

September 2017

Recent decisions by the Municipal Council

Out of the ordinary decisions:

- ✓ The new three-year municipal tax roll will be filed in preliminary form on September 15th. The final filing will be done on or before November 15th of this year. It becomes in force only January 1, 2018.
- ✓ The Council decided to support two additional requests for grants for the restoration of the Round Barn; these requests amount to an additional \$250,000 in funding.
- ✓ The Action Plan for the Mansonville Coeur Villageois continues to be implemented with authorizations to install benches on solid concrete foundations and to install a combo bench and plant support at the corner of Principal St. and Joseph-Blanchet St.

Recurring and run of the mill decisions:

Several authorizations were given for the payments of annual expenses (for the audit, for the lease of the municipal parking). Two new firemen were hired to provide for the succession plan of the force. Other decisions are of administrative nature and can be found in the minutes of the meeting. Finally, two bylaws were adopted following the earlier adoption of drafts: the conditional usage bylaw 2005-327-K (second reading) and the adoption of the bylaw governing invasive plant species.

Municipal Elections



In 2017, the Township citizens get to elect those amongst them who will make the decisions for the next four years: a mayor and six (6) councillors.

The electoral process can be divided into four distinct parts:

1. Preparing the electoral list
2. Registering the official candidates
3. A final review of the electoral list
4. The vote itself: by mail, during the advanced poll and the final voting day.

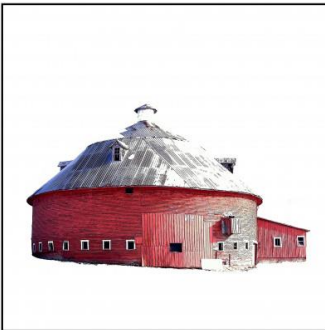
Here are the important dates:

- from **September 22 to October 6**, candidates will be able to register their candidacy (compulsory), either for mayor or for one of six councillors
- The following three (3) days are set aside to provide a forum to review one last time the electoral list:
 - **Wednesday, October 18th**, from 9:30 am to 12:30 and from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
 - **Thursday, October 19th**, from 9:30 am to 12:30 and from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
 - **Friday, October 20th**, from 3 pm to 6 pm and from 7 pm to 10 pm
- **October 29th**: date of the advance polling (Sunday), from noon to 8 pm
- **November 3rd**: last day that the Returning Officer can accept votes received by mail, either from the post office that day or at the municipal offices, before 4 pm, **last delay**
- **November 5th**: Sunday, day of the official vote, from 10 am to 8 pm.

For any questions, please call the Returning Officer (Thierry Roger) at 450-292-3313 ext. 223, or email at dg@potton.ca

Recently, the Government of Quebec finally recognized that the Municipal authorities were the closest and most effective government for local citizens and their ongoing affairs: this means your vote is important, so participate in the voting process (*and let it be known that you shall have no right to complain should you not exercise it!*)

Community Information



Fundraising for the Restoration of the Round Barn

The funding for this project has been rapidly progressing with various public and private contributions which brings the total confirmed funding up to \$150,000. We now call on all citizens and businesses to contribute as well to ensure that this exceptional heritage building can develop its cultural, tourist and community function in Mansonville. You can deposit a check at the Town Hall on behalf of the Municipality of the Township of Potton, with the mention "Restoration of the Round Barn".

Several very beautiful prizes will be drawn among donors over \$ 100 for a total value of more than \$ 2,000. A tax receipt will be issued for all donations. More details on potton.ca

CINÉMA POTTON presents on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall at 7:30 pm: Thursday, September 21st: LION, British-Australian drama directed by Garth Davis in 2017, in original Hindi-English version with English subtitles. Thursday, October 5th: FRANZ, French-German drama by François Ozon, made in 2017, in the original French version. Admission: students \$5, members \$7, non-members \$9.



CULTURE DAYS: The Potton Cultural and Heritage Committee invites the public to participate in the *Journées de la Culture* on September 29-30 and October 1, 2017. In addition to the exhibitions, concerts, outdoor activities and music in the village, there will be the inauguration of the sculpture “Angular Stones phase 2” at the Park André-Gagnon followed by the presentation of the Culture and Heritage Awards at the Town Hall.

