



Potton in brief

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This Potton in brief has been included in your annual tax mailing; please note also that there is a separate information sheet regarding upcoming municipal elections in November 2017 – Important!

Recent decisions by the Municipal Council

Current business: request to Câble Axion to include Potton in its application for grants – **for more information**, see below in *Community information*.

Finances: claims submitted for grants on road work done in 2016; an appropriation from the municipal surplus has been authorized to update office technology equipment.

Staffing: an Assistant treasurer & Accountant has been hired to replace our accountant as she retires; also, two new rookie firemen have been hired.

Planning, urbanism and development: one mandate was renewed for the Urbain Advisory Committee; another mandate remains open, to be filled; three (3) minor exemptions were granted, as well as one request under a planning and architectural integration programs bylaw.

Adopted bylaw: modifications to the bylaw governing the municipal Ecocentre were adopted, regulating certain waste that cannot be accepted and the illegal dumping on site.

Only the text of Council resolutions contained in the Minutes is valid; the decisions summarized herein are for information only.

Winter driving conditions: please dial 511 for the provincial roads of the Ministry of transportation, in case of bad conditions. These roads are: Vale Perkins, Mansonville road 243, Lake road and Cooledge, and the Missisquoi Valley road; for all others (municipal roads) please call 310-4141 – the Sûreté du Québec (no area code required). **You must not use 911 for bad driving conditions – 911 is for emergencies only.**

Community Information

Our two governments, federal and provincial, have created financial assistance programs for the **implementation of high-speed Internet in underserved areas**. The Township of Potton includes several underserved areas. In particular, this concerns all sectors of Potton not served by Axion. As part of the process, it is up to us to prove that this is the case. We therefore need to know the download and upload speed of your internet connection, which can be obtained by a simple test available at www.speedtest.net. If you are willing, give us your name and address and the two speeds (download and upload) in Mbps. Please send them to: internetpotton@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please don't call the Town Hall but email them to the above address. We need to move quickly because the application for financial assistance must be submitted by March 13th.

New **Library art exhibit** until March 6th: Convergence, presented by Danielle Lévesque: Acrylics on paper and canvases.

Cinema Potton's films at the Potton Town Hall at 7:30 pm. Admission: students \$5, members \$7, non-members \$9.

- January 26th: **Eight days a week**, a 2016 documentary on the touring years of the Beatles by Ron Howard. French subtitles.
- February 2nd: **Juste la fin du monde**, Quebec drama by Xavier Dolan, awarded the Grand Prix at the Cannes Film Festival in 2016.
- February 19th at 11 am at the Town Hall: **Seeds of Time followed by a Potluck**. This event is in partnership with the Mansonville Public Market

The **Festive Heart Activities calendar** has now been sent to permanent residents and is also available on-line at www.potton.ca. Over 15 exciting activities are planned during the month of February all free or for a minimal cost. Break up the winter blues and participate. For more information: (450) 292 3313 ext. 228

Snowshoe or cross country excursions are organised by the Potton Heritage Association each Saturday morning from January 7th until February 25th. Visit pottonheritage.org/ for more details.

Parent group-The Tiny Tots Circle- for parents and children ages 0-5 years is starting over as of January 20th. Join the Tiny Tots Circle and enjoy getting to know fellow parents in Potton. They have a wide range of activities with weekly programming from October to June including free workshops: motor skills, arts and crafts, special guests and much more. Day: Fridays from 10 to 11 am; where: on rotation depending on the workshop, detailed calendar on the municipal website at www.potton.ca; free admission. For more information and to join the mailing list, call 450-292 3313 ext. 228

The Youth Center Activities:

