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Weather



TODAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 23
LOW OF 10



TUESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 24
LOW OF 13



WEDNESDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 23
LOW OF 17



THURSDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 25
LOW OF 12



FRIDAY:
60% CHANCE OF
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 20
LOW OF 9

Marche Richelieu Epicerie Jacques Ducharme celebrates a new look



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

After close to two years and with renovations officially completed, on Sept. 17 the Marche Richelieu Epicerie Jacques Ducharme in Mansonville celebrated the upgrades made both inside and out of its local grocery store.
For over forty years now, Jacques Ducharme has been the owner of the Marche Richelieu/Epicerie Jacques Ducharme grocery store located at 340 Main Street in Mansonville; he and his wife, Dominique Racine purchased the store in May 1980. Today, their daughter Catherine has joined her parents in the management of the store where she works full-time.

With the challenges faced during the Covid Pandemic coupled with the renovations it has been a very busy two years for the Marche Richelieu owners and their staff team. The store has long employed many locals as well as an impressive number of students who have gained experience, learned many skills in dealing with the public as well as providing youth with dollars earned to help with school expenses.
The renovations were necessary and many have referred to the changes as a “night and day” transformation.
“We must thank the team at Metro for seeing us through the triumphs and the difficulties in taking on these renovations,” shared Catherine Ducharme. “A special mention must also be made



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in regards the team at Drumco who saw us through the process from start to finish,” she added.
The store employs some 25 employees who proudly serve the people of Potton and surrounding areas as well as the tourists passing through.
“There have been many challenges throughout this renovation process and without our devoted staff it would not have been possible,” said Jacques Ducharme. “Catherine, Dominique and I wish to acknowledge the rest of our team: Jason Ball, Wendy Bedard, Dylan Barnes, Vicky Carrier, Antoine Hudon, Thomas Hudon, Alex and Noah Bois-Touchette, Lyne Daigle, Melodie McDuff, Adam Patch, Etienne Gauvreau, Laurianne et Emelie Cherrier, Samantha Wykes, Tania Fell, James Tracy, Kelly-

ann McNeil, Maverick Laplume, Daphnee Leblanc, Beatrice Pelzer McCallum and Kadie Barnes.”
Upgrades can be seen throughout the store as well as a huge transformation from the parking lot to the major changes done to the outside of the building itself. Inside the employees are sporting new uniforms selected by Racine but the same familiar smiles that have always greeted customers remain.
“Now we can return to business as usual,” shared Catherine Ducharme with a smile. “Renovations are never pleasant while they are taking place but our customers have been encouraging throughout the process and the changes bring smiles to their faces and that makes it all worthwhile.”

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