

Potton holds first tree-lighting celebration



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MABLE HASTINGS

On Saturday, the Municipality of Potton held its first tree lighting ceremony in Mansonville Park, in the centre of Mansonville, complete with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Prior to the evening of holiday festivities, the children from the community were asked to make a small decoration to bring between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. to decorate the smaller tree situated in the gazebo.

During this time, hot chocolate was served as both young and young at heart gathered in the anticipation of the lighting of the big tree which took place at 7 p.m.

The Municipality of Potton purchased the lights for the tree so that the tradition of a tree lighting ceremony would become an annual event.

"We hope that this tree lighting will be the first of many during the holiday season each year in Potton," said Pierre Pouliot, a municipal councillor.

Pouliot and his wife Marlene were on hand throughout the evening to ensure that the warmth of the season and the excitement of lighting the tree was something that everyone could enjoy.

Some of local businesses that normally close earlier on a Saturday evening, stayed open in celebration of the event.



COURTESY

Santa Claus made an appearance in beautiful downtown Mansonville last Saturday at the Potton tree-lighting ceremony.

If you happen to be driving through Mansonville one evening during the holiday season, you are sure to see the big tree in the middle of the town, representing Potton's wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season for one and all.

For more information about the Municipality of Potton and its events, visit www.potton.ca.

Ecumenical choir to present a Christmas cantata



GORDON ALEXANDER

A 41-voice ecumenical choir with members from Sherbrooke, Racine, Ulverton, South Durham, Windsor, Melbourne and Richmond will perform a Cantata entitled "Love Came Down at Christmas", by Joel Raney. The concert is set for Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Richmond-Melbourne United Church, 247 Main Street South, Richmond; Sunday at 8 p.m. at the St-Philippe Church, 63 St-Georges in Windsor and Saturday, Dec. 13 at 1:45 p.m. at the Wales Home and 3 p.m. at the Foyer Richmond. The choir is under the direction of Diane Duguay (at left), a voice teacher from Ste-Christine and a teacher at the Richmond art centre. Accompanying musicians will include Francine Beaubien, on piano, an Isabelle Gosselin, on violin, both of Richmond. Cost of admission will be a free will offering at the door.