

## Potton in brief, January 2011

### Recent decisions of the council.

Adoption of a contract management policy, as required by the "Ministère des Affaires municipales, des régions et de l'occupation du territoire".

Funding up to \$ 4,000 for the work at the St-Cajetan Church.

Three month extension of Mrs France Maurice's mandate to assist the Director General in learning his demanding task.

Annual appointment of Mr. Francis Marcoux as Head of the Fire Department.

Adoption of the definition and principles for a sustainable development policy that will lead to expanding the mission of the Environmental Committee.

Appointing a new member, Mr. Jacques Huppertz, to the Planning Advisory Committee.

Application to amend the MRC's land use plan to allow other uses on the property of the former LPA Plastics which is located on Route 243, north of the village of Mansonville.

Annual appointment of members of the Environmental Committee, the Cultural Committee and Planning Advisory Committee; no change, except the one mentioned above.

### Other important information.

In 2011, the priorities of the council are:

- ✓ Adoption of a recreational and tourism policy: the mandate has already been granted to Mr. Michel Trudel to formulate a proposal to the council; his fees will be paid by "Le fonds de soutien aux territoires en difficulté".
- ✓ Adoption of a family policy: a financial aid application was forwarded to the "ministère de la Famille et des aînés"; once the assistance received, a mandate will be given to a specialist who will make recommendations to the council for helping families and especially for keeping and attracting young families.
- ✓ Establishment for the village of Mansonville of assistance programs for home improvement and rehabilitation of commercial facades which will help in the revitalization of the village.
- ✓ An application for participation in the "Seniors Friendly Cities" program has been sent to the department; however, it will have to be deferred to 2012 because of the numerous requests made by other Quebec municipalities.
- ✓ Activation of "Le groupe bénévole municipal de Potton", a non-profit organization, chaired by Mr. Michel Bastien, that will help in the exploitation of certain municipal assets including the round barn, covered bridge and hiking trails. Other municipal facilities will be added over the years. In all municipalities, volunteer work contributes significantly to progress and Potton is fortunate to have as many volunteers helping in the accomplishment of many projects. I wish to thank them on behalf of all.
- ✓ Establishing a new method of waste management for 2012 that will ensure that we comply with new government requirements to reduce landfilled materials. We must now consider the need to compost and to better manage our waste.
- ✓ Continued upgrading of our fire department in order to comply with the requirements of the "schéma de couverture de risques", imposed by the Quebec Government.

The Katimavik group we came in early January. The 11 young people and the project officer, Kevin Randlett, occupy a house on Peabody Road, 3 km from the village of Mansonville. They volunteer with several of our non-profit organizations and with organizations of East Bolton, Austin and St. Etienne de Bolton. The current group will be with us for six months and a second group will follow for a similar period. A big thank you to everyone who helped the Katimavik group in one way or another.

Statistics Canada is looking for part time workers (May to August) for the 2011 census. Application forms are available at the Town Hall.

Jacques Marcoux