THE HONEYSUCKLE SISTERS, with Sarah Briggs, Laura Barr and Almut Ellinghaus (vocals), Stanley Lake (trumpet), Michael Hynes (keyboard) and Kevin Sullivan (percussion). Swing music from the 30’s and 40’s in the Andrew Sisters’ style and original compositions. **Friday, September 29 at 8 pm** at St. Paul’s Anglican Church, 309, rue Principale, Mansonville. Free admission.

“**DERRIÈRE L’ÉCRAN**”: a lecture by Éric Perron, editor-in-chief of Ciné-Bulles magazine. **Saturday, September 30th, from 12 pm to 2 pm**—Free admission. **At 2:30 pm, “ROGER D’ASTOUS,”** documentary by Étienne Desrosiers on one of the most important Canadian architects of the 20th century, made in 2016. Free admission. Town Hall, 2, rue Vale Perkins, Mansonville.

CELTIC GROUP “TARCOLEN,” with the collaboration of the Celtic Harmonies Organization. Trio of Celtic music of Montreal with composer Laurence Beaudry on violin, composer and English concertina player Robin Beech and arranger-composer Richard Lupien on guitar. **Sunday, October 1 at 2:30 pm** at St. Paul Anglican Church, 309, rue Principale, Mansonville.



ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL, AT THE PUBLIC MARKET, IN FRONT OF THE ROUND BARN

Saturday, September 30, from 9 am to 1 pm Special Harvest Festival activities include tastings of seasonal food, demonstrations and an apple pie-baking contest with a well-known judge. Music with Dave Sturton from 10 am to noon.

THE FIRST ANNUAL POTTON APPLE PIE BAKING CONTEST!

Saturday, September 30th, come join us at the Mansonville Market Harvest Festival as local bakers compete for the honour of the best pie maker in Potton. Prizes and local judges. Come for the fun and for a taste of the best pies in town. To submit a pie, call Gwynne at 450-292-0732.





EXHIBITION AT THE POTTON LIBRARY from September 5th until September 29th: Stansje Plantenga will present her wildlife photography collection. The vernissage will take place on Friday, September 8th, from 5 pm to 7 pm at the Library, 2 Vale Perkins, Mansonville. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9 am to 4 p.m., Wednesday from 9 am to 6 pm, Saturday from 10 am to noon.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SHOWING YOUR ART AT THE LIBRARY IN 2018? We still have some vacancies left. All art types will be considered. Please contact Nathalie for more information at 450-292-3848 or bibliotheque@potton.ca.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Would you like to help plan cultural and recreative activities in your municipality? We need motivated and dynamic individuals to be part of the CCPP (Potton's Cultural and Heritage Committee). Meetings are held during the day (approximately 6 per year). You may also wish to be in charge of a new activity. If interested, please contact Gisèle McNabb at giseleCCPP10@gmail.com or 819-201-0506.



FREE INITIATION TO PICKLEBALL: Two days of Pickleball initiation will be held on Sunday, October 15 & 22 at 11:00 a.m. at the Elementary School in Mansonville. Pickleball is a racket sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. Rackets will be provided to those who want to try. For more information, please contact Lucie or Rolf Maurer at 450-292-4175.

WEEKLY YOUTH PROGRAMS AT THE YOUTH CENTRE: Drop-In will be restarting the end of September. Boys and Girls Groups will be restarting in October.



SEED SAVING WORKSHOP: Sunday, September 17th, from 10 am to 3 am. Have you always wanted to save seeds from your favourite garden vegetables and flowers but weren't quite sure how to do it? Well, it's easier than you think! In this workshop you will learn everything you need to get started saving and storing your own seeds. Cost: \$65, lunch included. Please visit www.abbondanzafarm.com for all the details of this workshop.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT A GIANT HOGWEED IS? It is an exotic invasive plant that grows along ditches, roads, banks of watercourses, etc. This plant is also toxic and poses a risk to health and to the environment. You are invited to an information session on this plant on **Sunday, September 10, 2017, from 10 am to 1 pm at 14, chemin des Pruniers in Mansonville.**



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