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Weather



TODAY:
RAIN

HIGH OF 28
LOW OF 18



TUESDAY:
PERIODS OF
RAIN

HIGH OF 26
LOW OF 17



WEDNESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 27
LOW OF 19



THURSDAY:
70 PER CENT
CHANCE OF
SHOWERS
HIGH OF 27
LOW OF 18



FRIDAY:
CLOUDY
PERIODS

HIGH OF 27
LOW OF 15

Volunteer Centre welcomes Brome-Missisquoi MP Pascale St-Onge



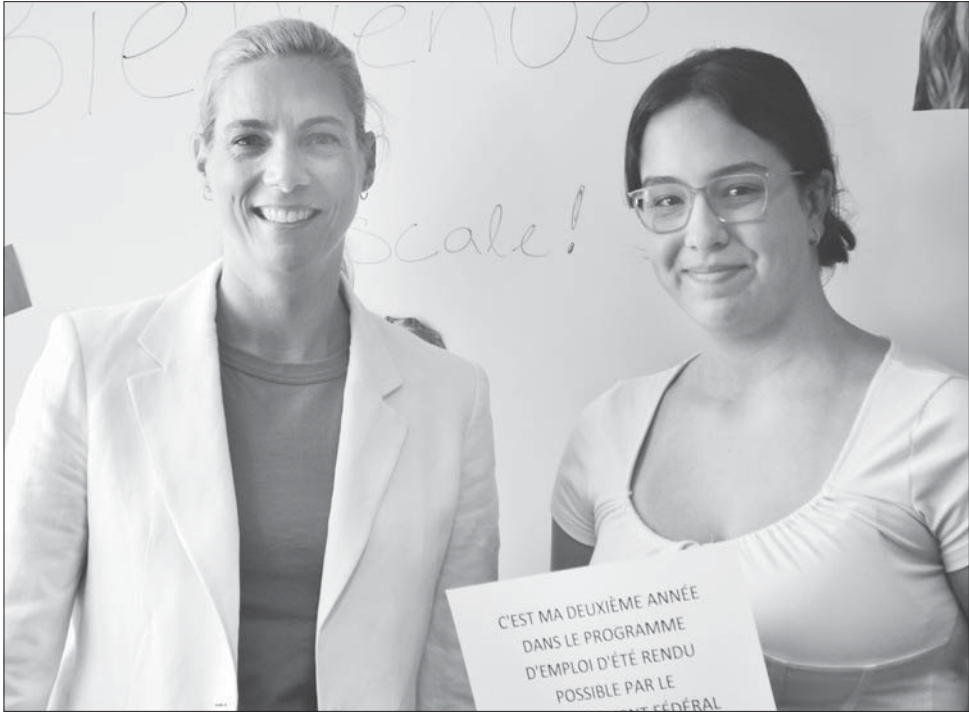
THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

On Wednesday, July 13, 2022 the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) staff team and clients from the CIUSSE/CHUS Day Centre in Potton welcomed Brome-Missisquoi Member of Parliament, Pascale St-Onge and her assistant, Sophie-anne Levesque during a visit to the main office of the CAB. The purpose of the visit requested by Pascale St-Onge was to touch base with the volunteer centre on a variety of topics.

CABMN staff updated the two regarding the efforts of the organization over the past three years of the pandemic, emphasizing the support shown to the CABMN by both the federal and provincial governments.

“We were supported in so many ways throughout the pandemic and this assured the organization’s capability in meeting the needs of the clientele we serve in the five municipalities of the MRC Memphremagog West (Potton, Bolton-Est, Sainte-Etienne-de-Bolton, Eastman and Stukely),” said Mable Hastings, Director of the CABMN. “The needs for emergency food support, accompanied transportation, medication deliveries, check-in calls (especially to the senior population) and a variety of other requests found our organization going beyond our normal services to new areas requiring increased costs,” she added.

CABMN staff and clients who partake in the programs for persons with physical and intellectual challenges joined the group and were able to share



ETHAN BALL

Pascale St-Onge (M.P. Brome Missisquoi) and Aryane Bahl (Federal Government CABMN Summer Employment student

with St-Onge some of their needs that included: the paving of the driveway to enable easier accessibility and use of the space by those requiring a wheelchair or with mobility issues. The Youth Centre staff expressed the need for a van to transport children and youth to programs like the outdoor farming MAYO (Mansonville Agricultural Youth Organization)/JAM (Jeunes Agriculteurs de Mansonville) that requires the youth being transported twice a week to a local hobby farm. The van would also enable the youth centre to offer outings for the youth in all of its weekly programs.

The Senior Services staff team thanked St-Onge for the support given through the New Horizons to renovate the Senior Centre (La Plume au Vent)/ Feather In the Wind Centre owned by the CABMN and emphasized that a third phase would bring a bathroom accessible to all including those with decreased mobility or in a wheelchair....

CIUSSE/CHUS Social Worker, Annabel Hivert joined the group and shared some information on the

services offered through the medical clinic operating from the same building as the CABMN.

St-Onge and her assistant listened, exchanged and offered suggestions, guidance and information to the group gathered. While not all of the CABMN staff team were able to be present, those who were gave a fine portrait of the CABMN programs, efforts and dreams for the coming year.

Summer Student, Aryane Bahl, who was hired at the CABMN for a second year on the summer employment program sponsored by the Federal Government thanked St-Onge for the opportunity she has been given in working for the volunteer centre.

“I appreciate the skills I have acquired working at a community non-profit,” said Aryane Bahl. “I thank the federal government and your team for giving young people life myself the opportunity to have employment opportunities like this.”

At the end of the meeting all in attendance truly felt like the exchange had been positive and productive.

Ben by Daniel Shelton

