

Potton in brief, February 2013

Pacte rural Program: request by Potton for a specialized resource to devise the transformation of the Day Camp and support to the request by the Cooperative Les petits Ziboux for child care services.

Appointment of Jacques Marcoux to the Board of Directors of Action Memphré-Ouest, an organization dedicated to rural development and the Missisquoi Valley North project.

Purchase of a touch screen to install at the Memphremagog Tourist Office located at exit 110 on Highway 10. The display will provide a wealth of information on tourism in Potton.

Authorization to sign a one-year contract with Cultiv'Art for landscaping.

Call for tenders for gravel, calcium and roadside cutting in 2013.

Tabling of annual reports by the Master Composters, the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Development and the Potton Cultural and Heritage Committee.

Renewal of the maintenance contract for drinking water and wastewater with Aquatech.

Appointment of Debra Harding and Julie Laplume to the Urban Planning Advisory Committee.

Demand for non-agricultural use to the Agricultural Protection Commission for the installation by the municipality of a dry hydrant for fire protection.

Adoption of two rezoning bylaws for Owl's Head, one of which will require the holding of a register which could lead to a referendum.

Adoption of bylaws amending the Architectural Implementation and Integration Plan at Owl's Head, the installation of wind turbines, water treatment and waste, processing of agricultural products without restrictions and outdoor stockpiling of materials related snow removal.

The municipal council, on many occasions, but especially during public consultations, witnessed divergent interests between, on the one hand, native citizens (locals) and secondly, non-native full time citizens and weekenders. These conflicting interests can lead to unhealthy confrontations that affect the whole community.

Although it is unrealistic to believe that the values can be the same for all, the council believes it must bring citizens to work together to improve the well-being of our community.

To achieve this goal, we propose to create a conciliation committee composed of native citizens, non-native full time citizens and weekenders to overcome the difficulties related to divergent interests in multiple areas.

Anyone interested in participating in this initiative is asked to inform Jacques Marcoux at 450 292 3313 ext 234 or jmarcoux1@gmail.com by February 22nd.

Carpooling has become a reality in the Memphremagog MRC. Indeed, the Transport des Alentours, a non-profit organization funded by the Ministry of Transport and the Memphremagog MRC, concluded a two-year agreement with Covoiturage.ca that gives citizens of the MRC the possibility of offering or asking carpooling. All one needs to do is go to www.memphre.carpoolingnetwork.com and register. Once registered as a member, one must specify whether he or she is asking or offering carpooling. Drivers and passengers may communicate confidentially on the website. Riders must pay the drivers a fee negotiated between the two parties. Covoiturage.ca helps in establishing reasonable fees to be charged. Finally, carpooling aims transportation within the MRC, the province, the country and the United States. We encourage you to use this new tool that will prove invaluable for many citizens.

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