

New gardening project in Potton: Vegetables at Last!



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

With the beautiful spring weather we are having it is time to look forward to preparing and planning for the planting of our vegetable gardens and the Municipality of Potton has good news for those wanting some support and inspiration!

The Municipality of Potton is taking part in the new “Vegetables at Last” (Enfin des légumes!) project funded by the Healthy Living Committee (Comite Estrien des Saines Habitudes de vie) of the CIUSSS de l’Estrie-CHUS.

In this article I introduce Emilie Turcotte-Côté, who has been an agronomist (an expert in the science of soil management and crop production) in the Eastern Townships since 2010. Working as a horticultural advisor for fruit, vegetable and Christmas tree growers for 10 years Emilie is also the owner of Les Jardins

d’Etc farm, located in Bury.

As part of this wonderful collective project initiative, Emilie will animate this program in Potton and will have the chance to accompany participants in the community garden throughout the coming season. Workshops will be offered starting in March and the first will be focused on planning a garden and discussing seeds, choosing varieties, organic production, insects, diseases, weeds, cold-resistant vegetables, fertilization, irrigation, etc...

“The aim of the workshops,” explained Turcotte-Cote, “is to train citizens in gardening so that they can produce their own vegetables for a better diet.”

The courses will be open to anyone in the community with an interest in gardening. The complete workshop schedule will be announced soon. Workshop 1: Planning Your Garden will take place on March 16 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Municipal space in the Mansonville Catholic Church basement located at 324 Principale. Twenty spaces are available and pre-registration is required by contacting: loisirs@potton.ca

While it may seem to some like this is a little early to be thinking about, we assure you that Emilie will give you a lot to plan and prepare as you embark upon growing your own produce for a healthy diet and the garden will even provide you with some exercise.



COURTESY

Beattie Street named in memory of the three brothers, milk producers in Lennoxville between 1920 and 1950

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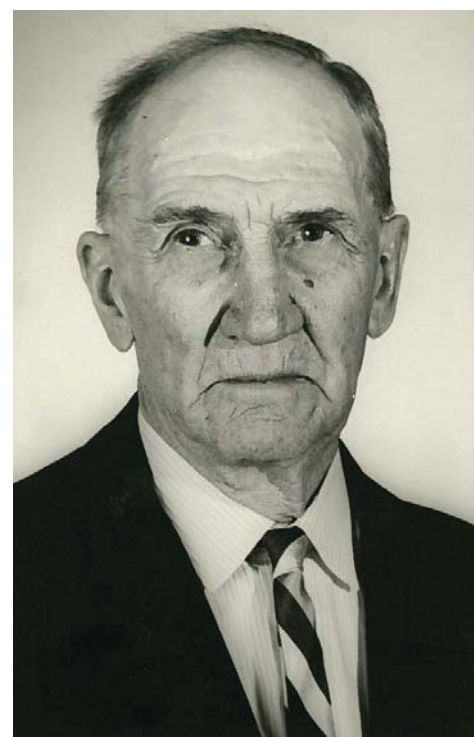
A small section of Beattie Street in Lennoxville was opened with this name in 1947 beginning at St Francis Street. It was constructed on one of the lots belonging to James Beattie, one of the Beattie brothers. The street was completed sometime between 1962 and 1966.

The brothers James Gillanders (1884-1974), John (1886-1960) and Victor Raymond Beattie (1891-1973), were born in Saint-Jacques-de-Leeds. They were the sons of Eleanor Gillanders (1862-1955) and John Stephenson Beattie (1857-1935), who were married in 1883 in the Presbyterian Church in Leeds. In 1920, the Beattie brothers, probably with their parents, came to Lemesurier Hamlet, near Saint-Pierre-de-Broughton, not far from

Saint-Pierre-de-Broughton. There they bought Willowdale farm on St Francis Street from Katherine Elizabeth Wilson (died 1919), the widow of James H. M. Parker. The farm was located north of Atto-Beaver Park, and was previously owned by the Warner, Caron and Bieber families. The residence, probably constructed by Gabriel Caron in 1865, still stands at 220 Saint Francis Street. The three brothers had a milk farm and distributed milk in Sherbrooke.

In 1910, James Gillanders married Margaret Wilkin (1887-1973) in the Anglican church in Leeds Township and had two daughters: Elizabeth (1911-1986) and Norma (1918-2003). Victor Raymond married Hazel Stevenson (1896-1973) though when and where is unknown, and they had no descendants. John married Maggie May Church (1883-1974) in 1903 in the Anglican Church in Leeds Township and had two sons: Thomas Roy (1903-1981) and John Aulden (1909-1977).

James Gillanders and Victor Raymond were elite marksmen and members of the Sherbrooke Regiment Rifle Association. James Gillanders was president of the Lennoxville Rifle Club from 1953 to 1956. Victor Raymond was elected as a Lennoxville municipal councillor on the 6th of February 1939 and resigned his post in September 1949 in order to move to Richmond and run the farm at the Wales Home. His brother James Gillanders took over the Willowdale farm until 1950 and was helped by his brother John who lived near by. When James moved to Clough Street, the land was sold in 1951 to Joseph Antoine Patenaude of Montreal. In 1953, all the land to the east of the railway line was sold to the Missionnaires d’Afrique order, who built the Lavigerie House. The part of the land where the Willowdale farm residence was located now belongs to René Lemieux. The three Beattie brothers along with their wives are buried in the Lennoxville part of the Melvern Cemetery.



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John Beattie