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July 2016

Township Council's recent decisions:

Parks and public spaces: Council authorizes the opening, on a daily basis (seven days a week) of the washrooms located inside the building at the André Gagnon park, from 9 am through 9 pm, at a cost approximating \$4,000 annually.

Public security: the Council authorizes the Township to acquire a piece of land located near the ski resort parking lot in Owl's Head, for the purpose of eventually construction an auxiliary fire hall.

Waterworks: a mandate is given to a specialized firm, for the purpose of conducting a risk analysis on the drinking water sources of the Township, as required by the provincial government.

Urbanism: a request for approval under the architectural implementation and integration plan (AIIP) number 5, for mountainous areas, was granted; Council agreed to support a citizen's request to the *Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec*.

Adopted bylaws - four (4) bylaws were enacted:

- Three standardized bylaws (also enacted by 15 of the Townships of the Memphrémagog MRC): peace and order, parking and concerning residential alarm systems.
- A new bylaw was adopted covering the delegation of the power to authorize expenditures by the officers of the Township (it replaces an older bylaw)

Employment opportunity at the Town Hall: the position of Support to citizen and receptionist is currently open to candidates looking for a challenge: call Claire Alger at 450-292-3313 ext. 222 or visit the municipal website.

Community information:

The 28th Tour des Arts takes place from July 16th to 24th with 39 artists to visit, of which 9 are in Potton. Various cultural activities take place during that week including the Festival of Words in Mansonville: see information below.

The Festival of Words on July 16-17 will be the first bilingual literary festival in Mansonville. A variety of authors will meet the public in different areas of the village. Namely, Elaine Kalman, Benoit Bouthillette, Yves Beauchemin, Nathalie Cooke and Anaïs Barbeau-Lavalette. More details on Potton.ca with links to festival websites.

Cinema Potton invites you on Sunday July 17th at 4pm at the Town Hall, to a presentation by Éric Perron, editor of the magazine Ciné-Bulles, on the theme "The challenges of adapting a literary work to the cinema". In French with translation available, free admission.

The Spartan Race takes place at Owls Head on July 16th/17th and 30th/31st. Information and registration: www.spartanrace.ca. There is a reduction for Potton residents, promotion code: potton. If you can offer accommodation, please contact Christine Baudinet: (514) 731-3554 or christinebaudinet@gmail.com

The 24th Potton Multicultural Festival takes place on August 12th and 13th with traditional, as well as new activities. These include a mini farm, a soapbox race, Karaoke, local musicians, BBQ, international food tasting, arts, crafts, local produce, photo competition, book sale (book donations welcome) and activities for children. To walk in the parade with your native flag, please contact Julie Bernier: julie.bernier4@gmail.com. More information: www.facebook.com/festivalmulticulturel.

Get involved in this year's festival by becoming a volunteer. Donate two hours of your time and lend a hand with one or more of the following activities: The Soap Box Race, Serving the Ethnic Lunch, Setting tables up for meals, judging the Karaoke Contest, supervise the Inflatable Games, etc. Please contact Trish (450) 292-3313 ext. 228. We are also looking for youth to help with the residual waste sorting: please contact Cynthia (450) 292-3313 ext. 336. Thank you in advance for your participation!

As part of its programme of **Sundays in the park**, the Culture and Heritage Committee of Potton will once again present musicians from our region. Performances will take place at the bandstand in Place Manson, Mansonville on Sundays, from July 3rd to Sunday, August 28th from 11 am to 1 pm with Jazz, funk, folk, country, bluegrass, rhythm'n blues, as well as songs, old and new! Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic lunch. In the case of rain, performances will be given in the Maison-église Marie-Paule Villeneuve, at 307 Main Street.

The public piano, decorated by Les Productions Super Hiro with help from the children of both primary schools in Mansonville, is once again installed under the roof of the bandstand. It is intended for any musician to make a joyous sound for all to hear, any time between 10 am and sunset.



