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HIGH OF 20  
LOW OF 5



TUESDAY:  
MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 22  
LOW OF 12



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CLOUDY

HIGH OF 21  
LOW OF 12



THURSDAY:  
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 21  
LOW OF 12



FRIDAY:  
MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 27  
LOW OF 14

# Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) holds its annual general meeting



## THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

On Thursday evening, June 16 the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) held its Annual General Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Feather in the Wind Senior Centre located at 309 Principale in Mansonville. With 40 people in attendance the meeting including wine and cheese refreshments as well as the presentation of the non-profit's financial, activity and program reports that included statistics and information was presented.

The CABMN is celebrating its 40th anniversary (1982-2022) and has been offering services for seniors, youth, the intellectually and physically challenged as well as accompanied transportation service, an emergency food bank, medical equipment lending, income tax service, volunteer coordination, help with government forms and phone calls, support to caregivers and more...

The AGM also saw the election of two new Board Members: Hilary Head and Hartland Paterson who will join: Brenda Clark, Cathy Riendeau, Madeleine Langlois, Danielle Cousineau, James Eby, Ron Jones, David Sterling and Robert Gagnon leaving one potential seat that can be filled. The bylaws state that the BOD must be made up of no fewer than 7 and no more than 11 members.

At the start of the meeting, volunteer receptionist Mary Lachance read a poem she had written to commemorate the AGM and this was the perfect start to set a positive tone for the evening. In her poem Mary emphasized the contributions of the board, committees, staff and the extraordinary volunteers

who, together make the CABMN work.

Many of the CABMN staff were present at the meeting and the activity report was shared through a printed AGM booklet, a power point presentation and a verbal sharing of activities, upcoming projects and plans as well as dreams for the future in serving the communities and bettering the services for clientele living in Potton, Bolton-Est, Saint-Etienne-de-Bolton, Eastman and Stukely Sud.

Renovation plans to improve the Senior Centre (La Plume au Vent); situated in the hall portion of the former Mansonville St.Paul Anglican Church that was purchased by the CABMN in the spring of this year were shared. The need to maintain and assure upkeep at the Youth Centre building of the CABMN (a building that houses programming for both youth and persons with disabilities) was also emphasized. The hope to increase staffing at the CABMN Main Office to provide more animation in the services provided to seniors as well as increased staff in the office where programs like the food bank, accompanied transport, medical equipment lending and more are offered and it was stated as a priority. Increased demands for



volunteer support also necessitate the need for another office staff member as well.

During the question period, thoughtful comments were made and pertinent questions asked. The smiles on the faces as the meeting came to an end were the best indication that all had partaken in an enjoyable evening of learning and celebration.

With 240 registered volunteers the CABMN is always open to more people getting involved. The latest AGM report can be found on the CABMN website at [www.cabmn.org](http://www.cabmn.org) and anyone who would like to volunteer can call the main office at 450-292-3114 for information.



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