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## Weather



TODAY:  
30 PER CENT  
CHANCE OF  
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 29  
LOW OF 18



TUESDAY:  
SUNNY

HIGH OF 31  
LOW OF 19



WEDNESDAY:  
MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 29  
LOW OF 20



THURSDAY:  
60 PER CENT  
CHANCE OF  
SHOWERS  
HIGH OF 28  
LOW OF 19



FRIDAY:  
60 PER CENT  
CHANCE OF  
SHOWERS  
HIGH OF 27  
LOW OF 18

# Local grocery store shows support for Potton's firefighters and first responders



## THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

Catherine Ducharme and her father Jacques Ducharme, the owners of the Marche Richelieu Epicerie Jacques Ducharme grocery store in Mansonville, are no strangers to supporting community events, initiatives and groups. The local grocery store owners have long contributed to efforts in fundraising especially those supporting children and youth as well as community minded projects. Recently the duo, along with their store employees decided to hold a fundraiser of their own to support the

Municipality of Potton Firefighters and First Responders.

Throughout the month of May, clientele were encouraged, when paying for their groceries, to add on an amount in support of the Firefighters and First Responders as a donation. The donations were collected for the month and recently an amount of \$1133.00 was donated to the group.

The Potton firefighters and first responders receive an average of 90 calls for help per year. In 2019, that number alone reached 144 calls responded to by the local department! Funds raised can be used to purchase equipment needed and are also there to help families quickly who have been victims of a fire. The service provided by local fire departments and first responders are such a vital part of community life and safety that initiatives like this one are always needed and extra funding necessary.

"We sincerely want to thank our customers who contributed so generously to this effort," said Catherine Ducharme. "The initiative was a success thanks to their show of support for the idea."

It is never too late to make a donation to the efforts of the Potton Firefighters and First Responders. If you would like to contribute, please contact James Bouthillier, the Director and Preventionist for Potton's Fire and Civil Safety Department 450-292-3313 poste 240 or email: [serviceincendie@potton.ca](mailto:serviceincendie@potton.ca)

While the sound of an ambulance, fire truck, police car or first responder vehicle finds most of us rushing to our windows to see where the vehicles are heading, for those who respond to these calls, a very different reality unfolds when a call comes in. Showing support by way of a donation may seem like a small effort by comparison however, these initiatives and contributions remind those who provide emergency services that their efforts are supported and their hard work applauded.

For Catherine and Jacques Ducharme, this show of support allowed the entire community to partake and they couldn't be happier with the kindness shown and the support demonstrated by their clientele.



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