

# Potton in Brief, January 2012

## **Decisions:**

Family policy and Seniors friendly municipality: appointment of members of the Steering Committee, authorization to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Family and Seniors and hiring of Mrs. Daphne Poirier as the person responsible for the project. The grant received from the Department is \$ 24 000 for the development of the policy and \$ 6 000 for the technical support by the "Carrefour d'action municipal et famille".

Allocation of the \$ 50 000 to support community organizations including the Potton Heritage Association, the Reilly House, the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre, Potton Cinema, the Fish and Game Club, the Locomotive Cooperative, the Ruitier Valley Land Trust, Golden Agers, the "Groupe bénévole municipal de Potton", the "Train des mots", the Baptist Church for youth activities, the "Tour des arts", the Master Composters, the Canada-US 2012 Snowmobile Challenge, the BMP and "Centre de santé et services sociaux Memphrémagog" foundations and the Sports Pavillon of the "La Ruche" High School.

Appointment of Mr. Francis Marcoux as Fire Chief for the year 2012.

Adoption of the local Fire Prevention program prepared by the Magog Fire Services as specified in our intermunicipal agreement concerning fire prevention.

Non-exercise of the possible extension of one year to the snow removal contracts with Excavation Stanley Mierwinski and Les Excavations Guy Éthier given that the current market conditions justify calling for new tenders. The municipal council is analyzing various scenarios for snow removal to ensure that the cost of snow removal is close to the average paid by other municipalities. A working committee is currently examining these issues.

Extension of one month to the present contract for waste collection in order to allow completion of the call for tenders for the year 2012, including the management of the eco-center. A contract of longer duration will be negotiated for the years 2013 and beyond and will include many changes in our waste management to allow us to meet new rigorous governmental objectives.

Appointments to the Urban Planning Advisory Committee and the Sustainable Development Committee. One position is vacant at the Urban Planning Advisory Committee due to the resignation of Mr. Hans Walser. Anyone interested from the Dunkin and Ruitier Brook sectors is asked to contact Mr. Hughes Thivierge, our urban planner, at 450 292 3313, extension 233.

## **Other information:**

In my desire to attract more people to the township, I have turned to another form of leisure: geocaching. Geocaching is an outdoors treasure hunt to find hidden caches with a GPS fix obtained on the internet. The caches are containers that contain objects of little value that may be taken provided and object of at least equivalent value is left to replace. Geocaching is open to all and inexpensive. All you need is a GPS.

Go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) where you can register for free. Once registered, you will be able to download the coordinates of geocaches on your GPS. Currently, there are no fewer than 90 caches in the township of Potton and most lead to scenic locations. Please join the geocaching population and indulge in a pleasant outdoor activity with family and friends.

The Festival of hearts will be back for the third time in February. No fewer than 12 events are planned. We encourage you to take advantage of these many activities, especially the CPR course offered by First Responders. Good festival to all.

Jacques Marcoux