

Decisions:

Subscription to the directory of grants available in Quebec. This database will be available for the public at the library for an initial period of two years and contains all existing sources of financial aid available.

With all other municipalities in the Missisquoi Valley, application for financial assistance from the "Pacte rural" of the MRC for the creation of a development officer job for a period of one year. The required contribution by the "Pacte rural", if accepted, would be \$ 35,000 and that of the six municipalities, \$15,000.

Approval of certificates of eligibility for seven residential renovation projects in the village for a sum of \$80,538 which represents the combined contribution of the "Société d'habitation du Québec" and the municipality.

Authorization for the payment of the insurance contract: \$57,027, plus taxes.

Non maintenance of the Boright road in the 2012-13 winter.

Creation of a tripartite committee on the future development of the Owl's Head sector; Owl's Head Development, the Owners' Association and the municipality are represented by two members each.

Adoption of the Code of Ethics for municipal employees, as required by the Quebec Government.

Decision to proceed in 2013 with the collection of our organic waste.

Other information:

Quebec's policy on waste management states that we all must:

- reduce landfilled material. In Potton, we must reduce from 434 kg to 286 kg per capita (-34%); the 286 kg is the objective set for each municipality in the Memphremagog MRC.
- attain 70% recycling of paper, cardboard, plastic, glass and metal. Paper and cardboard will no longer be buried in 2013.
- recycle 60% of organic matter by 2015. Beginning in 2020, the burial of organic waste will be banned.
- deliver 70% of construction, demolition and renovation waste to a sorting center. Starting in 2014, wood will no longer be buried.
- bury only non-recyclable or non-compostable waste.

Our performance in recycling is good and little gain is possible. Therefore, the only way for us to reach the target of 286 kg is to proceed with the collection of organic matter (compostable waste) since we know that 47% (300 tons) of our green bags is organic matter. In addition, it should be noted that municipalities who will not meet the targets set by the government will be financially penalized.

During the two public consultation meetings that were held recently, the majority of citizens present agreed that we need to opt for the pickup of organic waste to meet governmental objectives. The treatment of organic waste offers two options: transportation to Coaticook or the installation of the required equipment on the former municipal landfill. The second option, more expensive at first glance, could be interesting if other municipalities agreed to be part of an intermunicipal-owned corporation and shared costs, as suggested by several people present at the public consultations. We are consulting with other municipalities and although the consultation is not complete, we can state that Austin has a strong interest and two other municipalities have an interest that remains to be confirmed. Should the creation of an intermunicipal-owned corporation occur, we will still need to transport our organic waste to Coaticook for a while.

There is still much work to be done. It is important to state that we have to comply with governmental requirements and we will choose, although waste management will cost us more, the better of the two options for our taxpayers. In addition, our approach will take into account taxpayers who already engage in home composting as well as those who already have a bin for recyclables. Further information will be provided later on the evolution of this important matter.