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Weather



TODAY:
MAINLY SUNNY

HIGH OF 20
LOW OF 7



TUESDAY:
60% CHANCE OF
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 15
LOW OF 8



WEDNESDAY:
PERIODS OF
RAIN

HIGH OF 13
LOW OF 7



THURSDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 13
LOW OF -1



FRIDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 11
LOW OF -2

Municipality of Potton annual volunteer party

“volunteering changes lives!”



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

On Friday, April 29 in a 5 to 7 p.m. event held as part of Volunteer Action Week, a celebration took place in the basement of the Mansonville Catholic Church (now a Municipal community locale). An initiative of the Municipality of Potton with support from the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN), the Annual Volunteer Celebration event unfolded while embracing this year’s theme: “Volunteering Changes Lives!”

Municipal Community Recreation, Culture and Community Organizer, Trish Wood worked alongside the CABMN Volunteer Coordination team, Debra Harding and Krysten Vanier to organize the event held on Friday evening. With the support of Municipal staff, Potton Mayor and Council members as well as CABMN volunteers, the event aimed to celebrate the efforts that Potton volunteers continue to contribute to community life in so many positive and noteworthy ways.

An upbeat ambiance filled with room

with music performed by Stanley Lake and his Dixieland band and delicious food was served throughout the event at each table where guests were seated due to Covid precautions. The variety of delicious samplings were prepared by many of Potton’s culinary locations and served by municipal and CABMN staff to the volunteers present. The SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) group and Youth Centre team, Ethan Ball and Eleanor Cote of the CABMN was also in attendance serving mocktails to those who preferred an alternative to wine. Trish Wood did a phenomenal job of organizing the food and beverages as per usual.

“The food was absolutely delicious,” said one enthusiastic volunteer. “I wasn’t aware of the variety of take out options available in Potton and this event was a reminder of what is available,” she added.

Speeches were made by CABMN Volunteer and one-time Director, Mary Lachance (who had penned a beautiful poem on volunteering), Potton Mayor, Bruno Cote, the Reverend Ron Coughlin (former Mansonville United Church Minister many moons ago) as well as co-founder of the CABMN some forty years passed and who recently in his retirement has signed up as a CABMN volunteer. Debra Harding delivered a speech on behalf of she and Krysten Vanier who are the CABMN Volunteer Coordination team and Mable Hastings appeared via a pre-recorded message, unable to attend due to a bout with Covid. Kyrsten Vanier had prepared a photo celebration that was shared on a big screen which clearly demonstrated



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volunteerism at work.

Municipal Council member, Emilie Hebert-Larue was the evening’s photographer with Terry Stott (CABMN) also snapping photos and video of the event. From decorations done prior to, to the clean up at the end, this event with the over 70 persons in attendance was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and highlight the efforts of volunteers, volunteerism and the impact it has on community well-being, growth and achievement.

To those who volunteer in communities everywhere, a heartfelt thank-you. Please know that your efforts from smallest to biggest bring so much to the lives of those you touch with your talents and time. Your contribution changes lives and betters the communities you support.



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