

Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) proudly celebrates community at annual Potton festival



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The Annual Potton Spirit Festival being held this coming weekend on Friday, Aug. 12 to Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Parc Andre Gagnon site in Mansonville will find the entire community bursting with activity not only at the main festival site but also throughout the town. Some local eateries situated along the main street will offer specials celebrating Potton's diverse cuisine and many businesses will be open and eager to greet the public.

The Municipality will offer a free shuttle bus for the duration of the Spirit of Potton Festival as well. The bus will make continuous trips to three parking lots available to attendees during the event: one at the former 243 Resto-bar located at 377 Rte de Mansonville, one

at the Parc Andre Gagnon where the main activities are taking place and a third stop at the parking lot of the St.Cajetan Church located at 324 Rue Principale. The shuttle service will be available Friday, Aug. 12 from 5-11 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Last week's article in The Record informed everyone about the details of the entire event. This article is focusing on the activities being offered by the Volunteer Centre over the two days. Working alongside the Municipal staff and Festival Committee, the CABMN has helped to find and involve some of the amazing and devoted volunteers from its volunteer bank. These volunteers are giving of their time and talents to help with a variety of activities from supervising the bouncy games to clean up and many activities in between. Please, if you attend this event, remember that a kind word and well deserved "thank you," is the only pay these wonderful individuals ask for. Because of them, events like this and many others are made possible in our community.

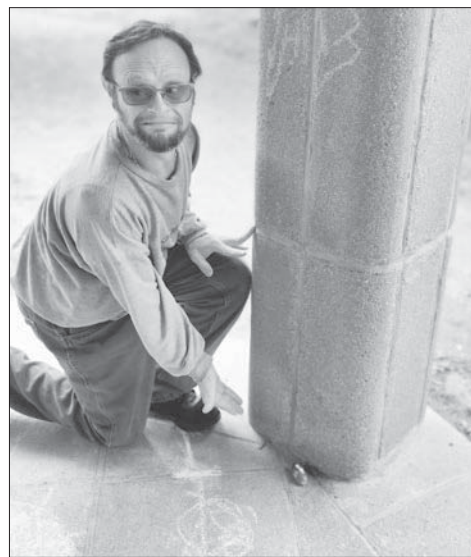
The Festival is about Potton pride and the pride of its people. It isn't about decision makers or fault finding, it is about involvement, partaking in the positive and celebrating who we are as a community. The spirit of our people is our strength and our

foundation. We come together to support and share and we welcome visitors to our beautiful township with the same inclusive spirit and joy.

With that in mind, the CABMN Volunteer Centre (a local non-profit) in existence for forty years now in the community is partaking in a variety of activities as part of the Festival. Friday evening following the Fire Department and First Responder Mechoui Fundraiser, the CABMN has organized a BINGO event. Again, this event is being animated by volunteers and the prizes are provided by local Potton businesses that have been outstandingly generous with their support this year. Prizes include: a Jackpot of \$250, various cash games at \$100 per game, gift certificates including golfing for four plus the use of a cart from Owl's Head Golf and Ski, two \$150 gift certificates to a sports store and many other prizes... We ask that all take note that this is a small community bingo being done in a simple format. No bells and whistles but lots of fun!

On Saturday the CABMN Partage/Share food bank will hold a Fundraiser Pancake breakfast at the Parc Andre Gagnon from 8:30am to 11:00am. Prices will be \$20 per adult, \$15 per child between 6 and 12 and free for children 5 and under. New this year will be a family deal at a reduced rate. The Farmers Public Market and artisans will be situated in the same area so you can have breakfast, support a great cause and then do some shopping; win/win opportunity!

The CABMN Youth Centre and Special Programs will be holding a Jewelry Sale and information table in the same area under the multifunctional shelter along with the other artisans... This is the perfect time to pick up some second hand jewellery treasures at great prices while supporting the youth and Special Programs of the




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Tom Peacock Day Centre client places a spirit rock

CABMN. There is still time to donate items to the sale by contacting Mable Hastings at m.hastings@cabmn.org and she will arrange pick up or, items can be dropped off at her home at 179 Rte de Mansonville. They have volunteers cleaning and bagging the items and they can use any treasures you might offer. Make sure to include your name and phone number if you donate or drop items off. The names of all who donate items are going in for a draw for a bottle of wine and more!

The CABMN CIUSSE/CHUS Day Centre program for persons with intellectual and physical disabilities has created "Potton Spirit Rocks" that the group has distributed throughout Mansonville. Find a spirit rock and return it to the CABMN table on Saturday, Aug. 13 under the shelter and your name will be entered toward the draw for a gift certificate donated by Potter, Stanley Lake.

See you all this weekend as we celebrate Potton's spirit!



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