Celebrating volunteering in Potton

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It has become a sure sign of spring when the Borough of Lennoxville hosts the annual communal clean-up, an opportunity for young and old to come together to help make our downtown area and parks cleaner. A special service offered is a free, secure disposal of confidential documents on site. Everyone is invited to be a part of the Lennoxville Cleanup on Saturday, April 25. The day starts at 10 a.m. with a short ski by a group of local special guests: “weather lady” Alana Opsina, “news anchor” Robert Weary and “climate scientist” Kathleen Weary, followed by a brief interactive workshop on how to sort waste materials by Marie-Christine Alarie, an environmental project officer at the City of Sherbrooke and then the usual group cleanup. After the activity, all are invited to take a break and enjoy the coffee-juice and pastries.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Earth Day Canada. The theme is “to foster and celebrate environmental respect, action and behaviour change that lessens our impact on the earth.” To support the efforts of Canadians and to move beyond a one day event, EDC is launching its Earth Day Every Day campaign which is an online, mobile-friendly platform for people to share their acts and green achievements, and to provide a national framework to help Canadians reduce their carbon footprint 20 per cent by 2020.

2015 is shaping up to be a monumental year for the international climate movement with the Climate Summit of the Americas in Toronto in July and the COP21 International Climate Conference in Paris in December.

How can Lennoxville have a bigger impact on the world climate movement? We are invited to be part of the 2015 Earth Flag and to add our signatures to those from people across the country who are committed to making Earth Day every day. The 2015 Earth Flag will be taken to the Climate Conference in Paris where a new international agreement on carbon emissions will be signed.

Come out to the Community Clean-up day and sign the flag to add your support to the leaders who will be representing Canada at this pivotal time in history.

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