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## Weather



TODAY:  
A FEW  
FLURRIES

HIGH OF 4  
LOW OF -2



TUESDAY:  
SUNNY

HIGH OF 13  
LOW OF 0



WEDNESDAY:  
RAIN

HIGH OF 10  
LOW OF 5



THURSDAY:  
RAIN

HIGH OF 10  
LOW OF 6



FRIDAY:  
PERIODS  
OF RAIN

HIGH OF 13  
LOW OF 2

# Celebrating Potton volunteers from T-shirt to parka



## THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

Volunteer Action Week in celebration of Canada's volunteers was held this past week from April 18 to 24. This annual event celebrated by the Municipality of Potton with the collaboration of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) was deemed a great success by both organizers and attendees, despite a season change mid week!

The usual gathering of volunteers to break bread and share experiences had to be altered, as all things have of late to assure that pandemic restrictions and safety protocols were respected. With this in mind, the celebration was taken outdoors to Parc Manson, where organizers and municipal staff had set up Adirondack chairs (appropriate distance assured) around lit fire pits

maintained by the town throughout the week as weather permitted. Volunteers were invited to make a quick stop at the Tourist Office where, Potton Community and Recreational Organizer and staff greeted each person with a gift that included: a specially printed tote bag, coffee mug filled with candy and a coupon to enjoy a cup of hot coffee provided by the local Appalaches Torréfacteur Roaster coffee shop adjacent to the park. Once volunteers picked up their favourite cup of java, they were encouraged to sit and enjoy one of the seating areas in Parc Manson and warm up by the fire.

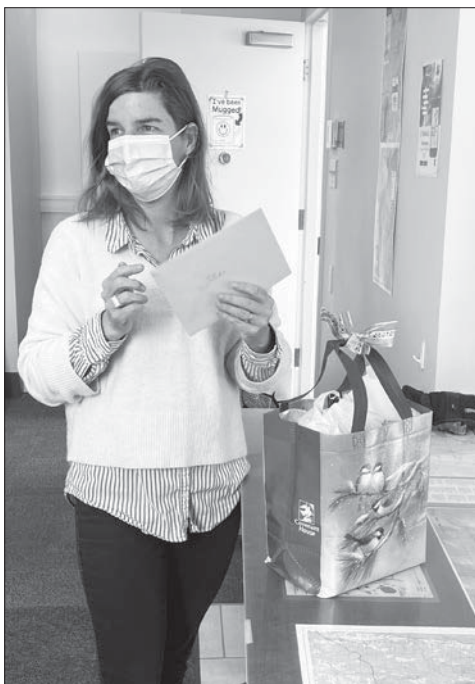
Although Mother Nature made an appearance with heavy winds, rain, snow and unpredictable nastiness at times, she did offer the promise of spring with a nice day or two as well. Community and Recreational organizer Trish Wood, who has long worked for the Municipality of Potton organizing these events, has this to say in regards to this year's celebration: "It was such a pleasure for me to greet people in person this week and present them with their special gift. We truly hope that Potton volunteers know how much they are appreciated for all that they do. It goes without saying that acts of kindness, big or small contribute to the health and well-being of our community. I look forward to working with the dynamic CABMN team again

next year as we host our annual celebration. Until then, keep smiling and thanks again, Potton volunteers!"

Debra Harding and Krysten Vanier, the Volunteer Coordination team at the CABMN really enjoyed working on the event with Wood. "Trish and the Municipal staff are always a pleasure to collaborate with," said Harding. "Krysten and I were invited to host at the Tourist Office for an afternoon, and we too enjoyed the opportunity to greet some of our wonderful volunteers and present them with their gifts and our thanks."

Diane Vickerson, who volunteers alongside her husband, Fred at the Ken Jones Respite program of the CABMN, had this to say regarding the recognition and this year's celebration: "Fred and I want to thank the municipality, CABMN and all involved very much for the special 'volunteer week' gifts that we were given. It was such fun receiving our cups 'avec les bonbons' in the neat blue bags - along with coupons 'pour un café et un muffin! We did not know that the Café was even there, as we haven't been going out much since COVID 19. We sat by the bon fire and Trish took a pic of us and it was lovely."

As this year's Volunteer Week Celebration comes to an end, the gratitude and appreciation for ALL volunteers will continue throughout the year and beyond.



Trish Wood, Municipality of Potton



The Vickersons



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What a difference a day makes!

## Ben by Daniel Shelton

