



POTTON IN BRIEF

In the time of the COVID-19



August 2020

Council recent decisions

FINANCES: Local road network assistance program – specific improvement for large-scale and supra-municipal projects as well as specific improvement projects in the electoral district of Orford. Two resolutions for financial assistance.

PERSONNEL: Hiring of a new Director for the fire and civil safety department and preventionist, Mr. James Bouthillier.

PROPERTY AND RENTED SPACES: Mandate to EXP for plans and specifications regarding repairs of the Vale Perkins wharf in 2021.

PUBLIC HYGIENE: Authorization to prepare a call for tenders for the collection of residual material contract which ends on December 31, 2020, adoption of the annual report on the use of drinking water and request for a certificate of authorization for short-term dredging at the Vale Perkins Wharf.

TOWN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: Minor derogation on several lots on chemin Chapel for an upgrade and new route located less than 75 m from a body of water, minor derogation on Lot 5 752 714, 269 to 273 chemin Owl's Head, construction of an accessory building (garage) on a surface area of more than 90 square meters, PIIA-6: Lot 6 334 205, chemin du Hibou, construction of a single-family dwelling, works on a body of water crossing lot 6 227 349, property corresponding to 119 chemin Girls Camp in Potton and approval of the v23.2 version of the development plan presented by Destination Owl's Head Inc.

NOTICE OF MOTION: Bylaw number 2001-292-P modifying the subdivision bylaw 2001-292 and its amendments, creation of a fond for parks.

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS: Draft bylaw number 2012-418-B modifying bylaw 2012-418 and its amendment concerning the management of residual material and borrowing bylaw number 2020-466 decreeing a loan of \$ 1,501,760 in order to finance the subsidy from the Ministère des Transports of Quebec granted as part of the local road assistance program.

The next council meeting will take place on September 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Headlines



A NEW DIRECTOR OF THE FIRE AND CIVIL SAFETY DEPARTMENT AND PREVENTIONIST

The Municipality of the Township of Potton is pleased to introduce **JAMES BOUTHILLIER**, the new Director of the Fire and Civil Safety Department as well as the preventionist.

James also acts as the Fire Department Operations Captain in Eastman. He left his position as the fire prevention technician with the MRC in Coaticook to join us here in Potton.

James lives in East Bolton. He is the father of 2 young children aged 4 and 2. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and fishing.

James has an inner passion for helping people, which is why he chose to become a firefighter. What he particularly likes is the team spirit that reigns within the firefighters.

He looks forward to meeting his new “family” and doing everything in his power to provide the best possible service to the population.

WELCOME TO POTTON JAMES!



ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE PAIR PROGRAM?



Living alone has its risks regardless of your health status! What if you cannot call for help - who could do it for you? The PAIR program allows subscribers to ensure their health and safety while providing peace of mind to both the subscriber and their family. Free, flexible and multilingual, it has already

saved many lives in Quebec!

The service provides FREE automated calls to seniors who live alone or individuals living with health conditions. For additional information, or free sign-up, visit

www.policerpm.com/services-offerts (online form) or www.programmepair.ca/

Also, you may call the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre at 450 292-3114.

Municipal News

THE REST STOPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF POTTON



With its three networks of hiking trails and above all, since the opening of the Circuit de l'Abbaye two years ago, the township welcomes lots of walkers year after year.

The "Circuit de l'Abbaye", an initiative of the non-profit organization Action Memphré-Ouest (AMO), is a long-term walking route (or pilgrim walk) of 149 km in a loop that crosses seven municipalities of the MRC of Mem-

phremagog: Austin, East Bolton, Orford Township, Potton Township, Eastman, Saint-Étienne-de-Bolton and Saint-Benoit-du-Lac.

About 60 km of the route (almost half) passes through the township of Potton.



To remedy the lack of rest areas along the circuit, a small group of volunteers from the Cœur Villageois Committee of Mansonville succeeded in having five "rest stops" installed throughout the township, thanks to the generosity of several owners who have agreed to lend part of their land.



Walkers will now have places to rest. The Rest Stops have two Adirondack chairs and a coffee table, and some offer spectacular views of the township of Potton.

The only conditions required of walkers are to respect the ethics of the outdoors without waste and not to disturb the tranquility of the neighbourhood.

For walkers who would like to take advantage of it, here are the locations of these 5 rest stops in the township of Potton:

1. Havre des Îles: North entrance to the township of Potton, south side of the entrance to the Havre des Îles campsite.
2. Schoolcraft / Peabody: 300 m before Peabody Road
3. Grand Duke / Owl's Head
4. Hill / Leadville Province: Northeast of the intersection. A culvert has been installed.
5. West Hill / Ruitter Brook



The "Cœur Villageois" Committee intends to increase the amount of rest stops year after year and sincerely thanks the land owners who enabled it to carry out this project.

FREE EXHIBITIONS AT THE ROUND BARN

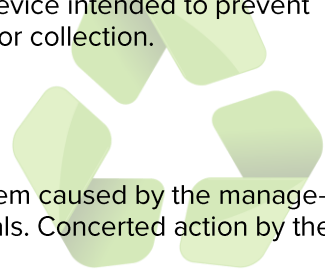


- A new exhibition on artisanal butter making
 - Exhibition "Tourism in Potton at the Turn of the 19th Century" (this exhibition was already presented in 2017 at the Mansonville Anglican Church)
- The Round Barn is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until October 10th.

RESIDUAL MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Please note that it is important to put your waste bins on the road on Sunday. During the summer, pick-ups can be done very early due to the heat. Any device intended to prevent animals from opening the bins must be removed in preparation for collection.

Thank you for your understanding.



RESIDUAL MATERIALS: WHAT TO DO WHEN RENTING PROPERTIES

The Municipality of the Township of Potton is aware of the problem caused by the management of residual materials for owners who make short-term rentals. Concerted action by the municipality and the owners is desirable.

If you experience any problems, please contact Alexandra Leclerc,

Director of the Environment at 450 292-3313, extension 229 or at leclerc.a@potton.ca/

BACK TO REGULAR HOURS AT THE LIBRARY

The municipal library is now open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. All services are available, including access to the book aisles and the use of public computers. Wearing a mask is mandatory and health regulations apply. **Last chance to return your books without penalty before August 15th.**



THE PUBLIC MARKET IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS



A MESSAGE FROM GWYNNE BASEN, COORDINATOR OF THE PUBLIC MARKET

Do you love the Mansonville Public Market? Would you like to see it grow and get even better? Then we need your help! We are looking for people who would like to be part of a working group that will oversee the market.

So, if you have some entrepreneurial savvy, some fundraising experience, can spare a few hours every month or so, and would like to contribute to the development of our market and our community, Please contact Gwynne Basen at 450 292-0732. And don't worry, you won't need to get up early on Saturday mornings. We have that job covered.

This month at the market: organic blueberries, corn and Eve Garden bath products.



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