

# Potton in brief, March 2011

## Recent council decisions

- ✓ Michel Daigneault will serve as Acting Mayor during the next 8 months.
- ✓ Donations to community organizations were given as follows: Potton Heritage Association (\$5000), Volunteer Centre (\$9500), Ruitter Valley Land Trust (\$2000), Golden Agers (\$500), Reilly House (\$4000), Tour des Arts (\$1500), Groupe bénévole municipal (\$2000), Potton Cinema (\$3000), BMP Foundation (\$1000), Magog Hospital Foundation (\$1000), La Ruche (\$8809) and "Le Train des mots" (\$500).
- ✓ Agreement in principle regarding the broadcast by "Radio Communautaire Missisquoi" in Potton Township.
- ✓ Authorization for the Director General and Secretary-Treasurer to sign an application for financial assistance regarding the round barn by the Department of Culture, Communications and the Status of Women.
- ✓ Support to "Le train des mots", a non-profit organization of literacy, in an application for financial assistance by "Le pacte rural" of the MRC. This organization will serve the municipalities located on the west side of the Memphremagog MRC.
- ✓ Authorization to call for applications for seasonal vacant jobs.
- ✓ Hiring of seasonal workers returning to their previous jobs; a list is available at the Town Hall.
- ✓ Hiring of Roger Heath as the operator of the municipal grader.
- ✓ Awarding of contract for the purchase of a grader to Strongco Equipment for the sum of \$207,343.50.
- ✓ Mandate to Claude Migué, surveyor, for the preparation of technical descriptions for the installation of dry hydrants in different municipal areas; this is a requirement included in the Fire Risk Coverage Program which we have to comply with.
- ✓ Call for tenders for the supplies required to install on posts, near the road, house numbers, visible on both sides. This is another requirement of the Fire Risk Coverage Program and it applies everywhere except the village of Mansonville and the Owl's Head residential area. This additional expense will be taxed during the year.
- ✓ Modification to the authorization to sign a Fire Prevention agreement with the Fire Department of the City of Magog; the duration is shortened to three years. Some of the requirements related to prevention need to be handled by an external service with more specialized human resources than ours.
- ✓ Mandate to the Sustainable Development Centre of Quebec to hold a training session so that members of the council, city staff, members of municipal committees and others acquire the knowledge necessary to undertake sustainable development.
- ✓ Slight changes to the Septic measuring bylaw shorten some time frames; this will allow us to act quicker in different matters.
- ✓ Adoption of a bylaw on the use of water produced by our water systems.

## Other information

I had failed in a past newsletter to mention the important contribution of volunteers who strive to gather funds for our first responder service; they help us acquire equipment at the cutting edge. Many thanks to all those who help out in this matter.

"Les Résidences Potton" are looking for a part time manager (9 hours a week). For information, please call Mrs Caroline Brown (450 292 5830) or Mr Réjean Champagne (450 292 5428).