2017 Winterfest Family Fun day a sunny success in Potton

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On Saturday, February 4, the Municipality of Potton sponsored a Winterfest Outdoor Family Fun Day that was organized and animated by the Missisquoi North Youth Centre (CAB) Former Youth Involvement (FYI) and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) youth. With over twenty young adults and volunteers working the event and the sun shining, it was without doubt, a successful event.

Held at the Mansonville Elementary School, the event was attended by 242 people of all ages. This year there was just enough snow to go sliding on tubes and the always much anticipated ski doo rides. There were also outdoor inflatable games, horse drawn wagon rides with Roger and Adam Cote from the Cote Meadows Farm, First Responder truck tours, sugar on snow with delicious syrup donated by Paul Hebert and Danny Jones and prepared by the Jersey family. Indoor bingo, hair wrapping, and the extremely popular face painting and more… The refreshments including hotdogs, hot soup and delicious hot chocolate prepared by Brenda Clark, the Derby boys, as well as volunteers: Claire Alger, Perry Hicks and Rejean Neron warming up the sunny but cold and windy climate outdoors. Nexkemia Petrochemicals provided free fresh fruit for all to enjoy.

The event ended with the drawing of close to 40 door prizes donated by a variety of businesses and individuals including: The Hatley Clothing company, Jewett’s Store, Richelieu(Jacques Ducharme), Roma(Daniel Giroux), Shehil(J Giroux), Reilly House, Lana Lane, Depanneur “13” Bonisoir, Salon Boucle D’or Jennifer Sherrer, Restaurant Missisquoi and Owl’s Head Ski. Families from all over Potton and communities near and far attended the day making the most out of what can best be described as a winter gathering of friends and neighbors for some much anticipated fun!

The FYI and SADD youth as well as the Youth Centre staff, Trish Wood and the Municipality of Potton send out a huge thank you to the many volunteers, donors, supporters and attendees who made the day another big success. Nothing can beat the smiles on the children’s faces while taking a big lick of a stick full of sugar on snow or hearing their laughter as they slide down the tubing slide or jump for joy in the inflatables. This event held as part of the Municipality of Potton’s Festival of Hearts was a perfect start to a month of heart friendly fun.

The Winterfest was followed by a Pizza Party at the Youth Centre for all of the youth and volunteers who helped to make the day possible to enjoy. Pizzas were made by Norma Clifford and Judith Ball. By 10:00pm, after a day of fun and exercise, the youth were ready to go home for a good night’s rest.

For more information about the Municipality of Potton’s Festive Hearts visit: www.potton.ca and for more information about the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre visit: www.cabmn.org

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