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See you at the market! The Mansonville Public Market takes place every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm at the Round Barn. Local products on sale: vegetables, meats, fish, local cheeses, pastries, maple syrup, artisanal products as well as Potton's famous menhir seeds. Updates and special events at the market are announced on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MarchePublicMansonville/>

The Round Barn is open to the public every Saturday until October 8th from 10 am to 3 pm. The special exhibit feature is about covered bridges of the Eastern Townships. Items from past exhibits are on display, as well as art created by Austin artists.

Potton Heritage photo competition. Send your photos of barns, (though not the round barn) to Christian Smeesters (450-292-0547) before August 6th. Details on the APP website. <http://patrimoinepotton.org>

Library (information Chelsea Boisvert, 450-292-3948: bibliotheque@potton.ca):

- **Exhibition** at the Library: Nature, Landscapes and winged fauna by Raymond Gagnon. Also Paul Straton, Abenakis sculptor, is showing his collection of masks until the end of summer.
- **A bilingual literature evening** with Authors from Potton on July 18th at 7 pm during the Tour des arts. Everyone welcome!
- **Big book sale** on August 13th at 9 am. Contact Chelsea to donate your books.

Environment:

- **Water and energy saving products kits** will be available at the price of \$10 on July 23rd at the public market near the round barn from 9 am to 1pm.
- **Water testing kits** will be available again to private property owners with wells. Test kits may be picked up at the municipal garage (5, West Hill road) on August 20th, between 9 am and 1pm. Follow the instructions, and return the kit to the municipal garage on Sunday, August 21st between 1 and 5 pm, with a \$50 cheque.
- **Free compost** is offered at the municipal garage (5, West Hill Road) starting Saturday July 16th. The site is accessible on Saturdays from 8 am to 1 pm and on Sundays from 1 pm to 5 pm.
- **A public charging station for electric vehicles** has been installed in the park Manson, facing the tourist office.

The Centre de santé et de ressourcement spirituel Potton Springs, 52 Chemin de Potton Springs provides various activities contributing to wellbeing: Meditation, lithotherapy, visits to the springs, foot baths in sulphur waters, conferences and hiking are some of the activities that are offered. Registration and information: 450- 376- 2224 or 450-204-4041 or www.potton-springs.foundationpjy.ca:

- Sunday August 14th, from 9 am to 4 pm, **Youth camp**. Mindfulness meditation, walking in the forest and games suitable for children ages 5 and up.
- Sunday August 21st, 10 am to 4 pm, **Potton Springs Garden Party** for all the family.

Abbondanza Gardens and Workshops is offering several workshops in August and September:

- August 21st: Rock it - Making stonewalls and structures
- August 28th: Edible Landscaping made simple – Creating gardens that are good enough to eat.
- September 18th: Seed saving for everyone.
- The workshops take place from 10 am to 3 pm and include a delicious garden lunch. Details and sign up at <http://www.abbondanzafarm.com/>

Are you **interested in helping others**, especially seniors? Do you have a few hours to offer? The Missisquoi-North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) is in need of volunteers for its accompanied transport service, and to assist with government forms and requests. Explore the possibilities of volunteering according to your interests and availability. For more information: (450) 292-3114 or a.laplume@cabmn.org.

The campaign, "ABC of waste" makes sorting a kid's game. To make the public more aware of how to correctly sort household waste our MRC is sponsoring a competition via a fun questionnaire, with 8 lovely prizes. Example: "Where do I put my empty toothpaste tube?" Do you know? Go to www.abcdubac.com to participate.

The Coop des petits Ziboux opened its doors in June 2013 with the goal of providing a stable, educational childcare service for up to 40 children aged 0-12 years. The project to develop a larger childcare service was put on hold in the spring of 2015. Due to financial reasons, the 6-place childcare facility ceased operations on June 30. A private daycare has opened to ensure parents continue to have daycare for their children. The Coop remains active in order to maintain its mission to 1) support educational and healthy-living projects for children in Potton. 2) participate in creative solutions for providing stable, educational childcare in Potton should the need and interest be expressed by the people of Potton. The Cooperative des petits Ziboux wishes to thank all those people that supported the project and the childcare centre over the past 3 years.