Annual book sale in Potton—Part of the Potton Spirit Festival

Sherbrooke ups support for neighbourhood parties

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The City of Sherbrooke’s revised block party pilot project, launched just a month ago, seems to have motivated Sherbrooke residents as it has already received 24 applications for grants. The goal is to reach forty.

The project supports citizens who want to organize a party to help neighbours get to know each other. The idea is not entirely new as some boroughs were already offering support for the organization of neighbourhood parties, but these programs have now been standardized.

Citizens can get up to $200 and pick up a number of materials directly at the town office, or have them delivered as soon as the subsidy has been provided. The city has invested $20,000 in equipment and according to preliminary estimates, the program will cost about $10,000 a year.

Police investigate troubling Facebook requests that use online game as bait

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Sherbrooke Police are investigating after two Sherbrooke teens report giving weird requests made by a suspect via Facebook. Last week, the Sherbrooke Police (SPS) received two separate complaints about Internet phishing attempts.

The SPS notes that the modus operandi in both cases is similar, but can’t say for sure that it the messages came from the same person.

According to police, the suspect came into contact with the teenagers by sending a ‘friend request’ and claimed to be their younger brother, encouraging them to send pictures in exchange for access. The requests became more and more insistent for teens to provide suggestive pictures of themselves.

The two independently contacted the police and an investigation was opened but no arrests have been made so far. Police can’t even be sure where the culprit is located.

The SPS recommends the utmost caution when it comes to responding to requests on social networks and encourages parents to monitor what their kids are doing on Facebook.

Madore hosts Liberal BBQ

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The Quebec Liberal Party’s campaign BBQ Tour swung through the Eastern Townships this weekend, including one stop in Stanstead on Saturday where Orford candidate Guy Madore, hosted about a hundred local citizens to discuss their visions and priorities for the future of Quebec and the riding.

Madore served hot dogs and soft drinks to his guests, surrounded by members of the riding association executive and in the presence of the former minister Sam L. Elkas, Ogden mayor Richard Violette, Councilor Michael Sudlow, businessmen Clément Jacques and Harvey Stevens, and several Liberal activists.

The Quebec BBQ Tour is a pre-election Liberal Party campaign event throughout Quebec this summer. It finishes this coming Saturday, August 11 in Montreal.