



Potton in Brief

June 2013

Decisions:

Resolution to be sent to the Quebec Government regarding our concerns about reversing the flow in the aging pipeline of Pipe-Lines Montreal and our request for the strict compliance with all relevant environmental standards.

Congratulations to Mrs. Lydia Pouliot, Mr. Réjean Neron & Mr. Alexis Stogowski who have succeeded the Firefighter 1 exam.

Adoption of the plan of action of the environmental policy.

Adoption of the plan of action of the intergenerational family policy.

Resolution supporting the application for the subdivision of, and the non-agricultural use on lots 645 and 646, to allow for the processing of food products which will lead to the creation of new jobs.

Other information:

Peddlers need to have a municipal permit to sell in Potton. The permit is following certain verifications, such as checking if a permit from the Consumer Protection Office exists. If you are solicited by a peddler, make sure the person has the required permits. It is important to note that the municipal permit does not constitute an endorsement by the Municipality.

Heritage Steinbach Farms are looking for a small shovel operator to perform work on the farm full-time or part-time. The salary will be determined based on experience. Please send your resume to 134 Airport Road, attention of Adam Patch, who can be reached at (819) 446-2491.

The new waste management process has begun. As mentioned in the last Potton in Brief, it requires a major change in our habits, but together, we will significantly reduce the amount of materials destined to the landfill. The new management has also caused significant changes to the schedule of pick-up by the contractor. **That is why it is important that materials be left at the road before 6 o'clock in the morning; otherwise you may have to keep them until the next pickup.** The bins should not be placed in front of mailboxes. You have until July 31 to register for the credit applicable for residential composting. Tolerance, not repression, is the modus operandi during the initial period. Moreover, the Green Patrol is there to help and not to punish.

Although we are not able, after a month, to compare the results of our new management of residual materials, we can still say that for the month of June, 4.74 tons of organic materials have been diverted from landfill. Starting next month, the first comparative analysis will be possible.

The Tour des Arts will hold its twenty-fifth edition from July 13th to 21st. Several Potton artists will take part: Sean O'Riordain, painter; Craig Skinner, painter; Brenda Carson, jewelry; Almut Ellinghaus, sculptures; Stanley Lake, potter and Martin Gendron, photographer. The Potton Quilters will sell their items at the Reilly House. On July 14th at 7:30pm, Karen Muzerall and "The Jazz Head" will provide an evening of jazz. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$20. Finally, on July 15th, at 7pm in the library, Potton writers will read their works. We invite you to encourage all the local artists.

Every Friday at 10am, Mr. René Guertin welcomes the "petanque" players at the André Gagnon Park. For more information, please contact him at (450) 292-3091.

Saturday, July 27th, starting at noon, the 4th Owl's Head Festival will be held. The festival will feature, as in the past, a free show of professional quality, which should attract many. We are indeed lucky to have such an event in our back yard and we should all strive to increase the participation, given that such an event brings us benefits.

On July 15th, the fifth edition of the Save Water Day will take place. It is related to the Water Saving Program of the Environment Network. You are invited to contribute to water saving by, for example, installing a saving device on your faucet, putting a pitcher of water in your refrigerator, reusing water glasses and bottles and printing paper on both sides (each saved sheet represents a reduction of 10 litres of water used to make paper at the paper mill).

June 22nd saw the official inauguration of the Potton public market; our local county deputies were present. The market has on offer a wide range of local products. You are encouraged and welcome to come and support our local participating producers. On the same occasion, the introduction of the menhir seeds, which will help the Ken Jones centre, was done with a splash: this amusing and humorous introduction bodes well for a major marketing coup, thanks to its promoter, Michel Trudel, and could herald a commercial success, if well managed. Already the Jewett convenience store, Giroux & Giroux (hardware), Mr. Marchand-Duchesneau (beehives), the supermarket (Ducharme), the newly opened Trattoria (Nolet & Provost) and Owl's Bread (Monsieur Mareuge) have menhir seed products to sell. Seed packets themselves can be procured at the public market every Saturday morning, as well as at the Tourist Bureau of Mansonville.

Madeleine Soucy invites artists from Potton to show their skills publicly at the Round Barn on August 10th, Multicultural Festival Day. Works to sell could be brought if desired. Madeleine can be contacted as follows: soucy.madi@xplornet.com or (450) 292-3522.

The Canada Games Torch Relay: from July 17th to 30th, a ceremony will be held in different municipalities each morning at 8am. The mayor, the torchbearer who will cover the first kilometre, and a Sherbrooke 2013 representative will speak in turn. Then, the next leg of the relay will be officially started. Each torchbearer will walk or run one kilometre, with the torch in hand. On average, the relay will cover 25 km per day and reach the next town the same afternoon. The following morning, there will be a ceremony at 8am in that municipality, and so on. In Potton, this will occur on July 19th and the torchbearer will be Michael Cyr, municipal Councillor.

The sand sculpture circuit is now complete in all participating municipalities. You are invited to take the grand tour: Mansonville (Manson park), Bolton_Est (Thério park), Austin (across from the Town Hall), and Stukely-Sud (Diligences park).