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## Weather



TODAY:  
CLOUDY

HIGH OF 0  
LOW OF -5



TUESDAY:  
CLOUDY

HIGH OF -2  
LOW OF -2



WEDNESDAY:  
CLOUDY

HIGH OF -3  
LOW OF -3



THURSDAY:  
PERIODS OF RAIN

HIGH OF 9  
LOW OF 2



FRIDAY:  
PERIODS OF RAIN OR SNOW

HIGH OF 2  
LOW OF -10

# Police bring Christmas joy to Potton family



## THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

Last week a Potton family received a lovely surprise made possible by the Memphremagog Provincial Police.

The Surete du Quebec, MRC Memphremagog, Autoroutier Estrie, and Sports Trans-Action-Sherbrooke brought Christmas joy to one Potton family with the donation of Christmas gifts for the children and grocery

baskets for the family. Delivered to the CABMN Youth Centre by Sargent Steeve Cote of the SQ and then to the family by Youth Centre staff, Ethan Ball and Eleanor Cote.

The generosity of Sports Trans-Action Sherbrooke made it possible in light of Potton's ungraded Multi-functional shelter (skating rink) for the children in the family to receive hockey equipment to enjoy at the rink during the holiday season. Yannick Charbonneau and the other owners of Sports Trans-Action Sherbrooke worked closely with the Police and this was just another way for Yannick to support this positive initiative.

For the CABMN Youth Centre animators who got to play Santa Clause and make the delivery, it was heartwarming to be a part of such a combined positive initiative.

This past Wednesday, the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) staff took the opportunity during Sergeant Steeve Cote's visit to present him with



COURTESY

Ethan Ball and Eleanor Cote (CABMN Youth Centre staff) prepare to unload delivery for the Police for a Potton Family.

a small gift and their thanks for all that Sargeant Cote does in collaboration and in support of the CABMN throughout the year. Cote is a community minded police member who has the well-being of all at heart.

# Sherbrooke firefighters 80th toy distribution

The 2020 version of the Sherbrooke firefighter 80th annual toy campaign took place on Saturday in a, as you can imagine, much different fashion than recent years... but that didn't stop 22 companies or groups (including five newcomers) to supply 26 vehicles and drivers to delivery toys to 750 Sherbrooke children from 400 families. This significant anniversary of the toy distribution did not culminate like organizers had hoped, with the usual traditional group meal offered to more than one hundred volunteers who had helped load boxes in the delivery vehicles before hitting Sherbrooke streets. No, obliging current health regulations, those trucks arrived one by one this year, with only organizing committee members in attendance to load them. No thank-you meal, no Santa... just a socially-distanced load the trucks and go!

Traditional fundraising projects were a major problem this year, as all regular activities had to be cancelled. Local politicians - Sherbrooke mayor Steve Lussier, Sherbrooke MNA Christine Labrie and Saint-François MNA Geneviève Hébert - stepped up



BRUCE PORTER

UPS employee Denis Bernier was one of 26 drivers who would deliver toys to some of the 400 families on Saturday for the Sherbrooke firefighter annual toy drive. Participating for the 10th year, he would be joined by his son, Sherbrooke firefighter Jean-Michel, pictured to his left. In the photo, they were surrounded by the CJPS (Campagne de jouets des pompiers de Sherbrooke) organizing committee members.

with some financial assistance, but the major funding this year came unexpectedly from the Fire Twenty-One Smokin' Grill food truck operated by a group of Sherbrooke firefighters, which brought in \$18,000 from a contract by hospital worker unions APTS and FIQ to visit each of the CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS hospitals and to offer their members a free lunch in recognition for all their

dedicated work since March. The organizing committee sends heartfelt thanks to all who contributed money, staff, vehicles or toy donations to this special year. Hoping the 81st edition will be one where all volunteer helpers can congregate and be thanked in a more festive manner!

Submitted by Bruce Porter

## Ben by Daniel Shelton

