

The Owl's Head Hoot – Ending the ski season right!



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With the arrival of spring, the ski season comes to an end and that means it's time for the Owl's Head Hoot! The event held at Owl's Head Ski in Potton is a fundraiser for the Canadian Ski Patrol.

This year the event will take place on Saturday, March 31 and once again the day will be filled with activities including:

- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: "Hammerhead" Giant slalom race
- 10 a.m.: Costume contest
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Bean bag toss, Inflatable Toys & Scavenger Hunt

11 a.m.: Penguin race (\$2 per activity)
 HOOT PASS \$6 for unlimited access to the above activities 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: BBQ on the terrace

12 p.m. to 1 p.m.: Registration for the SLUSH CUP in the cafeteria. Cost of \$10, 16 years-old or older

2 p.m.: SLUSH CUP (Jump into the artificial lake on ski or on snowboard)

6 p.m.: Owl's Head Ski Club méchoui dinner in the cafeteria, cost to be determined

9 p.m.: Fireworks
 9:30 p.m.: Music in the Owl's Head Creemore Lounge

The weekend benefits the Canadian Ski Patrol whose mission is to provide top quality first aid services at the mountain as well as first aid at other activities as well. The ski patrol services are provided free of charge by volunteer patrollers and the money raised is used to obtain up to date and advanced equipment which is not provided by the Canadian ski patrol organization.

The patrollers seen on the slopes everyday are part of an organization that has been serving the public for over seventy five years. On average, they provide

assistance some 300 times per ski season and their presence brings comfort to beginners as well as those who find themselves in an emergency situation.

As the Ski Patrol's major annual

fundraiser, it is vital that people come out in support of this event. The day promises loads of fun while supporting a great cause.



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from supply management to the environment, NAFTA negotiations and the famous Netflix agreement; but what audience members reacted to most was Bibeau's mention of the Sherbrooke air-

port.

"I remain convinced that the Sherbrooke Airport remains an essential tool for economic development in the region," Bibeau said, which received an immediate applause from the chamber of commerce members.

"Rest assured I will continue the steps required with ministries and federal agencies concerned as soon as the Sherbrooke Airport Corporation secures an agreement with a flight company," said Bibeau.

Bibeau's budget breakdown also in-

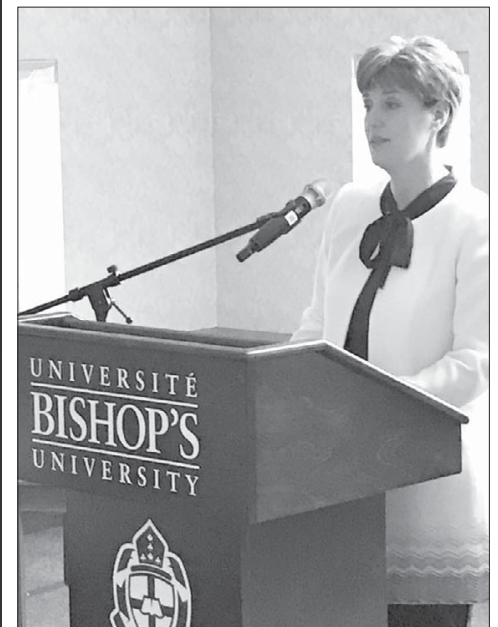
cluded a discussion of her role as Minister of International Development and La Francophonie.

"If I don't stick to my speech, we could be here all day," she said, passionate about her work, specifically Canada's Feminist International Aid policy, launched in June.

"It is imperative that we allow women and girls to become powerful agents of change, development and peace," commented Bibeau.

Bibeau ended her speech thanking her staff members here in Sherbrooke and in Ottawa, applauding the work they do. She also reminded the chamber of commerce members and constituents to keep her office abreast of new projects and local initiatives where the federal government could have a role to play.

"That is the best way for me to stay connected with the priorities of my region and defend our needs the best way possible."



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