



# POTTON IN BRIEF



June 2021

## Council Recent Decisions

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:** Resolution to maintain the bilingual status of the municipality, use of voting by mail for the general election of November 7, 2021, and for any procedure restarted following this election (according to the rules resulting from the pandemic), cancellation of the voting by mail for people registered on the electoral or referendum list for a title other than that of domiciled persons, subsidy agreement with the VHR Club of Potton Township.

**PERSONNEL:** Adjustment to the salary of the public works foreman and hiring of attendants for the Tourist office.

**MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES:** Purchase of a service vehicle pour the Parks and Green Spaces department.

**PROPERTIES AND RENTED SPACES:** Awarding of a contract for the maintenance of rest areas and for wood cutting. Authorization for a public call for tenders for the purchase of a refrigeration unit for the outdoor rink.

**TRANSPORT AND ROADS:** Awarding of the contract for the cutting of brush along road sides.

**PUBLIC HYGIENE:** Authorization to sign an agreement with Destination Owl's Head for the repair of the raw water intake in Lake Memphremagog and a second agreement relating to the increase of the capacity of the drinking water equipment in the Owl's Head sector.

**TOWN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:** Minor derogation; 73 Knowlton-Landing Road, addition to a dwelling, 28 Bécassines Road, Construction of a guest house, PIIA-6 : Panorama Road, Construction of a multi-family dwelling (Glazz4), Panorama Road, Construction of a multi-family dwelling (Glazz5), Girls Camp Road, Subdivision of lots, PIIA-2, 340 rue Principale, Installation of two new signs, PIIA-5, Traversée Road, Construction of a single-family dwelling, PIIA-6, 40 Chevreuils Road, Renovation.

**NOTICE OF MOTION:** for bylaw number 2020-469-A regarding the circulation of off-road vehicles on municipal public roads and for an amendment to the bylaw on minor derogations pertaining to the construction of roads within the municipality.

**ADOPTION OF BYLAWS:** Bylaw number 2003-313-D modifying bylaw 2003-313 and its amendments regarding the management of the municipal wharf in Vale Perkins and draft bylaw number 2020-469-A repealing bylaw 2020-469 authorizing the circulation of off-road vehicles on public roads.

Audio recording of the meeting available at: <https://potton.ca/en/elections-and-referendums/>

## Municipal News

### RECRUITMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> ELECTIONS

Are you interested in helping with the upcoming municipal elections and are you available during the election period or on election day? The Election Chairman of the Municipality of the Township of Potton needs you!

You must be available for 4 days (3 days dedicated to advance polling and the day of the election). You can register by email at [dg@potton.ca](mailto:dg@potton.ca) or call 450 292-3313 # 223.



### HOW TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE

The following positions are open for nominations: Mayor and Councillors

To be a candidate, the person must obtain the declaration of candidacy form from the office of the Election Director at the Town Hall and return it completed between September 17 and October 1 at 4:30 p.m. For full details:

<https://www.electionsquebec.qc.ca/english/municipal/candidate/how-to-run-as-a-candidate.php>

### VOTERS

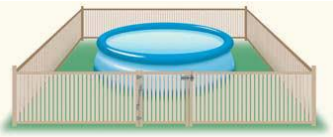
To find out if you're a qualified voter at an election:

<https://www.electionsquebec.qc.ca/english/municipal/list-of-electors/conditions-for-exercising-your-right-to-vote.php>

### MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

A page dedicated to the elections will be available at the end of June. You will find all the information and links at <https://potton.ca/en/elections-and-referendums/>

### END OF GRANDFATHERING FOR POOLS BUILT BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2010



In response to a recommendation that has been made by corners over the past few years, the Residential Pool Safety Regulation (provincial regulation) has been amended and will apply to ALL pools as of July 1, 2021, regardless of when they were installed.

Owners of pools built before November 1, 2010, were grandfathered in and did not have to comply with the protective measures set out in the Regulation. Now they will have to. Considering the costs associated with the installation of an enclosure, particularly for in-ground and semi-in-ground pools, a two-year delay is granted to the owners concerned to bring their pool area up to standard, which must be completed by July 1, 2023.

### Inspection during the summer period

In order to ensure compliance with these adjusted safety standards, the Municipality's Urban Planning Department will be conducting inspections of properties with pools over the coming months.



## VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Do you like to drive? Do you have time to give? Do you enjoy helping others who need help? If you answered yes to any of these questions, have you considered becoming a volunteer driver?

For more information, please contact Debbie or Krysten at the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre 450 292-3114.

## ENVIRONMENT



There are invasive species in our area! These plants (and animals) can negatively impact local biodiversity and the economy.

### Invasive Aquatic Species Include:



**Eurasian Watermilfoil:** Grows in highly disturbed lakes. This invasive species crowds out local plants and competes for sunlight and nutrients.

**Zebra Mussels:** Only reaching a size of 2-2.5cm, this small invasive species can negatively impact waterways by killing off phytoplankton, a food source for many native aquatic fish species.



**What Can You Do?** Wash boats and equipment to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic species in our lakes!



### Invasive Terrestrial Species Include:

**Giant Hogweed:** DO NOT TOUCH!



An invasive species that can grow up to 5 m in height, this plant is classified as a medical hazard. The sap of the plant can cause second and third degrees burns. If you see them, call the municipality so that they can be removed professionally.

**Japanese Knotweed:** This species can degrade the quality of river beds and wetland habitats. It is also known to grow through concrete which can damage homes and infrastructure.



**Common Reed:** This invasive species is very fast growing and will outcompete native species for space. It is known to alter wetlands and wetland habitats, negatively impacting biodiversity.

**What Can You Do?** Locate them and DO NOT spread them! If you see Giant Hogweed, let the municipality know! For more information, visit the page:

<https://potton.ca/en/environment/invasive-alien-species/>

## LEISURE ACTIVITIES

The following activities do not require registration and take place all summer long at Missisquoi North Park, André-Gagnon sector. You are welcome to join the group at any time: petanque, tennis, pickleball, the walking club for the 50+.

For more information: <https://potton.ca/en/recreation-and-culture/activities/activities-for-adults/>



### ZUMBA FITNESS!

June 15th – July 20th / 6 weeks

Tuesdays from 5 :30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Multifunctional Shelter – Missisquoi North Park

\$ 65 / 6 classes

Minimum of 10 persons required.

Pre-registration required before June 11th at:

<https://www.astrafitness.ca/forfaits/forfait1x-semaine-potton/>

or [annelise@astrafitness.com](mailto:annelise@astrafitness.com) 450-955-9008

## TOURIST OFFICE

The Tourist Information Office located at 291, rue Principale (former CIBC bank) is now open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. As of September 7 (after Labour Day), the office will be open only on weekends until October 11 (Thanksgiving).

Residents are welcome! To enjoy our beautiful hiking trails in the township, come in and pick up maps of the Missisquoi North Trails and Ruitter Valley Land Trust Trails and your free pass to the Green Mountains Nature Reserve. We also have guides to all other regions of Quebec if you are planning a vacation in the province.

We look forward to serving you!



### MUNICIPAL BEACH

The Vale Perkins Beach will be open with lifeguards from June 23 to August 15, 2021, 6 days a week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The beach is closed on Wednesdays.



### SUMMER SCHEDULE AT THE TOWN HALL

The opening hours of the Town Hall are

Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from

1:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. / Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This schedule will be in effect until Friday, August 27, 2021.



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