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## Weather



TODAY:  
SUNNY

HIGH OF 20  
LOW OF 4



TUESDAY:  
SUNNY

HIGH OF 20  
LOW OF 2



WEDNESDAY:  
SUNNY

HIGH OF 21  
LOW OF 4



THURSDAY:  
SUNNY

HIGH OF 21  
LOW OF 5



FRIDAY:  
SUNNY

HIGH OF 22  
LOW OF 6

# Familiprix Mansonville and Potton fire and first responders hold blood drive with Hema Quebec



THE SCOOP  
MABLE HASTINGS

On Monday, September 18, the FamiliPrix Mansonville in collaboration with the Potton Firefighter and First Responders held a blood drive with HEMA Quebec at the Fire Station located on Rue. Principale in Mansonville all day to 7 p.m.

The HEMA Quebec website states: "In keeping with the main recommendations of the Gelineau and Krever reports, the Minister of Health and Social Services announced the creation of Héma-Québec on March 30, 1998 as part of the reorganization of Québec's blood management system.

Héma-Québec is a not-for-profit organization whose principal mandate is to supply hospitals with safe, superior-quality blood products. As the blood supplier, Héma-Québec is responsible for donor recruitment, blood collection, the quality of blood products and their distribution to hospital centres.

An organization that is not directly dependent on the government and which has its own board of directors, Héma-Québec is fully integrated and in line with Québec's healthcare network. Our board of directors is made up of representatives from all links of the transfusion chain, from the donor to the recipient.

We comply with Health Canada's safety standards.

We collaborate with and maintain close links to Canadian Blood Services, the agency responsible for the blood management system for the rest of Canada. An online link has been



courtesy

Alexandra Bruneau (Mansonville Fire and First Responders), Cathy Riendeau Pharmacist and co-owner of the FamiliPrix in Mansonville and Emilie Hebert Larue (Mansonville Fire and First Responders)

established between the donor banks of these two organizations."

"Our goal for the day was to have 60 donors participate in giving blood," explained Cathy Riendeau, Pharmacist and co-owner (with David Rousseau) of the FamiliPrix in Mansonville. "We ended up with 56 donors and we are very pleased with that and with the generosity and participation of the community," she added.

Many who attended the event commented on the efficient set up and organization done by the Firefighters and First Responders.

"This dynamic group made the event run smoothly and I appreciate all of the hardwork done by the Potton Firefighters and First Responders," said Riendeau.

HEMA Quebec felt that the day had been a success. This is the second year that the FamiliPrix in Mansonville has organized a blood drive and all involved feel that it is worth the time and effort in making this happen. The participation of the community and surrounding area is vital and those who give the gift of life are surely making a difference for so many in need.

## Ben by Daniel Shelton

