

# POTTON IN BRIEF

In the time of the COVID-19



June 2020

## The June 1<sup>st</sup> Municipal Council Meeting

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:** Adoption of the deconfinement plan

**FINANCES:** Cancellation of interest on the tax installment for June, authorization to pay JP Ca-drin for evaluation services rendered, the first installment for the Quebec provincial police services, and the first installment on the multipurpose shelter;

**PERSONNEL:** Hiring of seasonal employees for the wharf and Ecocentre;

**TRANSPORTATION AND ROAD WORKS:** Awarding of the contract for cutting brush on road sides and authorization to exercise the optional year in the snow removal contracts;

**PUBLIC HYGIENE:** Authorization to prepare a call for tenders for the water intake (Owl's Head sector);

**TOWNPLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING THE NOTICE OF MOTIONS):**

Bylaws related to Destination Owl's Head (subdivision, zoning, comprehensive development plan), bylaws respecting the conditions for issuing building permits, and civil security in connection with the conformity of roads, amendment to the urban advisory committee bylaw with regards to the holding of meetings and finally a bylaw offering financial assistance for the replacement of septic tanks.

**AUDIO RECORDING**

This session was recorded. You may access the soundtrack by going to the municipality's website at <https://potton.ca/en/municipality/municipal-affairs/>. It is recommended to have the agenda on your screen while listening for a better understanding.

**The next council meeting will take place on July 6 at 7:00 p.m. Follow the information on the municipal portal to find out if the lock-up will be maintained.**

**POTTON IN BRIEF**

The Municipality of the Township of Potton would like to inform you that as of September, the Potton in brief will be restructured to allow more space for municipal news. Consequently, all community, cultural or recreational event announcements may not be published due to lack of space. On the other hand, announcements of community-related events can always be posted on our Facebook page.

## Municipal News

### TOWN HALL OPENING



The Town Hall has reopened its doors to the public. It remains essential that citizens continue to strictly follow sanitary measures, including hand disinfection and a physical distancing of 2 m (6 feet).

Signs will be posted at the entrance to the building along with arrows indicating the route to be followed. An attendant will be present to help you follow the instructions. Remember that the success of the deconfinement will depend on how well we respect the regulations.

### OUR PERFORMANCE IN WASTE MANAGEMENT



According to the MRC Memphrémagog, we have seen a slackening in our ability to reduce the landfilling of residual materials over the past five years.

While in 2014 we were champions in managing our residual materials, we are now in the middle of the pack.

In 2019, landfilled waste increased by 23% and is above the MRC average (our waste was below this average from 2014 to

2016), recyclable material recovery decreased by 11% but remains above the MRC average, while organic material recovery remains stable but is below the MRC average.

It is important that we continue our efforts to reduce our waste (green, black or grey bin) and increase our capacity to recycle (blue bin) and compost (brown bin).

Remember that each year, municipalities must pay an amount of money proportional to the number of tons of waste they produce. Those with the least amount of waste receive a rebate that is reflected in your tax bill.

**REDUCING OUR WASTE PAYS OFF!**



### SUSPENSION OF THE SEPTIC TANK MEASUREMENT PROGRAM



Due to the circumstances associated with COVID-19, the Municipality of the Township of Potton is suspending its septic tank sludge and scum measurement program scheduled for the summer of 2020. This exceptional measure is intended to avoid the risk of contamination due to repeated exposure to the virus during the handling and transportation of the measuring equipment. For more information or to know the history of sludge and scum levels in your septic tank, please

contact Cynthia Sherrer at 450 292-3313 ext. 236 or [sheerer.c@potton.ca](mailto:sheerer.c@potton.ca)

## MEETING WITH THE URBAN PLANNERS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



**Book an Appointment**

It will no longer be possible to come and meet a town planner without making an appointment in advance. From now on, the “Fridays Without Appointment” are cancelled. Please call the Town Hall at 450 292-3313 ext. 0 to make an appointment.

## WORKS AT ANDRÉ-GAGNON PARK



During the construction of the multifunctional shelter, all playgrounds including the pump track, baseball field and petanque court will be **CLOSED** for safety reasons.



On the other hand, the **TENNIS** fields are **OPEN** and access to the Missisquoi North river from the park remains possible.

## GRANT AWARDED TO IMPROVE ANDRÉ-GAGNON PARK

The Municipality of the Township of Potton is proud to announce that it has obtained a grant of \$87,792 for an improvement plan for André-Gagnon Park. The "Programme de soutien à la mise à niveau et à l'amélioration des sentiers et des sites de pratique d'activités de plein air" (PSSPA) aims to improve recreational sites so that more residents can enjoy the outdoors. The members of council in charge of the parks Michael Laplume, Bruno Côté, Jacques Marcoux and Jason Ball would like to thank volunteers Éric Deschênes, Lucie Blanchard, Raymond Gagnon and Shane Bradley for their assistance as well as municipal employees Martin Maltais, Trish Wood, Alexandra Leclerc and Ronney Korman.

## THE LIBRARY AWAITING OPENING



The Government of Quebec has authorized public libraries to open their circulation counters. Since the safety of our staff and citizens is a top priority, the municipality is working on the security procedures necessary for the eventual opening of all municipal services, including the library. An announcement will be made on the municipal website and on the ‘Potton en bref Plus’ Facebook page.

## PUBLIC MARKET OPEN UNTIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>



In accordance with the new security directives, the public market opened on Saturday 23 May and more than 120 people turned up. Every Saturday the market offers a variety of vegetables, herbs, flower baskets, local meat and fish, cheese, yoghurt, eggs, pastries, honey and other fresh products throughout the season. Come and shop outdoors and support your local producers. It is more important NOW than ever! For more information: Gwynne Basen 450 292-0732

## REGULATORY CHANGES AFFECTING THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF DESTINATION OWL'S HEAD

At its regular meeting on Monday, May 4th, the Town Council launched the process of major regulatory changes affecting the adoption of the Owl's Head Master Development Plan. It should be noted that council did not expedite this process, whether it was planned, among the two parties, Destination Owls Head and the Municipality to begin in May.



At this meeting, the development of the OH7 zone was discussed, where septic tanks and wells will replace the sewer and water systems. The other issue was the overall development plans (PAE) and the need to respect the MRC Memphremagog's development plan, which includes, among other things, the development of the land and all the work related to the development, such as the proposed roads and typical buildings, the maintenance of wooded areas, as well as a land division plan for the entire zone.

The Master Plan will be reviewed by the 'Comité consultatif d'urbanisme' (CCU), which will make its recommendation to the Town Council at an early stage. The final version of this plan will reflect the comments received during the public consultation and the latest council considerations. Changes to the urban planning by-laws will then be necessary and will be subject to a new public consultation and, if necessary, a vote by persons authorized to do so.

In conclusion, it is important to note that the Destination Owl's Head project will have a major economic impact on our community for many years to come and that it must be developed in accordance with our values.



### NEW OPENING HOURS OF THE TOWN HALL FROM JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>

During the summer period, the opening hours of the Town Hall will be Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and **Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** This schedule will be in effect from July 3 to August 28, 2020.



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