



# Pottton in Brief

May 2014

## Township Council's recent decisions:

Decision to extend the assessment roll for another three years, saving the town \$60,000.

The last tax audit revealed an accumulated surplus of \$288,000 from 2013.

The Financial National Bank Inc. was chosen to refinance the CLSC debt, at a cost of 3% per year for the next for 5 years.

Mandate to our lawyers, to handle a case for excessive logging, in municipal court.

Permission to the MRC Memphremagog to conduct the sale of properties for unpaid taxes at an auction to be held on June 12.

Municipal support for the incorporation of a non profit fund raiser organisation by the firemen corp.

Authorization to consider a bylaw to borrow \$300,000 conditional on the receipt of a grant, for the renovation of the round barn. Urgent work will be carried out shortly at a cost of \$1,200.

Amendment to the bylaw governing drinking water requiring the installation of low flow toilets for new construction and renovations in the Village area of Mansonville and in the Owl's Head sector, to conserve drinking water.

Adoption of a bylaw to establish the conditions and rates for the use of municipal services (photocopying, room and equipment rental). Details on Pottton.ca.

Decision to spread 1,250 tons of premium crushed stone for only a little more than \$1 per ton compared to the regular gravel, given the excellent results obtained last year on an experimental road.

Following the training in ethics and duties of Councillors, a motion to amend the recent bylaw governing municipal council session was tabled, to make working sessions private because discussions can reveal confidential names or decisions and could lead to legal prosecution.

## Community information:

The Village Market is open on the Round Barn square every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 13 p.m. from May 17<sup>th</sup> for flowers and vegetable boxes and pastries. All booths will be open from June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> (June 8<sup>th</sup> in case of rain) is **Neighbours Day**: join in the festivities by taking part in a potluck lunch in your neighbourhood! To find out who will host near you, go to [www.Pottton.ca](http://www.Pottton.ca) or call 450-292-3313 ext 228.

Reopening of the Vélo Vallée Missisquoi Bike Club. An information session is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, at the Town Hall or contact Jérôme Dumais at 819-238-5975.

The Tiny Tots Group will restart its programming. For program details including dates, times and locations, please visit the Municipal website at [www.pottton.ca](http://www.pottton.ca) or contact Trish Wood at 450-292-3313 ext 228.

Pottton receives its first writer between May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Guy Marchamps, a Mauritian resident, poet and author of several children books. Mr. Marchamps will give a talk at the library on June 3 and another at Le Baluchon School on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Remember that outdoor fires are allowed twice a year, with a permit, except in the Village of Mansonville and in Owl's Head sector. The form, to be sent to Magog, is available online at [www.Pottton.ca](http://www.Pottton.ca)

If you find a dead animal, that could cause a traffic hazard or a public health problem, you should call Wildlife management: 819-820-3883.

Bilingual training on domestic composting will take place Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall. The financial assistance for home composting is being discontinued given the considerable resources (time and transportation) related to auditing this program. Rainwater collectors (rain barrels) are still available at a discount until May 30<sup>th</sup>. Call the Town Hall for information or visit [www.pottton.ca](http://www.pottton.ca)

The municipal garage, (located at the Ecocentre) will be open on Holiday Mondays May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 30, September 1<sup>st</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup>, between 1 and 5 p.m. in addition to Sundays, to allow the drop-off of household waste (compostables, recyclables and ultimate waste).

There is no bulk collection this year because it represents an expense of about \$10,000 for each collection. That's why we want to encourage you to bring your bulky items to the Ecocentre where everything is sorted. Each owner is entitled to a free load of 2 m<sup>3</sup> (about a trailer full) once a year with the coupon that came with your tax bill. Call the Town Hall to find out who can provide for transportation if you need it.

There are still apartments available, for immediate occupancy, at the Pottton Residences. Grants are available for people who have an annual income of less than \$ 20,500. For more information contact Helen Barry Dussault, 450-292-3323 or 450-292-3108.

Young Pottton talent show on Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m. at the Church-house of Marie-Paule Villeneuve.

Spring is finally here but with it, a lots of waste shows up in the ditches, mainly bottles and beer cans. A little civility please.

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