



# Potton in Brief

July 2013

## Decisions:

- Participation of the Mayor and Councilors' Michael Cyr & Jacques Hébert at the Annual Meeting of the Quebec Federation of Municipalities in late September;
- Adoption of a resolution calling for a review of rail transportation standards to send to both governments;
- Donation of money and books to the town of Lac Mégantic;
- Authorization to sign the right of way with the Worthen family for a section of the Owl's Head hiking trail;
- Refinancing of \$769,700 for the Village well and Fire Station and financing of \$330,000 for the Village Renovation Program and fire protection and administrative equipment;
- Resolution to financially support the Cooperative "Les petits Ziboux" for the next two years; the support is not to exceed \$21,000 per year and the Cooperative will seek a permit of no more than 24 places to serve the additional child care needs of the community;
- Financial help of \$1,000 to the Celtic Harmonies International Festival, organized by a Potton non-profit corporation from October 4 to 13 in the Eastern Townships;
- Authorization for the Director General to take part in a training session offered by the ADMQ to help in the chairmanship of the November municipal election;
- Offer to sell, at their request, the well and equipment to two abutting landowners in the "Les Immortelles" area for the sum of \$17,500;
- Notice to the CRTC showing that the public telephones in the Village should be kept;
- Decision not to award the contract to reroute the Ruitter Brook back to its original bed, on West Hill Road, because of the huge cost of \$109,000 and request to the Department of Transportation for financial help;
- Request to "La commission de toponymie" to change part of the "Muriers" road name to "Les Tamias" to end the confusion on this road;
- Issuance of a notice for unlawful excessive wood cutting the 1068-14, 1069-P, 1069-2 and 1071-P
- Notice of Motion for changes to the bylaw on tree felling which should incorporate sustainable forest management, landscape enhancement, biodiversity and the protection of existing forestry.

## Other information:

We started publishing on the municipal website special accomplishments noticed in the Township. We also will mention them in the Potton in brief. Here are the first ones:

- ✓ Weekly internet comments by Edith Smeesters about waste management;
- ✓ The new day camp approach, Outdoor Adventures and Leadership, designed by Trish Wood who was supported by Agnes Grandmaison (daily management) and Jerome Dumais (security);
- ✓ The development of the hiking trail at Owl's Head by Frank Ruiz and his group of volunteers;
- ✓ The publication by Murielle Parkes of a beautiful coloring book entitled "The Curious Story of Potton's Standing Stones";
- ✓ Pétanque games by René Guertin on Friday mornings at the André Gagnon Park;
- ✓ Publication of the journal "Histoire Potton History" and launch of "Incomparable Potton", a scenic route by the Potton Heritage Association;
- ✓ The visit of "Justin Hines, vehicle of change" by the Youth Centre;
- ✓ The photo panels at the Public Market by "Le groupe bénévole municipal de Potton";
- ✓ The new sign at the "Mansonville Elementary School";
- ✓ Opening of O'KATAVENTURES, kayak tours on the Missisquoi by Mathieu Fordham;
- ✓ The opening of the restaurant La Trattoria by Sophie Nolet and Patrick Provost;
- ✓ The \$9,000 grant obtained from Recyc-Québec by Edith Smeesters and Alexandra Leclerc for awareness-raising to waste management.

If you know of highlights to share, please let us know.

Here are the recent results about the disposition of our waste (tons):

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Garbage 2012	63.31	36.27	50.31	35.41	68.27	50.05	60.42
Garbage 2013	79.12	38.49	45.70	39.04	59.27	32.60	47.80
Organics 2012	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Organics 2013	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.74	13.44
Recyclables 2012	25.32	15.87	18.21	18.50	37.63	26.46	27.38
Recyclables 2013	18.10	25.35	15.21	30.99	34.44	21.37	32.83