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### Weather



TODAY: **CLOUDY** 

HIGH OF 14 LOW OF 3



**TUESDAY:** 

HIGH OF 5 LOW OF 1

**WEDNESDAY:** CLOUDY



HIGH OF 9 LOW OF 2



THURSDAY: **SUNNY** 

HIGH OF 13 LOW OF 4

FRIDAY: **MIX OF SUN** AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF 17 LOW OF 5

# Potton First Responders receive visit of appreciation



THE SCOOP

#### MABLE HASTINGS

n Wednesday, May 8 the Potton First Responders were visited by Leo Joy, husband of Dominique Alain the woman who was attacked and severely mauled by dogs while jogging on March 29th in Potton. Her severe injuries and numerous surgical procedures have made the last few weeks extremely vital in the telling of Dominique's recovery. For Dominique and her family, the gratitude extended to the Potton First Responders is immense as they celebrate the fact that Dominique is alive and improving with each passing day. Granted, she still has a long way to go as she focuses on physical, occupational and psychological rehabilitation but, the hope, will and determination is

On Wednesday evening, Leo Joy was able to meet, address and thank the Potton First Responder Team, who saved Dominique's life. The emotional gathering gave all in attendance the opportunity to express their feelings following such a

the community and beyond.

'Dominique and I are humbled by the dedication and commitment of the entire Potton First Responder Team and especially want to thank JF Giroux, Melissa Harrison, Jonathon Ducharme and Shawn Pouliot for their efforts with Dominique on the 29th of March," said Joy. "Dominique is recovering because of their experience and the care she received from them," he added.

For the First Responders, this was an extremely difficult case to witness and those providing on-site care for Dominique were also given psychological support following the traumatic event.

You never know what situation you are going to be put in when you receive a call for help," explained Shawn Pouliot, Captain of the Potton Team. "Your instinctive training kicks in and you do all you can at the moment," he explains.

Reginald Gauthier of Coldbrook Realties, in their continued support of those in need in our local communities, knew that there would be many people wanting to help and support Dominique and her family. A GoFundMe campaign was launched by Gauthier to raise funds to help Dominique and her family rebuild their lives after suffering such a tragic event. To date, close to \$30,000 has been raised. These funds will help in a variety of ways with her rehabilitation.

'The outpouring of support we have received from the community of Mansonville and beyond has been extremely helpful to both Dominique and I during

tragic event that has touched so many in this difficult time," shared Joy. "We are thankful and appreciative of the support and to be living in this wonderful community.

Dominique and her family posted a message on the Municipal website at www.potton.ca thanking all for the support given that reads...

"The family would like to express their deepest gratitude and thanks for the continued support shown by the community of Mansonville towards Dominique. The family would especially like to thank the First Responders for their efforts during their intervention with Dominique. The family also wishes to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff of the Sherbrooke University Hospital Centre (CHUS Hôpital Fleurimont) for their tireless work and the greatness of their efforts, thus ensuring the well-being and healing of Dominique.

Dominique is on the road to recovery and family members would like to thank the public for respecting and understanding their need for privacy."

The purpose of the GoFundMe campaign is to raise funds to help Dominique and her family rebuild their lives after suffering such a tragic event. Their home requires retrofitting in order to accommodate her new reality as well as providing her with money to help pay for prosthetics and other expenses related to her injuries and rehabilitation.

To donate to Dominique's recovery fund, go https://ca.gofundme.com/potton-dog-attack-victim039s-fund/donate



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