



Potton in Brief

May 2013

Decisions:

Training for the Director General Secretary Treasurer in view of the municipal elections in November 2013.

Hiring for the day camp and the septic measurement program of Agnes Grandmaison, Emily George, Courtney Laplume, Paul Stogowski, Ian Zentner, Mathieu Clark-Marcoux, Alexandra Ducharme and Sarah Sanderson.

Request to the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment, Wildlife and Parks for the installation of the last dry hydrant (access to water for firefighters) required by the MRC's Risk Coverage Program.

Hiring of Pierre-Luc Laplume as rookie in the Fire Department.

Authorization to share with East Bolton the cost of a defibrillator now installed at the convenience store in South Bolton. This equipment is available to the people in the north of Potton and South of East Bolton. The Potton contribution comes from funds collected by the volunteers of the Potton Fire Department.

Awarding of paving contracts for part of the Owl's Head road (\$194,350) and all of Jay Street View (\$116,400).

Granting of liquid calcium contract for gravel roads (200,000 litres) to Somavrac for \$53,800.

Appointment of Mr. Thierry Roger to the advisory committee for sustainable development.

Purchase of thirty domestic composters to sell at \$30 each to interested parties.

From June 8 to October 26, citizens may bring their branches at the former landfill on Bellevue Street, every Saturday from 2 to 4 pm.

Grant request to the Department of Transportation to replace the trees cut at the tree tunnel in Knowlton's Landing.

Appointment of members to the Cultural and Heritage Committee to be chaired by Mrs Thérèse Descary.

Other information:

The major change in our waste collection will begin in June. This important change aims to reduce the amount of materials buried in land fields as requested by the Quebec Government. In Potton, we must reduce the quantity of buried materials from 270 to 185 kg per capita, a decrease of 31.5%. We are aware that this is a disturbing change for many, but we know that we should succeed given the success of other MRC municipalities which have implemented similar changes. We expect a break-in period of variable length and do not aim to crack down unduly. Instead, we will try to help you in our collective responsibility to better protect the environment. Beginning on June 3, weekly collections will follow this repeating pattern: ultimate waste (garbage), compostables, recyclables and compostables.

Recyclable materials must be submitted loose in the blue bin. Bags must not be used in the blue bin. In the brown bin, you can deposit compostable materials **in bulk or in a compostable bag**. As for the ultimate waste (garbage) which needs to be put in a transparent bag and closed with the official tie, it is preferable, but not mandatory, to put it in a container. Homes with special needs (the use of diapers being one) could benefit from specific agreements if they exceed the maximum allowable ultimate waste; Mrs. Alexandra Leclerc, our specialist in public hygiene and environment protection, is the person to deal with and to call for all matters related to the new policy.

A checklist was provided with the bins to help you determine where to put your waste. Mastering this list will take time and this is why we are aware that a break-in period will be necessary. Rest assured, however, that we will not be there to fall on your tooth and nail if you work on changing your habits in the matter of waste disposal. Moreover, a green patrol will help in advising and helping you throughout the summer.

The municipality has put in two bocce ball (pétanque) courts of Olympic dimensions at the André Gagnon Park. Mr. René Guertin will be holding games on Fridays at 10 a.m. starting on May 24th. Please contact Mr. Guertin at 450 292 3091 if you are interested in joining.

Reminder: dogs must be leashed throughout the territory when they are off their guardian's property.

Stukely-Sud, Eastman, Austin, Bolton-Est and Potton will each have a sand sculpture to attract visitors this summer. The Potton sand sculpture will be located in the Manson Square.

A French information session on home composting will be held at the Town Hall on May 24th at 7 p.m. The English session had to be cancelled because of the lack of interest. In addition, on May 23, Mr. Francis Gendron will be presenting the Earthship ecological home; his presentation will start at 7 p.m.

Citizens interested in getting water analysis kits must register at the Town Hall before May 24th; the phone number is 450 292 3313. Information on the date of availability, the cost and the sampling procedure will be provided to those who registered when available.

We remind you that new regulations come into force as of June 1st 2013. An explanatory leaflet is available at the municipal office (and has been mailed three weeks ago to all residents of the Township).