

Recent decisions by the Municipal Council

Out of the ordinary decisions:

- ✓ Authorization for the formal request that Mansonville become a member of the Coeurs Villageois network in Quebec.
- ✓ Authorization to refinance three borrowing bylaws enacted in 2012 (roads during 2009 and water network in 2008 for the Owl's Head sector and firemen equipment in 2010 for the entire Township); this financing amounts to \$1,836,000, for 5 years, at an average interest rate of 2.09% per year; in five years the balance will be \$825,900.
- ✓ Council created a new working group to represent the Township when dealing with major service providers for Internet access. This group is referred to as the Permanent Internet Committee (PIC—CIP in French); it is composed of three Councillors (Michael Laplume, André Ducharme and Edith Smeesters) and Potton volunteers having some experience in this field of expertise.
- ✓ The Township finally received approval for the application of its share of grants under the new road restoration program announced in mid 2015 to Quebec municipalities. This five-year program envisions works valued at almost 3 million dollars in the Township, of which 50 to 75% would be paid by the government. A public call for tenders on the SE@O platform will be launched during the month of June 2017.

Recurring and run of the mill decisions:

Recurring authorization for events (cycling, walking) passing on municipal roads were given (Défi des Canton, Relais du Lac Memphrémagog); as well, authorization for account rendition for Recyc-Quebec and for the signature of the roadside annual brush cutting contract.

Council endorses a resolution demanding speedier passage of the project bill 122 (which has major impacts on municipalities); it also approves certain disbursements: our share of the North Missisquoi Valley upkeep of trails and of Action Memphré Ouest (\$16,891) and the first half of the bill for the Sûreté du Québec police service (\$267,894).

Lastly, Council approved a surplus appropriation in the amount of \$22,500; \$10,000 will go to the action plan of Coeurs Villageois; \$10,000 will be used for a project study for a new Community Centre, and \$2,500 will be used to fund the construction of a compost toilet at the Vale Perkins's rest area.

Community Information

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.



The Municipality of the Township of Potton is pleased to announce that the village of Mansonville has been accredited to the "Cœurs Villageois" network created by the Eastern Townships Tourism Association. To celebrate this event, local businesses and the citizens of Potton are invited to a brunch "Café-croissants" Sunday July 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Tourist Office, at 4, rue des Pins. Following the reception, enjoy "Sundays at the Park" concert at 11:30 a.m. RSVP required before July 5th: (450) 292-4403 or nguon.l@potton.ca

Water analysis: The Township of Potton wishes to make it clear that the water analysis advertisements that citizens receive in their mailboxes are not an initiative of the Municipality but of a private company. The Municipality declines any responsibility and offers no guarantee regarding the information contained in these advertisements.

The beach at Vale Perkins will be open every day but Wednesdays, from June 22nd to August 13th, from 10:30 am until 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am-6 pm. With lifeguard supervision.



Family Day at the Beach and Canada Day!: Saturday, July 1st from 12 pm to 4 pm (Sunday, in case of rain Saturday). Entertainment, music and fun for the entire family. Parking at the wharf is limited, please park at Owl's Head, where a shuttle will be available from 11:30 am to 4 pm. On the menu: sausages, corn and juices. (no containers made of glass allowed). Bring your lawn chairs. This event is promoted by the Municipality with generous contributions from Épicerie Jacques Ducharme, Euro Delli du Village and Jewett's Store.

Free Drop-In Pumptrack workshops every Friday, June 16th to August 4th, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Snack provided. Bring protective gear, helmet, water bottle and bike.

Sundays in the Park in Park Manson begins on July 2nd to August 27th starting at 11:30 with a variety of invited artists. Bring your lawn chair, a picnic and enjoy jazz, folk country, bluegrass, rhythm'n blues or celtic music etc. In case of rain, the concert will take place on the second floor of the Town Hall.



The Multicultural Festival committee 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!

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.



Hiking: A reminder that Potton citizens have free access to the Trails of the Green Mountain Nature Reserve. Call Town Hall for information on how to obtain your pass at (450) 292-3313

Hiking trails: The Missisquoi-Nord group is looking for volunteers to help with the maintenance of hiking trails. If you are interested in the challenge, please call Frank Ruiz at (450) 292-3542.

