

POTTON IN BRIEF

Council Recent Decisions



November 2021

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION : Results following the election, appointment of pro-mayor, modification of authorized signatures and adoption of the official dates for the regular municipal council meetings in 2022;

FINANCES : Appropriation of unallocated surplus to finance the granting of financial assistance within the municipal program for the upgrading of septic systems, authorization to proceed with a payment for the construction of the recirculated water play area at the Missisquoi-North river park, André Gagnon sector;

PERSONNEL : Hiring of a townplanning agent;

PROPERTIES AND RENTED SPACES : Authorization to renew maintenance contracts for the air conditioning equipment in municipal buildings and also to sign a three-year agreement for the rental of the basement of St-Cajetan Church;

PUBLIC SECURITY : Adoption of the basic principles of an occupational health and safety policy and also of an occupational health and safety policy for a pandemic, purchase of an intelligent training system (ITS) on the handling of portable fire extinguishers for the Fire and Civil Safety Service;

TRANSPORTATION AND ROADS : Annual report regarding the inspection of private roads for the renewal of service agreements, acceptance of subcontractors for the snow removal contracts and mandate to the Union of Quebec municipalities for the purchase of calcium as a dust suppressor for 2022;

TOWNPLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT : PIIA-5 : Lot 6 243 270, montée du Trille, construction of a single-family dwelling;

NOTICE OF MOTION AND BYLAWS : Bylaw number 2019-459-B modifying bylaw 2019-459 and its amendment establishing the rules of delegation, control and budget monitoring, bylaw number 2021-480 decreeing a loan of \$ 1,409,000 to finance the subsidy allocated from the Quebec ministry of Transport granted under the local road assistance program and bylaw number 2021-481 determining the tax rates and tariffs for the 2022 fiscal year and the conditions for collection.

The next council meeting will be held on December 6.

Please reserve your seat. Audio recordings of the meetings are available at

<https://potton.ca/en/municipality/municipal-affairs>

Municipal Information

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

New! This year, Santa Claus will give a gift to all the children of the Township.

To do so, you must register your child at loisirs@potton.ca

or call 450 292-3313 ext. 228 before November 27th.

Friday, December 3rd - 6:30 p.m. at Place Manson.



ROCK-A-THON

On Saturday the 20th of November, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) will hold their annual Rock-a-Thon fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Youth Centre where rockers will rock for four consecutive hours raising funds for the youth programs of the CABMN.

If you would like to support the youth programs, please contact

Mable Hastings by email - m.hastings@cabmn.org/ and let her know the

amount and where she can collect the donation. A tax receipt will be issued for all donations of \$20. Please note that there will be youth going around asking for donations.

If you would like to write a check, please make it to "The Mansonville SADD Chapter" with the notation "Rock-a-thon". Donations can be mailed to the following address:

Centre d'Action bénévole CABMN, 314B, rue Principale, Mansonville QC J0E 1X0.

Thank you for your support and kindness in donating to this annual youth program fundraiser!

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS



Partage / Share – Christmas Food Baskets (Potton and Bolton-Est)

At this time of the year, the committee encourages you to remember those in need.

How to donate:

Monetary gifts (mailed or delivered) and non-perishable foods are both greatly appreciated. Please drop non-perishable foods in one of our containers located in the area or bring them to the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre at

314-B, rue Principale, Mansonville QC J0E 1X0.

How to register:

To receive a Christmas Food Basket, you must come to the Volunteer Centre and fill out a form between **NOVEMBER 1, 2021, TO DECEMBER 3, 2021.**

All requests are treated confidentially.

GRANT TO THE ROUND BARN FROM THE MRC

The Municipality of the Township of Potton is pleased to announce that the Place de la Grange-Ronde Committee received a grant from the MRC's "Programme Fonds régions et ruralité" (FRR) totalling \$ 49 950 to make necessary improvements to the public market site. This combined with the grant received from the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (MAPAQ) the project has been awarded \$170 000. The municipality would like to sincerely thank the following volunteer committee members, Gwynne Basen, Edith Smeesters, Loraine Rouillard, Claude Bédard and Sylvie Boisvert.



