

Recent decisions by the Municipal Council

Out of the ordinary decisions:

- ✓ Second attempt to obtain a grant for the short-term repairs required at the municipal wharf in Vale Perkins.
- ✓ A special request was granted to conduct a live-fire drill by burning down an old “*chalet*” at the request of its owner. Such an event is possible through special authorizations and with stringent security measures deployed. This will happen May 27th.
- ✓ The first phase of construction for the auxiliary well for the Village will start soon—Council has awarded, after a call for tenders, the contract for an exploratory well and tests.
- ✓ The Township refuses to get involved in a government scheme about some new technology for sewage treatment for isolated residences (i.e. not on a town water network). The government decrees that, in the case of such systems, the Town will be responsible for upkeep, inspection and all costs. This technology is not indispensable at this time as many other systems exist.
- ✓ A new bylaw (2017-440) has been enacted, replacing the old 2011 bylaw concerning fire and civil safety (this old bylaw was complicated by its numerous amendments since 2011). Some requirements have been simplified, and some standards have been revised downward. Please consult our website at <http://potton.ca/canton/service-incendie>.

Recurring and run of the mill decisions:

The Township continues to hire summer employees (4 positions filled).

We have been experiencing problems sending Potton in brief by email. Our new website should be launched very soon and you will be able to register online to receive your monthly Bulletin. We would like to thank you for your patience.

Building and using a compost toilet: this workshop will be led by Edith Smeesters (a biologist) at Abbondanza Farm on May 13th from 9:30 am to 1 pm. Cost: \$40 includes a delicious lunch. Outdoor compost toilets are a great sustainable alternative to the outhouse. They are simple to build, safe, easy to use and very

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environmentally friendly. Commercial compost toilets and regulations will be also be discussed. For more information call Gwynne Basen (450) 292-0732 abbondanzafarm@gmail.com.

Cinéma Potton: Thursday, May 18th at 7:30 pm, at the Town Hall of Potton, Cinema Potton will present Moonlight, American drama directed by Barry Jenkins in 2016. Best Film’s Winner at the Oscars in 2017. Original English version. Cost: members \$7, students \$5, non-members \$9.

WOW! Spartan Race returns at Owl’s Head! On the weekend of May 27th and 28th. Spartan Race, the global leader in Obstacle Course Racing, will be conquering the hills of Owl’s Head. Different categories are available, including Junior Circuit for young athletes. For all Spartan-related information including registration, fees for both spectators and racers, parking and more, please visit www.spartanrace.ca.

Neighbours Day: Saturday, June 10th. We encourage you to get together with your neighbours and organize your own celebration. Many options are available to you: cocktail parties, barbecues, potlucks, dessert contests, and more. For party ideas and general tips, please visit www.fetedesvoisins.qc.ca. For more information or to reserve your promotional materials 450-292-3313 ext. 228 or loisirs@potton.ca. If your host or attend an event, please send us some photos!

The Potton Day Camp is looking for volunteers. If you would like to get involved with the young people of this community, we are encouraging you to join us and share your expertise. Workshop ideas include: specialized arts & crafts, painting, jewellery making, wood & bush art, music, storytelling, sporting activities. We are open to ideas and suggestions and will supply the materials needed. Call: 450-292-3313 ext. 228.

Registrations for the Day Camp and the Soccer program: registration took place the weeks of April 24th through Saturday, May 6th. Registrations are still accepted but we encourage you to do so promptly. A late fee charge of \$10 per child will apply. You can register at the Town Hall Monday to Friday from 9 am to 12:15 pm and from 1:30 to 3:45 pm. As for the Soccer program, we are coordinating the teams for the summer. We will not be able to guarantee a place for your child if you register after May 13th. Details: www.potton.ca

The Potton Tourist Office opened its doors on May 3rd. The opening hours will be variable until May 16th. From this date, it will be open 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm until October 22nd. Address: 4 rue des Pins, opposite the Manson Park. Information: 450-292-4403 or 450-292-3313 bureautouristique@potton.ca

The Potton Young Talent troupe is proud to invite you to its theatrical show on Thursday, May 25th at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall. This show is realized by 11 elementary school children and Super Hiro Productions who are celebrating 10 years of children's theatre in the area, thanks to the Municipality of Potton and the Optimist Club of Mansonville. Come applaud our young talents in great numbers!

The **Organizing Committee** for this year's 25th edition of the **Multicultural Festival** is currently recruiting volunteers. If you would like to get involved in Potton's largest, annual event please call 450-292-3313 ext. 228. Donate 1 to 2 hours of your time on Friday, August 11th or Saturday, August 12th. Get involved and be part of the 25th celebration!

Environment

- **Drop-off your branches** at the former dump site on Traitement-des-Eaux Road, off Bellevue, on May 27th from 1:30 to 4 pm.
- Would you like to get rid of large items? **Call Ressourcerie des Frontières** at 819-804-1018 for free pickup at your door. Please protect your items from the rain since they want to reuse or repair them. Don't leave them on the roadside.
- **Shrubs to plant along the shoreline** will be available again this spring. Information and forms available at the Town Hall or on the municipal website before May 12th.
- We should receive compost at the Ecocentre around mid-May. Please check out potton.ca to know when exactly.

New! To celebrate **Tree and Forest month**, a Tree distribution will take place on Saturday, May 20th from 10 to 12 am on 5 West Hill Road. Come and get your free tree and learn more about the species available.

The Potton Fire Department & the First Responders will celebrate their 25th anniversary with a Beef & Pork BBQ on Saturday, June 10th at Owl's Head Ski Chalet. Starts at 2:00 pm. On-site bar (Beer & Wine). Cost: \$20 per person. Tickets sold by the fireman and at the participating merchants.

Bottle Drive for the benefit of Le Baluchon Elementary School in Mansonville. From May 19th to June 2nd: deposit sites will be placed for your convenience in different sectors of Potton and Bolton-East. On June 3rd: at Le Baluchon school from 9 am to 3 pm.

Mansonville Baptist Church is welcoming Randy Janzen of Winnipeg for summer ministry starting on June 4th. At that first meeting at 10 am Randy will talk about how he deals with partial blindness. Come and hear his encouraging words. He will do some youth ministry and along with Myriam Gaudreau and will host a Bible-based day camp August 7 to 11 from 9 am until noon. Contact: Walter Stairs at 450-243-6810 or Sandy Jersey at 819-861-9129.

On June 15th, as part of the **World day for the fight against seniors' abuse**, express your organization's commitment by signing the Charter for well-being created by the Concertation Estrienne. You are invited to attend one of the two conferences on the theme of bullying and mistreatment of seniors held at the Auditorium des Tisserand de L'espace Culture de Magog (90 St. David st.) conference will be given in French at 1:30 pm followed by one in English at 4 pm after the signing of the Charter. To register or for more information please contact Angelle Laplume at the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB) at 450-292-3114 ext. 103.

Aux champs mère-terre is a new business located on 35 Fontaine Road in Potton and is part of the "Créateurs de saveurs" network. The owner, Diane Ouellette, grows two types of not so common berries: haskap and black chokeberries. The first will be ready for U-Pick at the end of June, the second will have to wait until the end of the summer. Watch for her sign at the corner of road 243 and on our website. For more information: 450-292-3546

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