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## Weather



TODAY:  
A MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF 24  
LOW OF 14



TUESDAY:  
LIGHT RAIN

HIGH OF 22  
LOW OF 11



WEDNESDAY:  
RAIN

HIGH OF 18  
LOW OF 12



THURSDAY:  
CLOUDY WITH  
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 18  
LOW OF 10



FRIDAY:  
A FEW  
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 17  
LOW OF 11

# Potton community raises more funds for the Canada-Ukraine foundation's humanitarian appeal



## THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

In recent months a group of ten "Pottoneers" joined forces to talk about ways to help the Ukrainian people who continue their heroic defense of their homeland from Russia's genocidal war. Following the success of the Mechoui fundraiser held by the Potton Valley Baptist Church on Saturday, April 9th, the group felt optimistic that the population might be willing to further support humanitarian efforts if another event was organized.

Ideas surfaced including welcoming refugees to Potton, knowing that a Ukrainian community was rooted in the area with a small church and a youth camp nearby in Bolton-Est.

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress's Montreal chapter recommended that any funds raised would be best served going to the Canada-Ukraine Foundation.

On May 22nd, at the Euro-Deli in Mansonville, a benefit concert took place with \$10,722 raised for this worthwhile cause. The event was sponsored: Festi-Vale-Perkins, Giroux & Giroux (Rona) Mansonville, The Thirsty Boot, Euro-deli and Super Hiro Productions.

A tornado warning could not dampen the spirits of those gathered. The sun shone for the duration of the event and it was deemed a resounding success!

The event consisted of four musical acts: Roman Zavada, Norman Nawrocki, Philippe Dunnigan, Dave Argent, La Sirene Rouge and Jay De Sea. The event included a raffle with over 40 donated prizes, the singing of the Ukrainian anthem and a delicious meal prepared by the Euro-deli (John Mierzwinski and Denuta Beben). The two also covered the cost of the tent ordered during the week due to potential weather issues.

The organizing committee members received a letter of appreciation from the Prime Minister's office. Representatives from the Member of Parliament's



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office and Member of the National Assembly's office attended as well Potton's Mayor, Bruno Cote and members of the Municipal Council.

Christine Baudinet, a member of the Potton Municipal Council in attendance said, "I was touched seeing the embroidered Ukrainian blouses and shirts worn by many at the concert. The young families came with their children, bringing a festive atmosphere to the concert. The musicians of great talent offered us an anthology of Ukrainian music. A successful concert."

*"Ukraine is not dead yet, nor its glory or freedom  
Luck will smile on us young brothers  
Our enemies will die, as the dew does in the sunshine,  
And we too brothers, will live happily in our land  
We'll not spare either our souls or bodies for our freedom  
And we'll prove that we brothers are of Kozak kin."*  
-Ukrainian National Anthem

The organizing committee sends out a sincere thank you to all who helped organize, volunteered, attended and contributed to the event. The Canada-Ukraine Foundation is a worthy cause and for anyone who would like to donate, please go to [cufoundation.ca](http://cufoundation.ca)



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