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Winter months negatively impact paratransit services

By Lawrence Belanger
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For disabled people, the winter months present unique challenges relating to their transportation needs. Cold temperatures, icy conditions, and massive snowfalls negatively impact those with disabilities and their ability to go where they please when they please. Sherbrooke residents with disabilities rely more on paratransit services during the colder months, putting added pressure on the public transit system.

"In the summer, you can go anywhere", says France Croteau, since sidewalks tend to be clear of obstacles. But during winter, sidewalks become hazardous for people with disabilities. Snowfall has to be removed quickly, and surfaces treated to prevent the buildup of ice.

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Missisquoi North volunteer centre welcomes SQ "godmother"



COURTESY OF MADELEINE LANGLOIS

By Mable Hastings

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, the CABMN volunteer centre in Mansonville received a visit from Sûreté du Québec Sergeant Jacinthe Labonté, who is the "Godmother" at the SQ for

the Potton region. Labonté stopped by the CABMN to connect with the staff and to establish a link for sharing information in the future. Jacinthe works alongside long time SQ prevention and education Sergeant in the region, Steeve Côté. While Côté

works in providing community support in schools, youth centres etc...in the area of prevention and education, Jacinthe covers patrolling, surveillance and emergency calls throughout the large territory covered by the SQ.

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