, Rolf Maurer, Sylvain Champigny, Michael Cyr (Councilor) and Mr. Michael Head (observer).

Financial assistance of up to \$ 100 for young families to buy cloth diapers.

Inability to support an application to the "Commission de protection du territoire agricole" concerning the erection of a communications tower on White Road because of our present bylaws. However, support could be granted later if citizens approve the changes. A public meeting to be held on February 1 at 6 pm will focus on changes to bylaws, including this one.

Adoption of amendments to the public market bylaw.

Other information:

On Saturday, January 19 a public consultation was held on the intergenerational family policy. About forty people attended. Started a year ago and funded by the Ministry of Family, this process will lead to the adoption by the council of measures to be implemented over the next three years. Many thanks to all participants.

The collection of organic (compostable) materials made necessary by the Quebec Government's requirements in reducing land filling will begin in June rather than April due to logistical considerations. The following was taken from the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment, Wildlife and Parks website.

"On average, Quebecers generate 25 tons of non-hazardous residual material per minute. Despite the education efforts and the means offered to enable the public, municipalities and industrial, commercial and institutional establishments to reduce their goods production and reclaim their waste, too many consumer products are still finishing their life in disposal sites. The Québec Residual Materials Management Policy is part of the government's plan to build a green economy. The 13 million-odd tons of residual materials produced in Québec annually represents an undeniable potential to be used both in manufacturing goods and energy production. The Policy aims to create a no-waste society that seeks to maximize added value through the intelligent management of its residual materials, and has the fundamental objective of ensuring that the only residual material disposed of in Québec is ultimate waste".

To meet the expectations of the central government, the waste management in Potton will require the use of blue and brown bins by all. There will be variations for industries, businesses and institutions. Collection, as of June rather than April, will be as follows: recyclables (blue box), every four (4) weeks; organic matter (compost), every two (2) weeks; ultimate waste (material other than recyclable and compostable), every four (4) weeks. The cost of bins will be recovered through the imposition of a tariff over two or three years from 2014. Citizens using home composting will be offered financial incentives (tax credit), but will still need to use the brown bin for compostable materials that cannot be included in the home composter. Ms Cantin, a specialist, in an analytical report of Potton wrote in 2011: *"It remains important to promote home composting and it appears that it will not allow by itself to meet the central government's objectives. These will only be attained by the implementation of door to door collection of organic (compostable) materials"*.

Information sessions will be held in February on the 8 & 13 at 6 pm and on February 23 at 2 pm.

In addition, informational documents will be distributed to all by mail. Ms. Alexandra Leclerc, responsible for public hygiene and environment, may also answer your questions (450 292 3313, extension 229).