

# Grandes-Fourches bike paths improving

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Recent mild weather has allowed the following sections of the Grandes-Fourches cycling network to open for use:

- The Massawippi axis between the bike-step on Massawippi street in Lennoxville and the village of North Hat-

ley;

- The portion of the du Sommet axis between the base de plein-air André Nadeau and Ch. Sainte-Catherine. This area was supposed to be inaccessible until the end of June, but temporary repairs have helped secure this section allowing it to open for cyclists.

Areas that remain inaccessible are:

- The western part of the Magog axis between Rue des Villas to the Montagnard network in Magog.

The northern part of the Saint - François axis from Kruger Park in Brompton to Windsor along the 55.

The decision to open closed trails is based on the quality of the surface and the situation is evaluated daily.

Until May 29, work will be carried out causing temporary closures on the Saint-François axis. This work will begin in Jeffrey Gingras park near the access to highway 610 and end at Mena'sen park near Levesque Street.

To learn more about work in progress, see <http://infotravaux.destinationsherbrooke.com>.

## The Sunshine House in Potton

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The Sunshine House Mansonville is a non-profit organization that is responsible for creating a permanent residence for four intellectually/physically disabled adult community members from Potton, assuring them a stable living environment, respect and quality of life.

The project has been overseen by a board of directors made up of the following members: Nancy Poirier (who replaced Micheline Cardinal), Almut Ellinghaus, Colin Field, Lucette Field, Kenneth Jersey, Stanley Lake, Wanda Leonard and Ellen Riker.

This project reflects a movement all over Quebec, in which families are creating proactive solutions for the future of their children with physical and intellectual challenges. At Sunshine House the residents be assured a stable, supervised living environment in which they will be able to remain for as long as the environment suits their needs. They will thus be able to remain in the community.

The SHQ (Societe d'habitation du Quebec), a government agency that supports public and social housing projects, has given Sunshine House its fundamental support. The project has received grants from the township of Potton, Le Support, the Centre Local de Developpement of the MRC Memphremagog as well as the Caisse Desjardins du Lac Memphremagog.

"The response from the community has been overwhelming: Complete



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*The entire group gathered for the ceremony in celebration of the new "Sunshine House" in Mansonville.*

strangers have sent us cheques and notes wishing us the well," said Stanley Lake, President of the Sunshine House Board of Directors and parent of one of the future occupants of the Sunshine House. "The objective is to have the house com-

pleted this summer and the progress on the construction site thus far is amazing."

The first four residents are the adult children and/or sibling of the families who have been working on this project

for over seven years. The project will provide a long-term residence into the future and will be able to help new clients from the municipality and surrounding communities as space becomes available.

"This project reflects the desire of families in our community actively working to provide the best living environment and quality of life for their children," explained Lake.

It is important to note that all the tenants of the Sunshine House are eligible to benefit from a rental supplement program that enables them to pay rent that corresponds to 25 per cent of their revenue. This additional financial assistance of some \$86,000 over five years will be 90 per cent assumed by the SHQ and 10 per cent by the municipality.

Stanley Lake noted the contribution and determination of all of the parents who have devoted their efforts to this project. He also thanked the community and the numerous individuals, businesses and groups who helped in a variety of ways. This is truly a community project and one that all of Potton should be proud of.

Sunshine House is now actively looking for a live-in caregiver starting in September. With a decent salary and a separate two bedroom apartment upstairs, the caregiver is expected to live with the clients, help and direct them in their personal and household activities.

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