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2, 3-ing in a way that benefits both mental and physical development. Each Friday for the rest of the school year, Forest Friday students will spend their day learning and adventuring outdoors. Even though they’ll be outside, students will still practice writing, reading, counting, and will be expected to be mindful of general school rules and each other. The added bonus is they’ll be doing all this in nature, developing not only their academic selves but forming bonds with their local environment – a relationship that is sometimes difficult to forge without guidance. Their education will just be that much more rich. Having a connection with the natural world is the first step towards being and environmentally conscious, well rounded citizen. As fall turns to winter Mr. Dan will be searching out warm, waterproof clothing and boots so that all students participating in the program will always have their kit ready at school for their weekly outdoor adventure. If you have any leads on quality, affordable gear or just want to know more about the program, feel free to drop Mr. Dan a line (450-292-5622 or auscoind@edu.etsb.qc.ca).

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Sutton town manager moves on to Magog

By Matthew McCully

Sutton town council received the news officially on Monday night that town manager Jean-François D’amour will be leaving Sutton to become the town manager of Magog. “He’s a young guy with a lot of drive and energy,” said Sutton Mayor Louis Dandenault. “We’re sad to see him go.”

“It’s unfortunate for small towns like us, we can sometimes become a stepping stone,” he said.

Dandenault said D’Amour will remain at his position in Sutton until Nov.11 and then transition to his new job in Magog.

In the interim, Dandenault said three department heads in town will work together to cover the responsibilities of town manager until a new candidate is chosen.

Treasurer Suzanne Lessard-Gilbert, Deputy Town Clerk Julie Lamarche and Director of Urban Planning Réal Girard will share the additional job tasks.

“T’is a complex position to fill,” Dandenault said, explaining that the job requires a specific skill set.

Dandenault said the town will put out adds to attract applicants, and hopes to have the position filled before Christmas holidays.

The town of Sutton is currently in litigation with a citizens’ group, Regroupement pour un Développement Durable à Sutton (RDDS), which questioned the validity of two zoning and subdivision bylaws, 254 and 256.

According to Dandenault, François Tóth, the judge presiding over the case, is expected to render a verdict by the end of November.

Magog Mayor Vicki-May Hamm said that over there were over 80 applicants for the town manager position, which has been available since June.

Claude Marcoux was serving as interim town manager of Magog.

Hamm said the five member hiring committee was unanimous about looking for a candidate that could help develop Magog.

“He had that drive,” Hamm said. “All the candidates had experience; he (D’Amour) demonstrated a capacity, really a talent, to work well with town employees and council to make things happen.”

D’Amour will begin work as town manager of Magog on Nov.21.