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North Hatley Council getting municipality ready for spring

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North Hatley's regular council meeting of March 2 could be called a preparation for spring cleaning.

The meeting, which took place at Sainte-Élisabeth Church, due to ongoing repairs at the town hall, was attended by a half-dozen citizens.

Those repairs came up in the finance and treasury part of the agenda as the council reported about \$53,000 in cost overruns due to the addition of a required firebreak not included in the original cost estimates, the discovery that the concrete base beneath the old floor was composed of blocks that weren't level, and damage where an old roof caused water to infiltrate beneath a new roof that overhangs it.

The municipality will be able to access \$100,000 from Quebec's Tax on Gasoline and Quebec Contribution (TECQ) program towards energy efficiency improvements to the town hall. Mayor Marcella Davis Gerrish said the council won't be able to get into their new office until the beginning of April.

The mayor also said that between

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Combining sustainability and solidarity

Destination Owl's Head supports Mansonville volunteer centre



COURTESY

Pierre Bourdages, Chief Executive Officer-Destination Owl's Head, Mable Hastings, Executive Director Centre d'Action Bénévole de la Missisquoi Nord (CABMN) and Patricia Langlois, Operations Collaborator (Owls Head)

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Since its recent recognition by Greenstep as the first ski resort in Quebec to receive GOLD certification, Destination Owl's Head has been fully committed to sustainable development and tourism. Sustainability also requires a concrete commitment to

the community.

With this in mind, Destination Owl's Head has decided to combine these two priorities: All deposits from the cafeteria, restaurant-bar, hotel, administrative offices, and ski garage are now collected by Go Consigne. Go Consigne counts the cans and bottles and then gives the proceeds to the ski resort.

This month, Destination Owl's Head chose to donate all of the money collected to the Centre d'action Bénévole de la Missisquoi Nord in Mansonville.

All in all, these initiatives demonstrate how regional tourism can combine attractiveness with respect for the environment, for the benefit of both residents and visitors.

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