ACTION PATRIMOINE AWARD



Action-Patrimoine presented a prestigious award to the GBMP for the restoration of the Mansonville Round Barn during an international online symposium in October 20-21.

The Heritage Awards jury was particularly sensitive to the fact that the Round Barn restoration project was carried out by a group of volunteers and was seen as an inspirational project for the heritage community.

You can watch the awards presentation here (from minutes 35 to 40)

<https://www.facebook.com/Actionpatrimoine/videos/592453245434735/>

UPDATE ON HIGH-SPEED INTERNET



A step was recently taken in the project to implement High-Speed Internet in our province.

On March 22, 2021, the governments of Quebec and Canada launched "Opération Haute Vitesse". The first phase targets 148,000 households, for a joint investment of \$826.3 million. The second phase targets an additional 18,200 new homes and accelerates deployment to 34,500 homes covered by previous rounds of funding, for a total investment of \$94 million. All projects funded by "Opération Haute Vitesse" must be completed by September 2022.

The company selected to cover the municipalities of the Memphremagog MRC is Cogeco.

Over the past few weeks, Cogeco has been conducting an inventory of homes without high-speed Internet access (HSI). The Quebec government is currently analyzing and validating this inventory to ensure that no eligible residence is missed.

In the meantime, Cogeco is finalizing the engineering of the project and permit applications to access the support infrastructure (poles and strands). Only once these steps are completed will Cogeco be able to plan the construction work, and therefore confirm the work schedule for our municipality.

It is important to note that all accessible year-round residences with a Hydro Quebec meter are eligible for "Opération Haute Vitesse". Unlike previous programs, there is no "list of addresses and routes" since the entire territory is covered.

Remember that the minimum speed offered must be 50 Mbps (megabit per second) for downloading and 10 Mbps for uploading. In addition, the price of the packages will have to be like those offered in the major cities.

An interactive map will be available at the beginning of 2022 on the Quebec government's website, to allow citizens to obtain more details on the projects financed by "Opération Haute Vitesse" and their progress.



SKATING COACH WANTED



The Municipality of the Township of Potton is seeking a dynamic coach for its two new skating programs: "Learn to Skate" and "Introduction to figure skating". The program will run 8 to 10 weeks this winter, on either Saturday or Sunday, at the outdoor skating rink of the multifunctional shelter in the Missisquoi North River Park, André-Gagnon sector.

Generous hourly salary offered. For more details: Trish Wood
450 292-3313 ext. 228 / loisirs@potton.ca

EXHIBITION AT THE LIBRARY from November 3 to 27, 2021,
Marie Lyne Phare, painter



MARCHÉ DE NOËL MANSONVILLE

The Christmas market is back! Thanks to the dedication of two citizens who wanted to maintain the holiday spirit in our village and encourage our talented and creative artisans.

Thank you, Sarah-Ann Bellefeuille-Woodard, and Jeannette Bellefeuille, for keeping this tradition alive! Saturday, December 4 and 11, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baluchon Elementary School, 330 rue Principale, Mansonville.

Marché de Noël de Mansonville

Samedis 4 et 11 décembre
9 h à 17 h / 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 4 and 11

École Le Baluchon School
330, rue Principale

On-site Cafétéria sur place

Chandails, tuques et chapeaux, arrangements floraux, produits d'alpaga, articles en bois, chandelles, bijoux, tasses, tartes et confitures et plus encore...

Sweaters and hats, flower arrangements, alpaca products, wooden items, candles, jewelry, mugs, pies and jams and more...

Merci aux organisatrices / Thanks to the organizers
Sarah-Ann Bellefeuille-Woodard et Jeannette Bellefeuille



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