Mansonville students against destructive decisions (SADD) and provincial police to hold cannabis information session

**The Scoop**

**MABLE HASTINGS**

On Friday evening, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) SADD group will host officers from the Quebec Provincial Police (QPP) for an information session for youth, parents and the public on the subject of cannabis at the CABMN Youth Centre located at 282 Principale in Mansonville. The SADD youth and SADD Animator, Ethan Ball have organized the evening hoping that it will be well attended by anyone who has a question on the subject or information they would like to receive.

The form of the evening allows youth and adults to add anonymous questions to the bowl already created by the SADD youth in regards to the subject. An animator will pick and read the questions anonymously and the police will provide an answer or discuss information on the question posed. This allows everyone to feel free to ask a question without being identified, making it less stressful for some who may wish to remain anonymous.

The police will also be available following the session (unless they receive an emergency call), to speak with people one on one should anyone attending have a private question to ask of them. A private room to speak can be easily accessed by requesting a space with one of the youth centre animators.

Officers Pascale Sauvageau and Steeve Cote will be present for the session. Both officers have visited the youth centre before and have provided animation for sessions such as this. The two are easy to speak with and both are comfortable working with youth. The session is sure to be bilingual and questions in both languages are more than welcome.

“We organize these sessions for the youth and parents hoping for good participation,” explained Ethan Ball. “A good turnout always inspires us to organize more of these sessions and keeps our link to the police strong and well maintained.”

For more information contact the Youth Centre at 450-292-4886 or visit the website at www.cabmn.org

**Glimpses of the Past**

Samuel Brooks, originally from New Hampshire, arrived in the region in his late twenties. First a hotel manager in Stanstead, Brooks quickly changed profession switching to land speculation and general trade. This businessman was well-known by the people of Sherbrooke, which enabled him to be elected in the government elections of 1829 and 1830. Unfortunately, Brooks was still an American citizen and had to resign in July 1831. At this time, he owned more than 1000 acres of land in the region. Returning to the business world, Brooks became heavily involved in urban planning and especially the development of transportation. A brief return to politics before his death in 1849 closed a pivotal period in Sherbrooke’s development.

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