

Potton apartments for autonomous seniors (aged 55 plus)



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\$30,000 grant.

With 18 apartments (3.5 rooms, balcony and patio), this secure building offers autonomous living, a beautiful landscape and is located a short walking distance from the Main Street of Mansonville. There are still apartments available at very reasonable rates and the Board of Directors of Potton Residences, including Potton Mayor, Louis Veillon hope to attract more tenants. To maintain the building and its operating costs, it needs to be used and the apartments need to be rented.

On Thursday, September 15 at 5:00pm, the Board of Directors of the Potton Residences invites all its partners and the population of Potton Township to attend its annual general assembly being held at the Potton Apartment building. There are still a few positions to fill on the board of directors to contribute to the important transitions taken place in maintaining and sustaining the building. Citizens with skills in management, administration, project development as well as communications/marketing are needed to assist in making the Potton apartments a success.



COURTESY

“Potton Apartments” located at 27 Neil Armstrong Street in Mansonville aims to accommodate persons aged 55 plus living in Potton, keeping “Pottoneers” in their natural environment. The beautiful building cost over 1.8 million to build and nearly half of the amount was made possible through funding from the Quebec Housing Society and the "Accès Logis" program. The Municipality of Potton has contributed \$170,000 to the project, a fundraising campaign raised the sum of \$180,000 and Hydro Quebec provided a

If you plan on attending this valuable meeting, please confirm your presence by contacting Claire Alger, secretary for the Board of Directors at:

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required to assist in making Potton apartments a success for the community! Thank you for confirming your attendance before September 9th by contacting Claire Alger, secretary for the Board of Directors at: alger.c@potton.ca – or by phone: 450-292-3313 ext.222.

“The Country Stranger” coming to support Magog CLC

By Gordon Lambie

One of the things that makes a community more than just a gathering of people is the way its members help each other out. When times are tough, it's not unusual to see members of different communities across the townships band together to lend a hand, which is exactly what is happening at the beginning of October in Magog.

According to Pervana Mladenof, coordinator of the Memphremagog Community Learning Centre at Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, the seed money given by the Ministry of Education to get the CLC up and running nine years ago has almost run out. As a result, the centre's mission of fostering community growth and development is dependent this year on the support of its community in raising \$23,000 in operating costs.

“The ministry is still pitching in, some, but not to the same degree” Mladenof said, explaining that the CLC model is built around the idea that after a while partnerships would bring in other funding sources. “Our reality here is that a lot of people can't afford things. Rather than exclude anyone we offer as much as we can for free.”

That's where the CLC users come in.

“They just called out of the blue and said, Pervana, we want to help,” the coordinator said. “I thought it was a great initiative on their part.”

On October 1, the Memphremagog CLC will be welcoming Ray Seguin of L'Original Ontario, also known as “the country stranger” to play a mix of Country and Western music as well as classics of the 50s and 60s for a fundraising dance.

“He's a friend of mine and up there he's quite well known in the music circuit,” said Christine Hodge, one of those helping to organize the dance “We have room for 200 people in the gym and we're hoping to make over \$1000.”

In addition to selling tickets for the dance at \$12 a head, Hodge explained that the event has a liquor licence to allow for the sale of alcohol and will be host to a silent auction.

Asked about what inspired the fundraiser, Hodge spoke very highly of the work that has been done over the last nine years at the school.

“The community school is a valuable part of the local spirit,” the volunteer said, “but it's surprising how many people still don't know what it is. It's hard to get the word out there.”

In addition to years of adult night classes on a whole

range of subjects, Hodge pointed to the CLC's community garden as a gathering point as well as a whole range of activities carried out with the students at the school using the centre's videoconferencing equipment as a bridge between the outside world and the traditional classroom.

“It has many local partnerships and yet people still look at you and say well what is that?” Hodge said, explaining that she hopes the dance will also serve as a kind of outreach activity.

Tickets for the event can be purchased by calling either 819-847-2769 or 819-843-7687.

“We might have some at the door, but we're really going to try to pre sell so that we know how many we need to set up for,” Hodge said, adding that the event begins at 7pm.

Mladenof, meanwhile, said that the CLC is very pleased to see its users so interested in giving back and hinted that the centre is planning some other exciting fundraising opportunities for the year to come.

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