Community Garden: Would you be interested in reserving and harvesting your own section in a community garden in Mansonville? The Coeur Villageois committee would like to know your interest before planning this project. Call Diana at (450) 292-4403 or email at bureautouristique@potton.ca

Mansonville Public Market: There you'll find the freshest produce grown by local farmers as well as local meat, cheese and fish, baked goods, maple syrup, the Potton menir seeds and artisanal products. Meet your friends for a tasty cappuccino and snack at the CAFÉ DU MARCHÉ. Visit us on Facebook (marché public Mansonville public market) to get the schedule of activities and the latest updates on what's fresh and available. The Market is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday until Thanksgiving. Come and support your local producers!

Fundraising for an adaptive van : Sunshine House is trying to raise \$20,000 for the purchase of a newish van that will then be made adaptive for our family members who are living in Sunshine House. Tax receipts will be sent to you and your checks should be made out to Canton de Potton with a memo at the bottom, Sunshine House Van Project. Please send your checks to Stanley Lake, 107 Ruiter Brook, Mansonville, QC, J0E1X0. Thanking you in advance. For more information, contact Stanley Lake at (450) 292-3835 or s.lake@granby.net



Jobs Offer: Cathy Riendeau and David Rousseau Pharmacy affiliated with Familiprix will open its doors next September in Mansonville. They are looking for dynamic and motivated people for the positions of cashiers, floor clerks and warehouse clerks. Full-time and part-time positions available, salary based on experience and position, group insurance available. Beginning: August 2017. To apply, please contact David Rousseau and Cathy Riendeau at 2462proprio@familiprix.ca



Town job Offer: the position of foreman for Public Works will become available soon. Accordingly, this job opening is now posted on our website. A current CV is mandatory. The posting is also available at the Town office.

A meditation group meets every Sunday at 9 am in the Potton Apartments Community Hall, under the direction of Marie Garon, a Yoga teacher. Please enter through the back door that leads directly into the room, but be careful: be on time because the door will be closed after 9am. 27 Neil Armstrong Street in Mansonville. Everyone Welcome!

Purchase of a composter or barrel that collects rainwater for the house: The MRC of Memphrémagog offers its citizens a 50% refund (up to a maximum of \$ 30) until available funds are exhausted. Simply complete and send the MRC form available in the "Programs and Services" section of their website, along with the original purchase invoice and a photocopy of proof of residence. <http://www.mrcmemphremagog.com>



Permaculture for the home garden: June 17th -18th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday June 17th, Abbondanza Farm, Dunkin. The basics of Permaculture design, an ethical, sustainable design method that we can apply to help create self-sustaining gardens. **Sunday June 18th,** Le Noyau Farms, Frelighsburg. We will dig deep into soil health, mushrooms, companion planting and seeds, and how to combine plant varieties to get the best results in our gardens. Cost: 75\$ per day or 150\$ for the weekend includes a lunch on Saturday and Sunday and camping.

For more information: www.abbondanzafarm.com

Solar Power for beginners: Sunday, July 16th 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. This workshop led by Potton resident, Ron Alward, a pioneering solar engineer, will guide you through how you can use solar electricity around your home or cabin. You will learn what is available to buy and install yourself and see what others are already doing. Installation of a small solar electric system on site. Cost: \$40 For more information: www.abbondanzafarm.com



Tourism in Potton at the turn of the 19th century Exhibition: The vernissage will take place on June 23, at 5 pm, at the Mansonville Anglican Church. The event is open to all. The exhibition will continue on Saturdays, from June 24 to September 2, from 10 am to 3 pm.

For more information: http://patrimoinepotton.org/biblioapp/acti_ete_2017.pdf

Local art, books and products in Potton: A new art shop, books and local products will open its doors on July 1st at 297, rue Principale in Mansonville, from Friday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please contact Marie-Paule Villeneuve at (514) 346-5683.

Last activities at the Maison des Jeunes before the summer closing: Friday June 16th, Cinema Princess in Cowansville for the 5 to 12 years old, from 3 to 7 pm and barbecue at the Maison des Jeunes for 12 + at 6 pm. Saturday, June 17: Talent Show at 7:00 pm, Mansonville Elementary School.

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