



Potton in Brief

February 2014

Township Council's recent decisions:

The Council approved financial contributions to the following Potton organizations in 2014 : Potton Heritage Association: \$5,000; Reilly House: \$4,000; Volunteer Centre of the Missisquoi-North (CAB): \$6,000; Cinema Potton: \$1,500; Hunting & Fishing Club: \$1,000; Ruitier Valley Land Trust: \$1, 500; Golden Agers: \$200; Groupe Bénévole Municipal de Potton (GBMP): \$5,000; Baluchon Elementary School: \$1,000; Mansonville Elementary School: \$700; Tour des Arts: \$500. In addition, the Municipality will donate \$500 to the Brome Missisquoi Hospital Foundation and, under different agreements, \$7,810 to Fondation du Centre Santé Services Sociaux de Memphrémagog (2nd installment of five years) and the last installment of \$8,809 to Centre sportif de l'école secondaire la Ruche (Potton residents benefit from their gymnasium and swimming pool).

In accordance with agreements made previously with Owl's Head Development, the Municipality will take over the road now known as "chemin du Renard".

Miss Alexandra Ducharme was hired as a clerk for the Ecocentre on West Hill Road, on Sundays between 1 and 5 p.m. from February 9 to December 28, 2014.

It was agreed to remove the pursuit of the project of the Village Trail along the Missisquoi-North River from the GBMP (municipal volunteer group of Potton) mandate, because of a lack of cooperation from some property owners. On the other hand, the GBMP was given the mandate to study the maintenance of the Covered Bridge.

Three (3) firefighters (Pierre-Luc Laplume, Michael Laplume and Jonathan Ducharme) will be authorized to attend the Firefighter 1, Section 1 training course for a total cost of \$3,052 plus tax. In addition, five respirators will be purchased for a total value of \$4,940 plus tax, replacing equipment that has reached the end of its life cycle.

ARPE Company (Association for the Recycling of Electronic Products - Québec) is entrusted with the collection of electronic products deposited at the Ecocenter. A payment of \$89.00 per ton will be paid to the Municipality.

Training on environmentally-friendly ditch maintenance will be offered to local contractors in the spring of 2014 in partnership with East-Bolton. Contractors who have completed the training will be given priority for bids casted for an equal price or of equal value.

The flat fee for access to our Ecocentre for Austin, East-Bolton and Eastman will rise from \$1,000 to \$2,500 in 2014.

For reasons of public security, part of the Mount Owl's Head road will change to "chemin du Hibou", "chemin de l'Original" and "chemin des Chevreuils" (the part that is an extension of it).

A fine for excessive tree cutting has been issued in the area of Bear Mountain.

Jean-Marc Bourgeois was appointed to the Potton Cultural and Heritage Committee.

Mr. Henry Orban was appointed to the Sustainable Development Committee.

A draft bylaw, amending the zoning to permit the installation of a communication tower on Clark Hill, has now been adopted; a public consultation meeting will be held on February 27th, a Thursday, starting at 5 p.m., at the Town Hall.

A borrowing bylaw has been adopted to provide \$25,000 for both engineering and drainage problem studies, in connection with the possible municipal takeover of Falaise road; the next steps will be to obtain an authorization from the Quebec Minister of Finance as well as one from eligible voters from the sector concerned.

Community information:

Mr. Paul Straton, a Potton Native American artist, offered a magnificent Abenaki totem to the Municipality. You can see his artwork in the library during opening hours.

Tourisme Cantons-de-l'Est launched a new certification, "Bienvenue randonneurs" (Welcome hikers), for accommodations where hikers can find maps, tips, healthy snacks and even some equipment. Since the Eastern Townships is a premier destination for hikers, we encourage all interested parties to apply for this certification in order to include Potton in this new network.

Cinema Potton presents movies every first and third Thursdays of the month at 7: 30 pm at the City Hall

- Thursday, March 6th, *Le Passé*, drama by Asghar Farhadi, France, 2013.
- Thursday, March 20th *A Touch Of Sin*, drama by Jia Zang-ke, China, 2013-

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