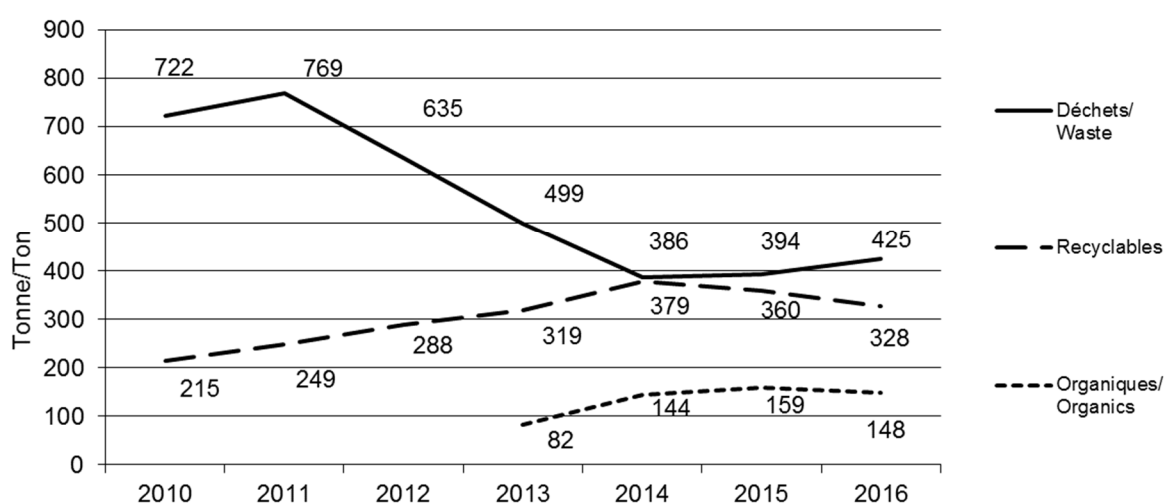
- Thursdays: Boys Group (boys, age 5-12) 2:30 - 4:30 pm
- Fridays: Girls Group (girls, age 5-12) 2:30 - 4:30 pm
- Fridays: SADD (high school students) 7 pm
- Friday Drop-in (age 12+): 7 - 10 pm
- Saturday: Leadership 3 - 4:30 pm
- Saturday Drop-in (age 12+): 4-10 pm
- January 27: Movie Night 7 pm
- January 28: Second Hand Jewellery Sale 9 am - 3 pm (at the YC)
- February 3: Super Smash Bros. tournament 7 pm (YC)
- February 4: Winterfest 10 am (at MES, 5 Marion Atwell)
- February 10: Game Night 7 pm (YC)
- February 11: Hockey Viewing 7 pm (YC)

Environment

Our user-pay system for waste, combined with your great management of recyclable and organic waste including those that you bring to the Ecocentre, have helped to increase our performance when diverting materials from the landfill; we are among the best at being the most efficient in the MRC of Memphrémagog! Since 2011 this translates into an increase of 39% of the amount we receive annually based on our performance in reducing landfill. We therefore encourage you to continue your efforts for a proper management of residual materials! The orange ties used to close your waste bags are also included here, together with your 2017 municipal tax bill.

- You do not live in Potton full-time and you find the **pick-up schedule difficult to follow?** Remember that the residual material drop-off service will continue in 2017 at 5, West Hill Road, on Sundays between 1 pm and 5 pm. You can bring your waste, organic matter and recyclable materials (including Styrofoam and plastics no.6). Garlands of Christmas lights are also accepted.
- What you can not bring on Sundays: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), such as oils, paints, pesticides, fluorescent lamps, neon lights, electronic equipment, building materials and bulky items.
- The full Ecocentre service will resume on Saturday mornings from May 6th to October 28th. During this period, you will be able to bring HHW, building materials, bulky items, electronic equipment, clothing, and tires.
- You can dispose of your bulky items throughout the year by calling the Ressourcerie des Frontières home pick-up service at 1-855-804-1018.

The evolution of residual materials quantities from 2010 to 2016 are as follows:



Nine apartments are available at \$647/month at « Potton Apartments ». Monthly rent may be reduced with AccèsLogis. The dining room is available for community or private events. Info: 450-292-3323 or lesappartementspotton@gmail.com.

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