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Weather



TODAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 24
LOW OF 7



TUESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 28
LOW OF 10



WEDNESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 31
LOW OF 13



THURSDAY:
A MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 30
LOW OF 14



FRIDAY:
A MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 28
LOW OF 9

Potton Covered Market celebrates successful first Saturday of the season



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

This past Saturday, May 27 the Potton Covered Public Market held its first Saturday of the season in its new location under the multi-functional shelter in Park Andre Gagnon in Mansonville. The new location allows for protection from the elements as well as ample room for all vendors to partake in the market. The parking is being expanded upon and those visiting the market will soon be able to park closer to the shelter itself for easy loading of purchases.

At the market you will find the freshest produce grown by local farmers as well as artisanal and craft products. Visitors are encouraged to allow time to get a coffee from the local Torrefacteur coffee counter and a fresh croissant from the Owl's Bread Bakery stand. A change in the municipal bylaws as desired by most municipalities will permit alcohol consumption in public parks and this will mean the welcoming of the local Equinoxe Microbrewery to the Market.



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It is important to note that while the bylaw will allow for the consumption of alcohol in moderation, intoxication and unruly behaviour is prohibited.

Live music will soon begin at the market adding to the ambiance. The location in the Park Andre Gagnon throughout the summer will give families the opportunity to enjoy the on-site waterpark, swings, new deck hockey, jungle gym and ample picnic tables. Situated in a park, the location is the perfect place for children to have fun making a trip to the market on a Saturday, a real family outing.

For this year's organizers, Julie Larson and Genevieve Sauve as well as the food producers and crafts people, this first Saturday was a wonderful indication of the support and how valued the market is in the community.

"On behalf of our merchants, we would like to thank everyone who came out to support the Potton Covered Market," said Larson. "You are the reason we do what we do, whether it be horticulture, agriculture, husbandry of animals and bees, crafting fine foods, brews of coffees and ails or handmade goods. We all need moments of connection and joy and you and the wonderful people of Potton and its surrounding areas created that for us yesterday."

A local syrup producer, Neil Smith and volunteers have kindly constructed individual kiosks for the regulars who have a stand each week. The care and creativity in the set up of each table makes a tour through the space enjoyable and it is easy to find what

you are looking for and maybe even a surprise item that might catch your eye! A joyous buzz fills the air and there are an abundant number of people to visit with as you shop or enjoy a treat.

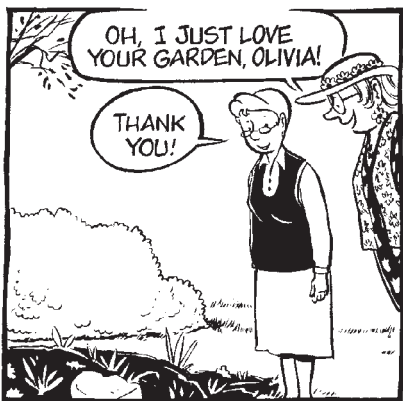
"The location of the market is purely to improve the logistics (safety, use in all weather, sustainable development of the market) and available space for vendors," said Potton Pro Mayor, Jason Ball. "The joyous atmosphere has always been evident at the Potton Market regardless of the space where it is held. It is the people who make the market a success from the vendors to those attending."

Larson and Sauve have put in a tremendous amount of work in getting the new location up and running. Potton Mayor, Bruno Cote had the following to say about the efforts of all involved.

"It is up to the municipality to provide a safe location for the market but it is the vision, efforts, resilience and enthusiasm of these two organizers working alongside the merchants that made it the success that this first weekend indicated," said Cote. "As I looked around the park on Saturday and saw the deck hockey full of children, others enjoying the picnic and recreational areas and the market in full swing, I felt confident that this was going to be a beneficial shared space for all."

The Potton Covered Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and runs through to Oct. 8. Stop by and say hello, the vendors will be happy to see you!

Ben by Daniel Shelton



I CAN JUST IMAGINE IT IN FULL BLOOM-- AND I LOVE THIS PLANT HERE! "LYCHNIS HAAGEANA" IS IT NOT? SO BEAUTIFUL! REALLY, REALLY GORGEOUS!

