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Weather



TODAY:
MAINLY CLOUDY

HIGH OF -1
LOW OF -5



TUESDAY:
MAINLY CLOUDY

HIGH OF 2
LOW OF -7



WEDNESDAY:
MAINLY CLOUDY

HIGH OF 0
LOW OF -2



THURSDAY:
SCATTERED
FLURRIES

HIGH OF 2
LOW OF -9



FRIDAY:
SCATTERED
FLURRIES

HIGH OF 2
LOW OF -2

Education ministry staff encouraged to volunteer in schools

Record Staff

Education Minister Jean-François Roberge announced the government's plan to allow Ministry of Education staff the opportunity to occasionally volunteer as a substitute teacher in schools that are in dire need of support.
According to a press release, ministry of education employees will have their schedules alleviated slightly to provide time to help, and they won't

be penalized in terms of salary or lose any sick leave days. The government notes that many employees are former educators.
"The labour shortage is forcing us to rethink, reinvent and think differently. When an employee of the department brought this idea to our attention, I immediately asked that it be implemented," Roberge said, adding he's grateful to everyone who brought the idea to life.
The press release also mentions that it will be up to the discretion

of school service centres and school boards whether they want to take in a ministry employee or not. Employees who wish to volunteer their time have been asked to speak to their managers.
The government also announced a series of measures in recent weeks as part of its Opération main-d'œuvre program, a vast initiative with the goal of attracting new resources to the education field. Quebec will continue to incentivize retired staff to return to teaching.

Quebec Liberals adopt Bill 96 amendment to protect English-speaking community

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English-speaking Quebecers will retain the right to obtain health care and social services in their own language following an amendment to Bill 96, an act that is meant to boost the protection and promotion of the French language in the province.
Official opposition critics, and

Quebec Liberal Party members, MNA Hélène David, MNA David Birnbaum, and MNA Gaétan Barrette tabled the amendment and later adopted it guaranteeing the English-speaking community the right to health care and social services in English.
"The amendment that we proposed clearly demonstrated that for our political party, it is possible to protect our French language without

threatening the rights of the Quebec's English-speaking community," David said in a press release.
Birnbaum is also quoted in the press release, noting that it took a lot of determination to ensure English-speaking Quebecers have access to health care services in their own language. He called it historic. Barrette said it will provide much-needed additional protection.

Festive Hearts month

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Various prizes will be awarded and the judges are looking for the greatest snowman, the most creative, the one that reflects the pandemic era we are living in.
"This is a great activity for the whole family," stresses Wood. "We are hoping to see a snowman in every yard this year!"
Other activities on the Zoom platform will include: CPR video aimed at helping someone to respond effectively to an emergency and help someone in danger. This will be on the municipality's website and Facebook page as of February 14th, a gift of love from the Municipal First Responders!
On Wednesday, February 17th at 2pm at the Town Hall or via Zoom, Edith Smeesters will offer a FREE workshop on

"Living Food in Winter." To preregister, send an email to: edithsmeesters@gmail.com. No materials are needed.
February 22nd at the town hall you can learn to live in the moment and clear your mind of stress and anxiety with a 20 minute free private session booked between 10am and 3pm however, if sanitary restrictions remain in effect, the private workshop will be given via Zoom with Lolita Dalpe, a certified instructor. Sessions must be booked by February 20th with Lolita at 450-534-5585 or at taikigong@gmail.com.
Would you like to integrate winter running into your lifestyle and avoid injury? You can join this free, outdoor session, rain or shine. Given by Monique Gilbert, M.Sc.kinesiologist, Saturday February 20th at 9:30am at Missisquoi Nord Park, Andre-Gagnon

Sector. You must reserve your place before February 18th: moniq.gilbert@icloud.com or 438-872-0829.
Want to know more about Festive Hearts month in Potton? Contact: 450-292-3113-ext.228-loisirs@potton.ca
The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre Youth Program suggests that youth, families and the young at heart enjoy the activities offered at the Parc Andre Gagnon (skating, sliding, snowshoeing, walking paths...). This past Saturday some of the youth joined animators for a snowshoeing outing in the park and found it both refreshing and beautiful.
If you aren't up to going to the park to exercise, do you heart a favour and BUILD A SNOWMAN! You may win a prize and who knows, you just may enjoy the heart friendly fun!

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