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## Recent decisions by the Municipal Council

**General:** Council has selected a new municipal logo, visible here (at the top of the page). This logo will gradually be introduced everywhere. More details below, in Community Information.

**Administration:**

Several resolutions were adopted to confirm or correct named individual employees to enforce the requisite municipal laws.

The Town supports a grant request made for the "Cercles des Bambins", for the English program (Minipolly). The Petits Ziboux Coop already finances the French program (*Brindami*).

Call for candidates for the summer town jobs is approved and will be posted shortly. Watch for it.

**Municipal taxes:**

More than \$200,000 of taxes are currently in arrears. As for each year, the Town will go after those taxes vigorously; ultimately, beginning of June 2017, unpaid arrears will see the properties being auctioned of by the Town for unpaid taxes. The deadline to pay arrears is March 18<sup>th</sup> 2017.

**Public Works:**

All calls for tenders for gravel, calcium liquids and for hourly rates of road works have been authorized and will be executed soon.

**Filing of annual reports:**

The following have been filed and can be consulted by the public: reports of the Advisory Committee for Sustainable Development, Advisory Potton Patrimonial Committee, and the annual report of operations of the municipal Ecocentre.

**Town planning:**

The positions of the Urban Advisory Committee are now filled with the last nomination of Mr. Jean Soumis.

Council has decided to reopen the project to modify the zoning in the AFI-1 zone (North-East end of the Township, nearby Sugar-loaf Pound road) in order to permit the construction of a telecommunication tower, as again requested by Bell Mobility.

## Community Information

**Logo:** As you can see above, a new logo for Potton has been adopted! This will be used as a marketing tool to promote the Township tourism and economic development. The logo's components are: the shape of a barn represents the agricultural heritage that is found throughout the territory, with a reference to the Round Barn. The summit of the barn, the three green points and the blue point represent the five main mountains of Potton (Singer, Owl's Head, Bear, Sugar Loaf and Peavey). The green lines symbolize the spectacular nature and landscapes. The blue triangle evokes community, lakes and rivers. The colors represent: nature (green), our agricultural heritage (gold), lakes, rivers and community (blue).

**The Municipality is currently seeking a candidate** for the following position: Tourism Development and Communication Agent. Requirements are: university degree or recognized diploma in tourism, communications, or marketing, at least three years of experience in a related field, good working knowledge of mainstream software, social media sites and website editing, experience with project management, marketing, and promotions. Must be completely bilingual for written and oral communication. This position is full-time, 40 hours per week from May to October and part-time, 3 days per week from November to April. To view the complete job, offer, visit [www.potton.ca](http://www.potton.ca).

**The Festive Heart Activities** are still ongoing. The program was sent to permanent residents and is also available online at [www.potton.ca](http://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

**An important information meeting** on the Round Barn will take place on Friday February 17th in French and on Friday February 24th at 5 pm in English. The purpose is to explain the future of this historic building: financial plan, vocation, current and future projects and its potential for the community.

**FREE C.P.R conference** offered by the Municipality, Saturday, February 25th 1:00-4:00 (English version) at the Town Hall. Learn the lifesaving technique of C.P.R (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and how to use a defibrillator. This conference will be delivered by your local First Responders. Reservations mandatory before February 22<sup>nd</sup>: (450) 292-3313 ext. 228

**Reminder of the services offered by the Lac-Memphremagog Caisse Populaire Des-jardins:** advisory services such as loans, savings, investments, others such as opening of account, setup for Acces-D online, telephone banking, virtual statements, integration of bills and adherence to direct withdrawals and deposits, all by appointment only (contact: Mrs. Michelle Ducharme 819-843-3328 ext. 7208341, [michelle.d.ducharme@desjardins.com](mailto:michelle.d.ducharme@desjardins.com) or Mr. Jean-François Lévesque Martel 819-843-3328 ext. 7208343, [jean-francois.levesque.martel@desjardins.com](mailto:jean-francois.levesque.martel@desjardins.com). Access to automatic teller's machines (ATM) at all time.

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

**Conference (in English) by Alexandre Trudeau**, brother of our Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau and author of: Barbarian Lost: Travels in the New China, on Saturday February 18th at 10 am. Tickets: \$5 sold only in advance at the Library. Coffee and croissants served.

**Cinema Potton** presents at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall of Mansonville:

Thursday February 16th, Dark horse, British documentary directed by Louise Osmond in 2015. French subtitles.

Thursday March 2nd, *Médecin de campagne*, French dramatic comedy directed by Thomas Lilti in 2016.

Admission: students 5\$, members 7\$, non-members 9\$.

February 19th at 11:00 am at the Town Hall: Seeds of Time followed by a Potluck. This is a documentary on the battle to preserve seeds for our future. This event is in partnership with the Mansonville Public Market.

Free admission.

**Elles pêchent sur la Missisquoi:** The 9th episode of the television series "*Elles pêchent*" was shot last summer on the Missisquoi River and will air on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm on Unistv, on Bell TV (ExpressVu) channel 150 and Axion channel 160. Reruns during the following week. The show is co-hosted by Suzanne Beaudet-Fortin (from Potton) with actress Louise Laparé. The guest of the day will be Lucille Veilleux, a fishing enthusiast who also has a residence in Potton. Here is the link on the broadcaster website where you can watch the program also: <http://unis.ca/elles-pechent>.

**Youth Centre Activities** (292, rue Principale, 450-292-4886)

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

February 25th: Snowshoeing and cookout starting at 3 pm

March 10th: Bingo at 7 pm

**Les Correspondances Eastman** are coming to town, when Pascale Montpetit and Lise Gauvin will be giving public readings at the Maison-Église Marie-Paule Villeneuve. An invitation to travel on the St-Lawrence River highlighted by stopovers during which the noted places will be linked to the works that celebrated them. Montréal with Dany Laferrière, the Sorel Islands with Germaine Guèvremont, Trois-Rivières a poets' city and Quebec with Anne Hébert and Jacques Poulin, Tadoussac and the Mingan Islands with Joséphine Bacon and Rita Mestokosho, and, finally, the Magdalene with Jacques Cartier and Christine Arsenault-Boucher. Space is limited, reservations are mandatory: [www.lescorrespondances.ca](http://www.lescorrespondances.ca).

**Please note on your agenda:** on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am a conference on the Coexistence and Proactive Management of the Beaver (in French only) will be given by Olivier Tremblay, Wildlife Manager, at the Bolton-East Town Hall on highway 245. Free admission.

**Some tips for improving the sorting of our residual materials:**

**Recyclable materials** must be loose in the blue bin, except soft plastics that must be collected in a tied bag.

**Organic materials** can be bulked in compostable bags in the brown bin.

It is recommended to put a newspaper in the bottom of the bin and to alternate the materials with other newspaper or paper to absorb any fluids and to prevent the materials from sticking to the bottom of the bin in winter.

In summer, you can pack odour causing waste (meat, fish) in newsprint and keep them in the freezer until collection.

You can compost the vegetable residues in your compost box. Tips are available on [www.potton.ca](http://www.potton.ca) or ask for help from a Compost Master (450-292-5093)

**Polystyrene** (including plastic # 6 and Styrofoam) can be brought all year round to the Eco-Centre Depot (5 West Hill Road) on Sundays between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

**Residual waste** (anything that does not fall into the blue or brown bin category) must be stored in a plastic bag with the official orange label. Potton was a pioneer in Quebec with this pricing system that has proven itself to empower the public to reduce the burial of residual materials. Let us prove to all that we are the best!

**Nine apartments are available** at \$647 per month at the « 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](mailto:lesappartementspotton@gmail.com).

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