

# Hamm defends free downtown Wi-Fi

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Magog Mayor Vicki May Hamm wants to reassure her electro-sensitive constituents concerned about the installation of a downtown wireless communications system. In a letter to Sherbrooke's La Tribune, the mayor said:

"Ever since Cogeco made the announcement that a free Wi-Fi network is now available in downtown I've received emails and phone calls from citizens and even outsiders who claim to suffer from electro-sensitivity.

I know some people have come together to attract the attention of the public and elected officials on this issue. I have great sympathy for people who suffer from this sensitivity to the waves and admiration for those who take up a cause and who have the courage of their convictions. As someone who has campaigned for many causes that were close to my heart, I agree it is important to discuss certain issues in the public square.

Council members are also

aware of the situation faced by citizens who are particularly sensitive to waves. We also know that the sources of electromagnetic fields are many and are virtually everywhere and include cell phones, appliances, compact fluorescent lamps, high voltage lines, computers, Bluetooth devices, wireless payment terminals, microwave ovens, radar, and much more. As we do not have sufficient knowledge to make judgments on the matter, we must rely on experts who unfortunately do not agree among themselves on this issue. All however agree on the fact that 2 or 3 per cent of the population is affected by the waves. Some experts explain it as some kind of allergy and a growing problem that will affect more people over time. Who is right? How do we know if humans will adapt or whether, on the contrary, they will develop even more intolerance or related diseases? As this is a fairly recent phenomenon, we can only hope that future research learns more and enlightens us."

# Cops will be vigilant over long weekend

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The Sûreté du Québec will step up their presence on the roads during the long Victoria Day weekend. Tickets will be served when violations of the Highway Safety Code are noted.

Police are asking motorists to prepare to reach their destination within the time permitted by speed limits. Drivers should avoid risky behaviour, including offences related to speed, not wearing a seat belt, and cell phone use while driving.

Police have indicated they will not hesitate to intervene

and issue tickets if they find an offence. It should be noted that they will also pay special attention to driving impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Regularly, there are fatal accidents on the roads that could have been avoided. In 2013, 277 people lost their lives as a result of such accidents on Sûreté du Québec territory. During the 2013 Victoria Day long weekend, the Sûreté du Québec witnessed one fatal crash and 152 others with injuries. They are therefore asking for the cooperation of all motorists to ensure that the long weekend unfolds safely for all Quebecers.



## THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

La Chevauchée for life is a horse event with riders and hitchhikes, which raises money through sponsors for "La Fondation Québécoise du Cancer" to help people who require lodging while receiving cancer treatments (such as chemo or radiation therapy).

For many there is a great deal of travel (daily trips) to a hospital at a distance from their homes. Thus far, the "La Chevauchée" event has raised close to \$75,000 to aid in the devastation of cancer and in support of the individuals and families that are affected by the disease.

Saturday, June 7 will mark the sixth edition of La Chevauchée for life which is held on the site of the Brome Fair grounds at 345 Stagecoach Road in Lac Brome. There is a possibility of camping with the rental of stall space however reservations are obligatory.

The June 7 event follows a trail that allows participants to partake in a 10 km to 35 km excursion (it is the participant's choice how far they wish to go). Drivers leave the site at 10 a.m. and riders at 11 a.m.

The group will stop for lunch (bring your lunch). In the evening, there is a pork dinner with musical entertainment, door prizes and an auction with Quebec products and many more surprises including a horse ball demonstration; a sport that few people know about.

Persons wishing to attend the event can purchase tickets by contacting Ginette before May 25 for \$25 per person. If you wish to take part in the wagon ride you can do so for a donation of \$50 per person (a tax receipt will be issued and this price includes your supper).

For Rose Everett, this event and the cause that it supports is

# 'La Chevauchée' A fundraiser for the Quebec Cancer Foundation



PHOTOS COURTESY ROSE EVERETT

Top photo: Rose Everett and her husband. Bottom photo: Wesley Johnson.

one that touches her heart. She reminds everyone that all funds raised through donations go directly to the "Fondation" and tax receipts are issued for amounts of \$10 and up.

"Both my sister, Sylvia Everett-Woodard and I have needed these accommodations and help while going through our cancer treatments," shared Rose. "We were so grateful to have the support."

Event organizer, Ginette Messier encourages people to come out to this event that is both a pleasure to partake in and to watch.

"This activity is a fun day that

brings people together to support a great cause, La Fondation québécoise du cancer," she stated. "Join us in making this sixth edition of 'La Chevauchée' a success in supporting life, individuals and families in their battle with cancer." To view photos of previous events please go on Facebook "La Chevauchée pour la vie."

For more information or to reserve your place, contact Ginette at 450-539-1355 or 450-539-1093.

As the horses, the drivers and riders take to the trail for this excursion, it is quite a moving site. The fact that it helps such a great cause is a bonus.

# Caisse window smashed in Magog

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Magog financial institution was hit with vandalism Wednesday evening when

someone smashed a window and sprayed graffiti on a downtown building housing a branch of the Caisse populaire du lac Memphrémagog.

So far, police have made no arrest and the investigation is ongoing.

Police are asking citizens to report any available information.

## BARBECUE TIME

Compton County Agricultural Society  
BEEF & PORK BARBECUE  
at the Cookshire Fair Grounds

SATURDAY, MAY 24  
from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

\$17<sup>00</sup> per person, \$6<sup>00</sup> per child (6-10 years)  
under 6 years Free

DANCE TO FOLLOW

Great dining for the whole family!