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Weather



TODAY:
RAIN

HIGH OF 1
LOW OF -1



TUESDAY:
60% CHANCE
OF FLURRIES

HIGH OF 4
LOW OF -3



WEDNESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 10
LOW OF -1



THURSDAY:
PERIODS OF
RAIN

HIGH OF 8
LOW OF 5



FRIDAY:
RAIN

HIGH OF 14
LOW OF 9

Potton Municipal Volunteer Celebration 2019



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

On Friday, April 12 the Municipality of Potton in collaboration with the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) celebrated volunteers as part of the National Volunteer Week initiative across Canada that ran from April 7-13. Over 100 volunteers gathered at the Town Hall in Mansonville for an abundant sampling of delicious treats prepared by local eateries and stores as well as beverages.

Volunteers were welcomed by the traditional talents of Michael Darney, Potton's local bagpiper who greeted all with a variety of tunes as they arrived. Upstairs, musicians Dave Sturton and Hiro Gagnon serenaded the crowd gathered with music throughout the event. Speeches were made highlighting volunteer efforts by both Mayor Jacques Marcoux on behalf of the Municipality and by volunteer coordinator, Debra Harding from the CABMN on behalf of the volunteer centre that now boasts some 206 registered volunteers. Well deserved recognition was made celebrating the efforts of retiring Municipal Librarian, Natalie Laurin who is about to hand the job over to Ann Colgan who is looking forward to the challenge.

"I have no worries about the future of the library," shared Laurin. "Just look at this place," she said enthusiastically as she referred to the crowd gathered partially in the Library for the celebration. "It is always the hub of activity, events and community expression and involvement," she said.

The bulk of the evening however highlighted the efforts of the community volunteers and the many things that are made possible through their time, talents and giving spirit. A survey of the room as all gathered for the speeches made it clearly evident that Potton continues to be strong and thriving due to



PHOTOS: JENNIFER MCGEEAN

the amazing volunteers who do so very much to improve and strengthen projects, organisations and initiatives.

For Potton Community Organiser, Trish Wood who orchestrated the evening, the event always brings with it a sense of pride and joy.

"I am always moved during this event," shared Wood. "The gathering is a reminder of how fortunate Potton is and reinforces the role of the people in making so many ideas, projects and achievements come to fruition in a com-

munity."

If smiles are any indication of success, from Friday's celebration it was evident that Potton is plentiful in happy faces and capable helping hands; rich indeed in the most precious of things; people power.

To all volunteers both near and far, thank YOU for all you do to make Canada and our local communities better.

Ben by Daniel Shelton

