Potton celebrates National Volunteer Week

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April 7-13 is National Volunteer Week (NVW) across Canada where Canadians acknowledge and celebrate Canada’s 12.7 million volunteers. The theme this year is: “The Volunteer Factor-Lifting Communities.” The theme recognizes how volunteers and volunteering lift our communities and make them stronger, more inclusive and vivacious. On Friday, April 12, the Municipality of Potton supported by the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) will host a 5 to 7 celebrating Potton volunteers at the Town Hall in Mansonville.

“As the Community Organizer for the Municipality of Potton, I have the pleasure of working alongside many of our community volunteers,” shares Trish Wood. “Without the vital contribution made by those who give of their time and talents, our community would not be a place of constant evolution and growth.

Friday evening’s celebration will be hosted by Potton’s Mayor, Jacques Marcoux and members of the Municipal Council: Jason Ball, Bruno Cote, Andre Ducharme, Michael Laplume, Francis Marcoux and Eddy Mierzwinski along with Dan Giroux, President of the Mansonville Optimist Club and Steeve Cote from the Quebec Provincial Police Department, all of whom will greet guests as they enter the celebration.

Michael Darney will welcome attendees with his bagpiping talents and Dave Sturton will entertain guests during the party on guitar. Refreshments will be served including a variety of locally prepared samplings from eateries and stores.

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) takes this opportunity to join the Municipality in thanking, celebrating and recognizing the efforts of all volunteers. Through the coordination of the CAB’s volunteer support team made up of Debra Harding and Sarah Jerse, the CAB has worked with and the Potton community has benefited from the contribution and efforts of over 200 active volunteers throughout the year.

While the CABMN recognizes all volunteer efforts, in this photo the CABMN salutes one weekly volunteer, Beatrice Baass pictured here with Marie-Jeanne Fidler. Just one example of how volunteering helps others. Leslie and Marie-Jeanne Fidler pose with Beatrice Baass as they enter the celebration.

Never underestimate the impact of volunteers!

A NOTE FROM THE ETSB

For many the day starts with the early morning breakfast program, where students are met with a warm smile and a healthy snack to start the day off on the right foot. Once the school day starts, many of our schools are bustling with volunteers who give their time and expertise to support students by reading with them, helping to organize our school libraries, and lending a hand for all kinds of classroom activities, to name but a few.

You will see volunteers at fundraising events, after-school activities, sporting events and on class trips. Volunteers play many roles in the lives of our students such as; mentors, tutors, coaches, chaplains, and the list goes on! Often behind the scenes, volunteers support our students, schools and the communities in which they serve by enriching the lives of our students and staff.

Not only during National Volunteer Week, but all year long we would like to recognize each and every volunteer that is lifting up our schools and communities! On behalf of our students, personnel and the Council of Commissioners, we would like to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts.