

Princess Movie Theatre has reopened in Cowansville

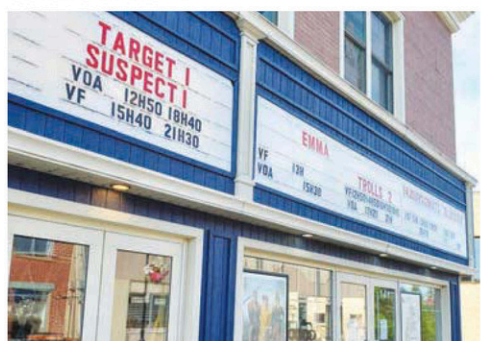
By Louise Smith

The Princess Theatre, located at 141 rue Principale in Cowansville, has reopened to coincide with the March break. Movies cannot be shown past curfew hours. Social distancing is in place and snacks cannot be sold. People twelve and up are asked to wear a mask during the movie.

If you visit the website, you can buy tickets for the shows on line as well as in person. Movies are listed until this Thursday and then it says that a new schedule for Thursday on will be listed.

It is very hard for businesses like this on to stay in operation under the current restrictions. Once students return to class there will be a small window available to be able to show movies that families can attend.

The schedule for this week (Tuesday to Thursday): The French version of The Croods, Les Croods:2 is showing March 2 at 12:50 and 3:00, March 3 at 10:40 and 3:00, and March 4 at 12:50 and 5:10. The English version of the cartoon, The Croods: A New Age is showing March 2 at 10:40 and 3:00, March 3 at 12:50 and 5:10, and March 4 at 10:40 and 3:00. Wonder Woman 1984 is showing March 2 at 1:30, March 3 at 10:30 and 4:30, and March 4 at 1:30.



LOUISE SMITH

These were the movies playing when the theatre had to close last year due to Covid.

ETSB schools stand up to bullying



BUTLER ELEMENTARY

Butler Elementary students in their all pink ensembles to highlight Pink Shirt Day

By Taylor McClure
Special to Brome County News

Pink Shirt Day, a campaign that takes a stand against bullying, was highlighted by a few Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) elementary schools and high schools last week.

Celebrated on Feb. 24, Pink Shirt Day was started in 2007 and it was inspired by two students from Nova Scotia who decided to stand up for their classmate. After a boy was teased for wearing a pink shirt, students David Shepherd and Travis Price decided to go out and buy

pink shirts to hand out to other male students in support of their classmate, symbolizing their intolerance against bullying.

Butler Elementary, Farnham Elementary, Sutton Elementary, and Massey-Vanier High-school participated in Pink Shirt Day this year.

Butler students rose to the occasion with their nails painted pink or full-on pink ensembles.

Sutton Elementary held a school-wide Zoom call where students and staff raised awareness against bullying and spoke about issues related to bullying that have touched the elementary

school specifically.

As part of their motto “work hard, be kind, develop your mind,” Farnham Elementary highlighted Pink Shirt Day by creating their own Be Kind posters and they welcomed guest speaker Alain Pelletier who put on anti-bullying skits for students.

Massey-Vanier’s student council organized a treasure hunt for its students. The treasure hunt involved getting students to snap as many photographs as possible of people wearing their pink shirts at the school. The person to take the most pictures

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Spring is around the corner

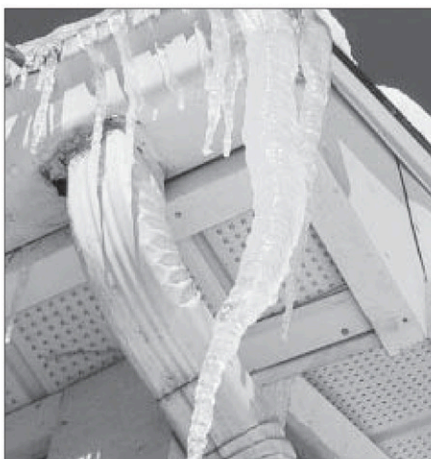
By Louise Smith

Scientists determine the first day of spring using the vernal equinox, when the amount of daylight and darkness are almost equal. It usually occurs on the 20th or 21st of March. This year it will be the 20th of March so spring is happening early! Technically it will start at 5:37 am Eastern Standard Time.

The signs of it are everywhere! Icicles are melting even on colder days because of the difference in the intensity of the sun. You can sense a change in the quality of the sun's rays. The forecast highs and lows are closer to zero, and as the month goes along, they start to go above zero several days in the week. The extra time at the end of the day is very noticeable.

As the days of Covid are extended, news of increased vaccines being available, and dropping numbers of new cases, added to the signs of spring, brings a positive vibe that is palpable. Enjoy the signs of spring! Spring, and a return to a more normal time, is around the corner.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE SMITH



The spring sun is making quick work on icicles everywhere!

Ben in Focus



BEN MCAULEY

Enjoy your March break skiing!

Board of Directors of the Lake Davignon Watershed Basin launch campaign

BCN Staff

Aware of the importance of safeguarding the watershed that supplies water to Lake Davignon the members of the Board of Directors for the Lake Davignon Watershed Basin (CSBVLD) have launched their membership campaign.

Residents of Cowansville and other municipalities included in the

watershed are encouraged to support the mission of the CSBVLD by becoming members to preserve this resource, and implement procedures and projects to protect it.

Members will receive a newsletter to keep them informed of the initiatives put forward in collaboration with local and regional partners.

Those wishing to become members must join before March 22, 2021.

People who become members via the group's website www.lacdavignon.org before March 22, 2021 have the chance to win one of the two coupons for five boat rentals at the Center de la Nature in addition to the satisfaction of being part of the solution.

The annual general meeting will be held, virtually, at the end of March. The two-year term of some directors will be coming to an end

freeing up new positions.

Anyone interested in getting involved should send a letter of intent to lac.davignon@hotmail.com to the attention of President Gérard Houle before midnight on March 18.

To learn more about the CSBVLD, visit the group's Facebook page or new website. For any additional information or questions on the subject, do not hesitate to contact Jacqueline Côté at 450-263-6041.

Local entrepreneurs have a new bone to pick

By Taylor McClure
Special to Brome County News

Ashley Burnham and Bill Paige are stepping into the business world with their new motorcycle apparel, ChickenBone Clothing. Inspired by their lifestyle, Burnham and Paige decided to design their own line of comfortable and quality clothing, as well as accessories, for people that share their hobbies and interests. While they have yet to establish a physical location, the ChickenBone Clothing website was launched just over two weeks ago and their apparel, which currently includes sweaters, hats, and t-shirts, is now available to order.

"We always had to go to the states or to Ontario to buy our stuff because there isn't much around here," said Burnham. "It was costing us quite a bit, it would cost me \$50 for a t-shirt by the time it got to the border and I paid all of the fees."

Burnham explained that creating ChickenBone Clothing was Paige's idea after he grew tired of not being able to find the style of clothing that matched his hobbies and mood. "He said 'Why don't we just make our own clothing then we can always be wearing what we love to wear?'"

With lack of options for motorcycle apparel in Quebec, the couple decided to design sweaters, t-shirts, hats, among other accessories with designs inspired by hot rods, pin ups, and what Burnham described as a "rocker-billy look."

"It's an old 50s type of greaser look."

They decided to name their business ChickenBone Clothing after Paige gained the nickname "Chicken Bone Bill" when he choked on a chicken bone

at a family party when he was younger.

Working from their home in Bolton-Est, all ChickenBone clothing designs are done by Burnham. "I'm not the best artist so we are collaborating with a local artist, who also happens to be my cousin, to do designs of pin-ups. We will be able to elaborate our designs a bit more and get into more detail with her."

And Paige taught himself how to make the prints. He first starts by taking each design and using emulsion to burn the design onto a silk screen. He then takes the section where the design was printed and washes it away with water to stop the emulsion from burning. This process leaves a stencil of the design and then he spreads ink onto the image. "It took a while for him to get it right. It took many hours of trial and error and YouTube."

Purchasing quality clothing was important for Burnham and Paige. After ordering a variety of samples, it was only then that they realized how much the fit and feel of the clothing really mattered. "We would rather take a cut on profits to have good quality and to have people come back to us."

Sweaters and t-shirts are already available on the ChickenBone Clothing website but Burnham and Paige are

already thinking ahead with new styles and designs. "We have tank tops, long sleeves, and different styles coming for women. We want to have mechanic button up shirts and shirts with rounder necks. We want to have as much choice as possible."

ChickenBone Clothing was a pre-COVID-19 idea and the couple had other plans for their business, including in-person pop-up bike rallies, but they are happy with the direction the business has been going so far. "If it takes off, we might look into having a small boutique."

With 20 orders in their first couple of weeks of opening for business, they hope to keep expanding. "We plan to service all of Canada and we are aiming for people with our lifestyle. I think there a lot of groups that could be touched."

Contributing to the local community will also be an important part of the business. With every green military shirt sold, a portion will be donated to military veterans and for every hot pink shirt sold, a portion will be donated for women's cancers. "We are just starting out so the amounts might not be huge to start, but we really want to be as charitable as possible where we can."

Trying to make themselves as



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accessible as possible, pick-up and drop off's can be arranged for local customers. If local customers are worried about sizing, arrangements can also be made to try on clothing.

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Adequate and safe boat landing

DEAR EDITOR:

For many years Lac Brome taxpayers have been contributing large sums of money for the quality of the lake, never has this town had a safe and affordable boat landing for all its citizens, especially non lakeside dwellers. The town has spent millions on bridges, walking paths, Douglass Beach, Renaissance Lake Brome and has on a yearly basis contributed to many local organizations, but has never considered having a suitable boat landing for the locals to enjoy. The town relies on private locations who charge \$30-\$40 a landing which in my opinion is beyond many people financial means.

You will say we can use Tiffany, which is very unsafe and very limited as to the seize of boats as well as parking space available which in most circumstances is occupied by out-of-towners leaving little or no space for the locals, whom by the way pay for the maintenance and upkeep of this place. Bondville beach was a location at one time but is now occupied by permanent (squatters) leaving no access to the TBL population other than certain locals. The town has acquired the old Terrace Inn location, once again leaving no room for boats other than Kayaks, canoes, and paddleboards, once again leaving the non-lakeside lake users sitting in the dark. Skidoos, four-wheelers, flat

skying, walkers, once again a quick review in the parking lot demonstrating mostly all outsiders. I have nothing against these outsiders, but you must remember who is paying for these services, and who is benefiting from them. There used to be many years ago a ramp next to Douglass Beach which for a non-justifiable reason was abandoned, and the docks piled up and left to rot. Why this cannot be reinstated is beyond my knowledge. When is the town going to address this situation? Why does the town approach a local area like Maple Beach, which has very professional way of doing things and negotiate a flat-out price payable by the town so as to address this problem? Each citizen could

have a pass given by the town say \$25 a year to help compensate for the cost, I am sure the population would have no problem with this. As long as it limits itself to local TBL citizens.

I am anxiously awaiting your response to this long lasting and non-addressed problem, which has been a major issue for many years. I am positive you would make many people very happy in TBL as this lake is supported by all residents financially.

REGARDS, LARRY INGOLD
LAC BROME KNOWLTON

ETSB stands up

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was given a prize in the form of a lollipop or a candy bracelet. A friendly competition was also organized between the staff at the

school; they were encouraged to put together their best pink shirt and to submit a picture of the winner.



DON KERR

Sutton Elementary students



SAMANTHA PIETTE

Farnham Elementary students



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Massey-Vanier secondary four students

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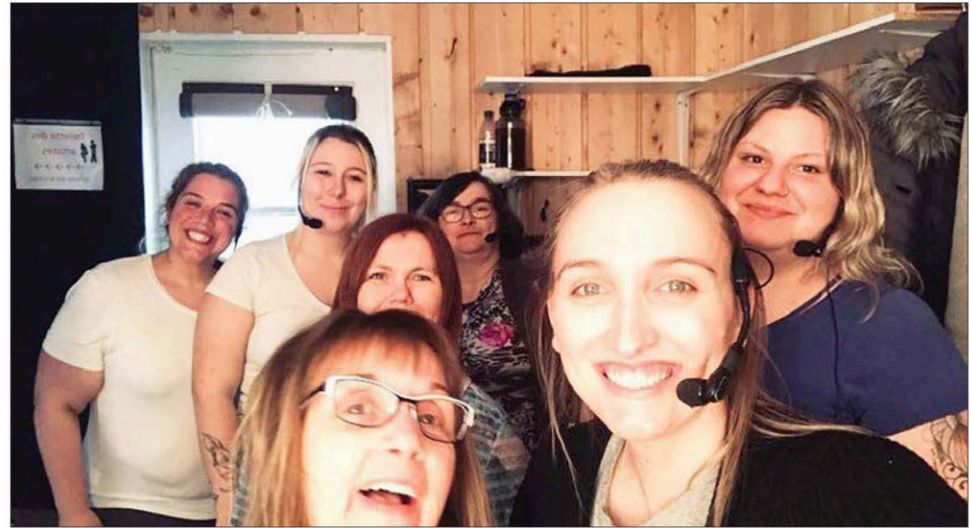
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International Women's Day: Let's listen to women



As part of International Day of Women's Rights, the Coalition des groupes de femmes de la Haute-Yamaska et Brome-Missisquoi invites you to a show by comedian Mélanie Couture. This year's event will take place via Zoom videoconference on Friday, March 5 at 8 p.m.

This year's theme for International Day of Women's Rights is "Let's Listen to Women" and calls for the improvement of inequitable living and working conditions for women. The COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the urgent need to initiate change with concrete measures to combat poverty and violence against women. The visual is intended to illustrate the plurality of realities of women and feminist struggles and to ensure that each woman's voice counts, that there is awareness and that we will hear it. Collective, solidarity and intersectional action will bring

about a profound transformation of society. Let us shape a new world by listening to women instead of devaluing their work, underpaying them, and pushing them out of the places where decisions are made. In the words of the March 8 Collective: "A world where the elimination of poverty and violence and climate justice are a social and governmental priority. A world where all women are finally treated as equals. We have imagined this world for a long time, let's make it happen."

During this particular period, a very different event formula is being offered by the Coalition des groupes de femmes de la Haute-Yamaska et Brome-Missisquoi. This year is meant to be a moment of humour and relaxation from the comfort of your home with a blanket and your favourite drink of choice. With her virtual show given for women by a woman, Mélanie Couture knows how to entertain you and make you

forget about the confinement for a few minutes.

The mission of the Coalition is to put projects into action with the goal of political and social transformation that will promote an egalitarian and non-sexist society. Its values are solidarity and cooperation, justice and equity, transparency, and respect. Its vision is to ensure strong and positive leadership in Haute-Yamaska and Brome-Missisquoi in relation to improving the status of women. Members of the Coalition are La Maison d'aide et d'hébergement Alice-Desmarais of Granby, the Centre de femmes Entr'elles Granby,

the Centre d'Aide et de Lutte Contre les Agressions à Caractère Sexuel (CALACS) of Granby, la Maison d'aide et d'hébergement Horizon pour Elle of Cowansville, the Centre femmes des Cantons of Cowansville and Avante Women's Centre of Bedford.

To purchase your ticket, go to the Facebook page of one of the Coalition's organizations listed above.

Ticket price: \$10 non-refundable.

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ASSEMBLÉE NATIONALE DU QUÉBEC

Yamaska Valley Optimist Club announces health and fitness fair for International Women's Day

The Yamaska Valley Optimist Club will be holding a virtual health and fitness fair on March 13 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to honor and celebrate women who have immigrated to our region and that through their work have made a positive contribution to our community. These women were to be originally honoured in March 2020; however we experienced the first wave of COVID-19. As a result, the dinner was cancelled, as everything was shut down. We are well aware that COVID-19 is ever present, but so are the needs of the youth in our community of Brome Missisquoi. As an optimist club we wish to keep to our roots and our mission by helping the youth of our region through our various activities.

The youth of Brome Missisquoi are reached through the Yamaska Valley Optimist Club's many activities, including being provided with school supplies through our backpack program or hungry kids being nourished at both the elementary or high school level. We also provide scholarships for youth leaving high

school to pursue either an academic or a professional education. We are involved in the group homes through our youth appreciation dinner, and recognition during special occasions during the year. With the group homes we also have the fly away program to help the youth who have reached their 18th birthday transition into an apartment. Another way we help the youth of our area is through our Christmas Angel program which provides gifts for the children in the group homes, as well as the children of our region who are under privileged. All these programs and others require funding.

To fund our programs and activities with the youth every year our club puts together a celebration for International Women's Day in March. This event is held at a venue with a dinner and a guest speaker. We honour three women from within our region who have contributed in some way to better our community. This is an important fundraiser for our club and it provides a good portion of the finances we need to fund the programs

for the youth. In 2020 our event was cancelled due to COVID-19, but this did not stop us from soldiering on and continuing to help the youth. But we now need funds, to continue our important activities with the youth of Brome Missisquoi.

Therefore, this year we are planning the International Women's Day Virtual Health and Fitness Fair. We plan to honor the women who missed their special evening last year and provide a fun afternoon of information and healthy activities for all. This will be an afternoon where people of all ages can join us safely through a virtual setting to do fitness, yoga, meditation, zumba and even dance! We will also learn about health through cooking, homeopathy, naturopathy, physiotherapy and we will also have a pharmacist to discuss COVID-19 vaccinations and more. All the activities and learning sessions are being donated by talented women of our region as they believe in our cause; we are excited with the program we will offer. We are reinventing our fundraising to keep

you safe and healthy.

This virtual event will be held on March 13 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

To access our health and fitness fair you will need to go to our website YVOC.ca to purchase your ticket. Once purchased you will be sent a link which will allow you to access our fitness fair. The fitness fair will be fun for all and your contribution to the Yamaska Valley Optimist Club through your ticket purchase will allow the club to continue to help the youth of Brome Missisquoi. So, consult our Facebook page and our website and get involved with our virtual health and fitness fair, there is something for everyone. Worry not if you are virtually challenged, the event will be easy to access, with troubleshooting available if required. So join us on March 13, 2021 for a healthy and fun filled afternoon from the safety of your home.

Submitted by
Lucy Davis
President, Yamaska Valley
Optimist Club

Comptoir Familial de Knowlton: 45 years of community support

By Taylor McClure
Special to Brome County News

The Comptoir Familial de Knowlton is a non-profit organization in the heart of Brome Lake that has been serving the local community for over 45 years. Made up of about ten volunteers, the organization sells clothing and other items at an affordable price with collected funds going back to the community to support those in need.

The Comptoir Familial was started by a group of women belonging to the Association feminine d'éducation

sociale in 1975 to help families in need. They started off by installing tables outside Sainte-Édouard church to sell clothing after school before they were offered a spot in the basement of the church where they remain today.

The organization is a pillar in Brome Lake, and with its doors reopening a couple of weeks ago, it's officially back in action.

"We are not here for profit, we are here to help distribute any profits that we make," said Nicole Fréchette, secretary of Comptoir Familial, and a volunteer for the past 18 years, describing the mission of the organization.

The Comptoir Familial sells various items such as used and new clothing, CDs, books, movies, dishes, and other items donated by members of the community and it uses the money raised to donate to other local organizations. "After paying rent and electricity,

all profits go back to the community. We gave \$25,000 in donations last year to 25 different community organizations. Everybody gets a share of the profits we make."

The group has donated to organizations such as the local food bank, whom they work closely with, the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital Foundation, Loisirs Lac-Brome, Knowlton Optimist Club, and many more.

Items that the Comptoir Familial doesn't use are redistributed to other local organizations and beyond, including a group in Longueuil that supports single mothers and homeless shelters in Montreal. "We work with a company in Granby that comes and picks up bags every week and they redistribute everything to other organizations. Almost everything is reused."

Beyond making donations, the organization works hard to directly support people it knows are in need, and keeps in contact with other groups that inform the Comptoir Familial if someone needs support.

"If we know of someone who cannot afford to buy things, we will give it to them free. If we are informed of a family in need, we will prepare bags for them and drop them off," explained Fréchette. "I recently

prepared a bag for a two-year-old because they didn't have any clothes for the winter after a nurse called me from the community centre. We keep in touch with the family and they let us know if they need more."

The most recent shutdown forced the Comptoir Familial to close for a period of time, but it officially reopened its doors Feb. 11 with some new regulations to keep in mind. "It became a meeting place for people," said Fréchette. "People came to shop and chat, but we cannot accept that anymore. We have to restrict the shopping time."

Customers are now given a number, they have to wait in their car for their turn, they have about 20 minutes to shop, and they have to follow sanitary measures. Children are not permitted and clothing cannot be tried on. "Articles are also being quarantined before being sold to the public."

While it has been providing support to the community for years, the Comptoir Familial wanted to keep their work under the radar. "We are not here for publicity; we are here to help people."

The Comptoir Familial de Knowlton is open every Thursday afternoon from 1 pm to 5 pm at 366 Knowlton Road.

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Christopher Plummer and William Shatner spent time in Knowlton

By Sylvain Bolduc

The house was on the left where the director, Philmore Sadler and his wife lived. He was the director and William Shatner spent time there. All the actors lived in their home as it was. The actual playhouse next to it was taken down.

I remember my mom taking me to a puppet show there, and how very excited I was!

- Sharon Mullins Budd

My brother John, as a student, did some acting there.

- Margaret Pille

They tore the theatre down in 1963 and a lot of the materials were used to build the bungalow that is there now

- Gary and Bev Crandall

At the old theatre. I was a student there.

- Birgit Belanger

I remember my mom taking me to a puppet show there, and how very excited I was!



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-Sharon Mullins Budd

prepared by Deborah Howard and Marilyn Stairs 1996 at the Brome County Historical Society's museum.

For more details, there is a booklet

Along time ago, Christopher Plummer played at the Theatre in Knowlton.

He acted in *The Royal Family*, a comedy about the lives of the Barrymore showbusiness family, at the Brae Manor in Knowlton.

The Brae Manor Playhouse

What began as a training school soon transformed into a professional theatre of the highest calibre. During its 21 years from 1935-56, the Brae Manor Playhouse was arguably Canada's most important summer theatre and training school. More than 100 professional theatrical productions were mounted in a repertory format.

The theater was on Saint-Paul Street. It was located next to 33 rue Saint-Paul, owned by the Sadler couple (Philmore and Marjorie), founder of the Brae Manor Playhouse.

Meals on Wheels, Popote Roulante, in Cowansville, is vital in these times!

By Louise Smith

task. Also, for individuals aged 70 and up, who receive the meals, the cost of buying the meals is tax deductible. Tax receipts have to be requested.

The meals are prepared, packaged, and delivered by a team of volunteers. For further information on volunteering to help, or to ask for meals, the contact person is Chantal Lapointe at 450-263-9338. They also have a Facebook page and the email address is popotecowansville@hotmail.fr.

Meals on Wheels has been operating for many years in the Cowansville area. It operates out of St. Therese Church. Hot meals are delivered to homes directly three days a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The meals are \$4 each and consist of a hot soup, main course, and a dessert. It can make a big difference to people who are unable to get out easily and/or for whom meal preparation is a difficult

CAB, Centre d'Action Benevoles, in Cowansville offers tax service

By Louise Smith

For individuals who make \$25,000 a year annually or less, or a couple whose joint income is \$30,000 or less, your taxes can be done by CAB. They used to do the taxes in person, but in Covid times there are changes.

People are asked to bring all of their documents in a large envelope,

making sure to have contact info on the outside of the envelope, name and phone number, to the offices of CAB at 201 rue Principale, in Cowansville. It is the building beside Emmanuel United Church. Someone will then contact the filer to finish the tax return and to help send it to the two governments.

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We all want to know more about COVID-19 vaccination



There are many reasons to get vaccinated, including protecting ourselves from the complications and dangers caused by infectious diseases, but also to stop the return of infectious diseases that are avoidable through vaccination.

The COVID-19 vaccination campaign now underway is aimed at preventing serious complications and death from COVID-19. We also use vaccination as a way of protecting our healthcare system and getting back to a more normal life.

When did the vaccination campaign start?

COVID-19 vaccination in Québec began in December 2020 with the delivery of the first vaccine doses. Because the availability of vaccine is limited, categories of people deemed at higher risk of developing COVID-19 complications have been given priority. As more vaccine becomes available in Canada, the categories of recipients will be extended.

Order of priority of recipients of COVID-19 vaccines

- 1** Vulnerable people and people with a significant loss of autonomy who live in residential and long-term care centres (CHSLDs) or in intermediate and family-type resources (RI-RTFs)
- 2** Workers in the health and social services network who have contact with users
- 3** Autonomous or semi-autonomous people who live in private seniors' homes (RPAs) or in certain closed residential facilities for older adults
- 4** Isolated and remote communities
- 5** People 80 years of age or older
- 6** People 70 to 79 years of age
- 7** People 60 to 69 years of age
- 8** Adults under 60 years of age who have a chronic disease or health problem that increases the risk of complications of COVID-19
- 9** Adults under 60 years of age who do not have a chronic disease or health problem that increases the risk of complications, but who provide essential services and have contact with users
- 10** Everyone else in the general population at least 16 years of age

What supply strategy was used to acquire the vaccines?

The Government of Canada signed advance purchase agreements for seven promising COVID-19 vaccines with the following companies: AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Medicago, Moderna, Novavax, Pfizer and Sanofi Pasteur/GlaxoSmithKline. The purchases are conditional upon approval of these vaccines by Health Canada.

To date, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have been approved for distribution in Canada. Soon, other vaccines from these companies will be used to speed up COVID-19 vaccination.



What types of COVID-19 vaccines are being studied?

There are three types of vaccine currently being studied.

- 1 mRNA vaccines:** These vaccines contain part of the RNA of the virus which has the ability to make the S protein located on the surface of the virus. Once the RNA messenger is inside our cells, they make proteins similar to those on the surface of the virus using the instructions provided by the RNA messenger. Our immune system recognizes that this protein is foreign and produces antibodies to defend itself against it. The RNA fragment is quickly destroyed by cells. There is no risk that this RNA will alter our genes.
- 2 Viral vector vaccines:** These contain a weakened version of a virus that is harmless to humans. Once in the body, the vaccine enters our cells and gives them instructions to make protein S. Our immune system recognizes that this protein is foreign and produces antibodies to defend itself against it. Once in the body, the vaccine enters our cells and gives them instructions to make protein S. Our immune system recognizes that this protein is foreign and produces antibodies to defend itself against it.
- 3 Protein subunit vaccines:** These contain non-infectious fragments of proteins that mimic the envelope of the virus. Our immune system recognizes that this protein is foreign and produces antibodies to defend itself against it.

Will an mRNA vaccine alter our genetic code?

No. Messenger RNA does not enter the cell's nucleus or come into contact with the nucleic DNA. As such, it cannot alter our DNA in any way.

How do COVID-19 vaccines work?

When someone receives the vaccine against the virus that causes COVID-19, their body starts to defend itself against the virus. An immune reaction occurs which neutralizes the virus producing antibodies and activating defense cells.

Most COVID-19 vaccines in development prompt the production of antibodies to block protein S; the protein that allows the virus to infect the human body. This prevents the virus from entering and infecting human cells.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is composed of strands of ribonucleic acid (RNA) genetic material surrounded by a crown-like envelope with proteins that include the S (spike) protein, hence the name "coronavirus."



What side effects can be expected from injection with the COVID-19 vaccine?

Some minor side effects may occur, such as redness or pain at the injection site and fatigue, fever or chills. These symptoms are less common among vaccine recipients over the age of 55, are usually benign and do not last long.

As of now there are no known serious side effects from mRNA vaccines. While other random problems may arise, such as a cold or gastroenteritis, they are not related to the vaccine per se.

Because the vaccine does not contain the SARS-CoV-2 virus, it is not capable of causing COVID-19. However, people who come into contact with the virus in the days leading up to their vaccination or within 14 days of receiving the vaccination could still develop symptoms and get the COVID-19 disease.

As such, following health measures remains important until such time as a majority of the population has been vaccinated.

Why did it take 40 years to develop a flu vaccine but only nine months for one against COVID-19?

Past efforts, particularly during the SARS epidemic in 2003, advanced coronavirus vaccine research and accelerated the fight against COVID-19.

There are currently over 50 COVID-19 vaccines undergoing clinical trials around the world, the result of unprecedented scientific cooperation. Considerable financial and human resources have been invested in the development of vaccines that meet regulatory requirements in such a short span of time.

Public health and regulatory authorities in many countries, including Canada, are working hard to ensure that as many safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines as possible become quickly available to their populations.

Why are two vaccine doses required?

The second dose "reminds" the immune system to continue producing antibodies and ensures long-term protection. In current circumstances, where COVID-19 is spreading very fast, administration of the second dose may be delayed somewhat to be able to vaccinate more people with the first dose.

[Québec.ca/COVIDvaccine](https://quebec.ca/COVIDvaccine)

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A brief real estate history since 1955 in the Town of Brome Lake and Region

In 1955, there was only one real estate agent in Knowlton. My parents brought their family to live permanently to Knowlton in 1955 and Jamie Buchanan was the real estate agent. He is the brother of well-known Barbara Buchanan of West Bolton. Probably most small towns in our region had at least one real estate agent. Things started to change in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Royal Trust, one of Canada's leading trust companies, also had a real estate division. My father, Hank Rotherham and Don Taylor became real estate agents for Royal Trust in the early 1960s. Later my father started his own company, Brome County Realities, in 1966. Some of his agents at the time were Peter Marsh, Steve Hartley and Andre and Denise Page, but Royal Trust were still here with agents Tony Keeler, George Eden, Peter Reindler, Gerry Pion, Chris Thom, Dave Landry. Another smaller local company, Preview Realities, started by Homer and Bill Blackwood. Homer went on to become the mayor of Town of Brome Lake and mayor for many years. In the early and mid 1960s, the ski hills started to open Mt. Sutton, Bromont, Owl's Head, and of course Glen Mountain, which my parents started. The Glen, as it was known, being close to Knowlton was a big asset. People who had summer cottages for years here started to winterize their homes to be able to come on winter weekends to ski with their families. Real estate prices started to increase. In 1974, my father sold Brome County Realities to Westmont Realities and all the agents stayed on. Later, A.E. Lepage, a Toronto-based company, owned by two Quebec brothers came to Montreal and hooked up with Westmont Realities and eventually the Westmont name was dropped. The office in Knowlton continued as A.E. Lepage. In 1982,

Lepage decided to close all their rural offices that they owned. The agents in Knowlton tried to convince them otherwise, but no dice. A new viable company was born with Lois Hardacker as the broker, Immeubles Brome Missisquoi. They had offices in Cowansville, Sutton and Knowlton. Later with the dissolve of Immeubles Brome Missisquoi, Lois and Michel Bilodeau of Cowansville purchased one of the first ReMax franchises in the area which became ReMax Brome Missisquoi and operated this company for a few years. In 1984, A.E. Lepage and Royal Trust amalgamated together at the national level. It took a little time for some of the local agents to join up with the new company before leaving Immeubles Brome Missisquoi and ReMax Brome Missisquoi. Other companies started to emerge in our region. Redpath Realities from Westmont and Stuart Realities from St. Lambert set up office in Knowlton. Stuart Realities here was managed by Peter Marsh and Gordon Rowe and Anthony Thomson at two different times. As we entered the 1990s and early 2000s, stability in Knowlton came with mostly the same companies, Royal Lepage, Century 21 (the world's largest real estate company), ReMax Quebec (a very large American company), Sotheby's Quebec (a world-wide British company) and a very successful local company Coldbrook, also Collini Real Estate Co. and Proprio Direct. Some of the long-standing active agents/brokers over the years: Peter Marsh (Century 21) 47 years, Gerry Pion (Coldbrook) 44 years, Lois Hardacker (Royal Lepage) 41 years, Reg Gauthier (Coldbrook) 41 years, Diana Timmins (Coldbrook) 34 years, Lilian Sharko (Coldbrook) 29 years. Other agents that have worked in the area for a number of years include Beverly de Winter, April Wisdom,

Ingrid Wiener, and Francine Drapeau. There are also some great success stories over the years. Peter Marsh with several companies as agent/broker and manager. Lois Hardacker, a very successful agent/broker for many years now, has been one of the top agents not only here, but in Quebec. Reg Gauthier who started his career at age 20, worked for a few smaller companies then went on to open his highly successful real estate company in Knowlton in 1990. Coldbrook, has branches in Knowlton, Sutton and Mansonville with 14 active agents. Other success stories are ReMax in Knowlton with Sandra William, Nadia St Laurent and before with Shelley Mizener. ReMax is one of Quebec's favourite companies. Sotheby is in Knowlton headed by Marie Pier Barsalou and Johanne Meunier. There are many agent/brokers in our region to chose from to help you. They are well-trained, taking real estate courses at the CEFEP level and having to pass exams at a government level before becoming real estate brokers. There are new brokers working here now, including two very successful young brokers, Jessica Brown and Veronique Boucher, both with Coldbrook.

Like most businesses, it has had its very good years with listing of homes and sales like in 2020 and other past years, but there have also been some lean years. Knowlton has always been a destination for people heading to country properties going back to 1920s and the train from Montreal years ago made it an easier place to get to. Some stories: In the 1960s, one could purchase an old farm, farmhouse, an outbuilding maybe 75-100 acres and the selling price was \$13-15,000. In 1970s I know of a country estate with 80 acres, main house, managers house, horse barns, swimming pool, etc. where the

selling price was \$150,000. Today, it would easily sell between \$6-10 million. Last summer, in 2020, a lady listed her property on Brome Lake and the same day she had at least four offers - and it was sold by the end of the day! I thought I was in Toronto or Vancouver. Reg Gauthier told me one of his proud moments in his career, was selling homes to three generations of the same family. His company Coldbrook was taken from the first name of Knowlton which was Coldbrook Village and Stream. Peter Marsh told me in late 1973, when he started his real estate career, the company he worked for had different districts to work in and his was Bromont. IBM had just come to town and Peter did very well as people were coming from Toronto and the United States to work for IBM. They found our prices very low at that time, so his sales were very good. A good start. Another factor in making sales easier in Peter's experience was the fax machine, then later the cell phone and internet. So things have changed greatly since 1955. 2020 has been an amazing year for sales considering it has been based on about 8 months, due to the pandemic. But, in fact, it is happening in many parts of Canada. Knowlton and the Brome Lake area are well situated, being close to 3 cities, Montreal, Sherbrooke and Granby, but being in a beautiful town and countryside. And it is a very bilingual area. *A note: In today's real estate business, agents are now called real estate brokers and brokers are called Agency Directors. This came about in 2000-2001 when the Professional Real Estate Association made this decision in Quebec.

Submitted by
Gib Rotherham

A History Buff and former Realtor

Five ideas for families to make the most of staying home this March break

Due to current travel restrictions, families will be spending March Break at home. One way to keep your kids busy is by making personal finance a group activity.

Research shows that young people who discuss money matters with their parents have higher financial knowledge and skills, which leads to stronger financial well-being in the future.

Here are five ideas for simple things you can do with your kids to help them develop good money habits early:

Involve your children in age-appropriate conversations about news related to economics or budgeting, and discuss how the family is responding to the unprecedented circumstances caused by the pandemic.

Use the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada's online interactive budget Planner to teach your children about the importance of a financial plan. Try making a budget for your next family

vacation.

Encourage your child to set up a savings account. Forming good savings habits early can help kids learn how to be financially independent and avoid relying on credit cards and loans in the future. Help your child to make a plan to save for something they really want, like a new toy or video game.

Show your child how to set up an automatic payment for either a subscription or their cellphone. This is an opportunity teach them about the importance of never missing a payment, which could have a negative impact on their credit report in the future.

Review your child's bank account agreement with them and make sure they understand their responsibilities, such as keeping their PIN secret, even from their parents. Sharing their PIN means they may not be protected from a fraudulent transaction on their account.

Understanding personal finances



can have a big impact on the present and future well-being of young people. No matter what life stages your child is at, you can find unbiased and fact-

based information from the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada at canada.ca/money.

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Brome-Missisquoi: A nourishing MRC with an entrepreneurial flavour

“Tell me what you eat, and I’ll tell you where you live,” an entrepreneur stated as we were preparing to launch the CLD de Brome-Missisquoi’s new strategic plan for our region’s agri-food development for 2021 to 2023. Meaning to add a touch of humour to the conversation, this comment, in fact, made a lot of sense.

With its 1100 agri-food businesses forming a complete value chain from the farm to the table, including restaurants, public markets, grocery stores, and even some of our institutions, our region has clearly developed a comprehensive food ecosystem. Indeed, what if access to fresh, healthy, locally produced food becomes a central element of our identity as a region?

Inspired by “Villes nourricières: mettre l’alimentation au cœur de nos collectivités” published by the organization Vivre en Ville, we’ve established the following five primary ingredients, essential to a sustainable food system:

1. A productive territory
2. Prosperous and sustainable businesses
3. Improved access to healthy food
4. A demand for increased proximity
5. An optimized life cycle

Brome-Missisquoi’s agri-food sector is one of our strongest economic engines, notably by generating \$257M in agricultural revenues only. However, it’s also a great identity feature for our region since many artisans in the food processing sector offer an added value

to local products by valorizing them through their operations and local marketing strategies.

The current sanitary crisis has generated a renewed interest in proximity agriculture and a shift towards buying locally. This trend has been beneficial as much from an economic perspective for our farmers and agri-food businesses as for the environment by reducing distances travelled from the farm to the table.

By positioning ourselves as “Brome-Missisquoi: a nourishing MRC with an entrepreneurial flavour,” in a few words, we’ve established how our region stands out through its strong agri-food identity and its rich, innovative and diversified sector. Cohesion

among our food system’s many stakeholders, the excellence of our businesses and close proximity to our consumers, together contribute to building a local, more sustainable food system. Everyone can play a part in this territorial collaboration network. You can learn more about the notion of sustainable food systems and our regional actions by consulting the new strategic plan for our region’s agri-food development for 2021 to 2023 at http://cldbm.qc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ENG_FINAL_Agri-food%20development%20strategic%20plan%202021-2023.pdf

Submitted by
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Three smart things to do with your tax refund

Tax season is here, and many of us will be getting some money back. Perhaps one of the most important findings from new Financial Consumer Agency of Canada research is that by doing small things today, you can significantly improve your long-term financial situation, regardless of your income.

Here are three small steps you can take with your refund in 2021.

Pay off your debt

Use your tax refund to help pay off your debts. There are different strategies for paying down debt. The

most common is to pay off debts with high interest rates first, in order to pay less interest in the long run and become debt free sooner. But you could also choose to pay off your smallest debt first to achieve a “quick win” that motivates you to keep going.

Create or add to your emergency fund

An emergency fund can help you prepare for future situations that are out of your control, like an unexpected job loss, healthcare costs or repairs to your car or appliances.

While reaching your emergency

saving goals may seem overwhelming, start small. It’s a good idea to save gradually and supplement your emergency fund with extra money when you receive it. A tax refund is a great way to add to it.

Save for short-term or long-term goals

Whether you’re saving for a down payment on a house, adding to your retirement savings or planning for a dream vacation after the pandemic, it’s important to develop a savings plan to reach your objectives.

Identifying your goals and

understanding how much money you need to achieve them can help you decide how to allocate extra money. Putting your tax refund towards them while continuing to make regular, smaller contributions, can help you reach your goals faster.

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada provides unbiased and fact-based information you can count on. You can learn more about making a plan to be debt-free, creating an emergency fund or setting savings goals at canada.ca/money.

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Three things parents should teach their kids about money

Parents have a key role to play in teaching their kids about money and helping them develop good money habits early. Knowledge, skills and confidence when managing money will help young people throughout their life and will contribute to stronger financial well-being as adults.

When your kids reach their teen years, focusing on money matters becomes even more important. Here are a few things you can teach them:

1. Sending and accepting money transfers

Treat e-transfers like cash, because they cannot be cancelled once they have been deposited. When sending an e-transfer, your teen should make sure to:

- send money only to someone they know and trust, because some scammers may try to get money by e-transfer in exchange for goods, services, or a prize;
- choose a security answer that someone cannot easily guess;

- safely share the answer with the recipient. This means do not share it in the email notification message.

2. The importance of protecting personal financial information

It may be tempting for your teen to download and use a third-party fintech app to help manage their finances like their student budget, get rewards or check their credit score. Here are some general principles you can share with them.

It’s their responsibility to keep

their personal financial information confidential. Sharing personal financial information could mean that no matter what security features the app has in place, the financial institution may hold them responsible for any losses resulting from unauthorized transactions.

3. The importance of reading bank account agreements

Bank account agreements contain important information, such as fees for certain types of transactions and the steps that your

teen must take to protect themselves from authorized use of their account. For example, it’s important that your teen read their bank account agreement to know what fees are associated with each type of transaction, such as e-transfers.

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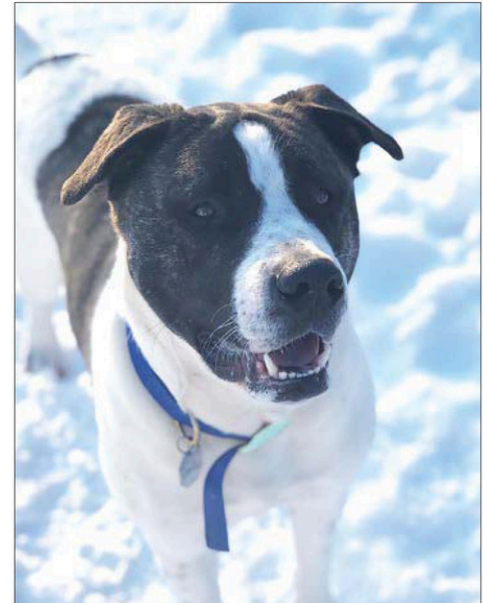
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In Memoriam

WILLETTE - In loving memory of our mother, Marion Willette, who passed away 53 years ago, on March 2, 1968.

Watch over us - Mom

If I had died first, what would have been right.

But He beckoned you first and gone is the light.

If I had died first, you would have known what to do.

But He needed you and I haven't a clue.

If I had died, you could have moved on.

But He took you first and the future with you is gone.

If I had died first, you would have been strong.

But you died first and that is all wrong.

I had the strength from her loving heart to carry on past the darkness and devastation; I was feeling.

I will always miss her love, she still had to share, but I'm blessed to have experienced it at all.

There are many moments in our lifetime that cause sadness, this is true.

It was time for you to be with Him, an angel to watch over us,

To have a new peaceful and pain free life.

It feels like only yesterday though fifty some years have rushed by,

You'll always remain in my heart.

If we take the time to ask for His guidance and listen to His response,

Some how we are comforted.

Your memories will always remain in our hearts.

Love always your children,
SHEILA, RALPH (CHIP),
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Fulford News

Condolences to the families and friends of the following deceased: Linda Marlene "Lynn" Dugas, wife of Ronald Banks, Nova Scotia, with strong ties to Fulford; Barbara Bockus, Lancaster, Ontario, who grew up in the Fulford/Foster area and resided there.

Vignettes of Fulford's General Store

(1865-2020): Summer evenings were spent playing casual ball games behind the store, after which everyone moved to the front, enjoying a soft drink or other snack.

One such evening, a taxi from Waterloo crested the hill and suddenly there was silence as all eyes followed it

on Davis Road, turning east on Fulford Road, disappearing among the trees, later retracing its way. No one said a word; all were reluctant to go home. The next morning word spread and, as expected, a telegram with sad news had been delivered: George and Vera Wright were informed that their son,

Ronald, had been killed in action. He died on July 25, 1944, at the Battle of Verrieres Ridge; a member of (RHR) The Black Watch, said to be honour-bound not to retreat -the enemy lay in wait.

Many sad messages such as this were delivered.

Submitted by Margaret Fordham

Crêpes are sweet or savory treats

Crêpe is the French word for "pancake." Crêpes are delicate, batter-based and savory or sweet creations that can be eaten at various times of the day. Crêpes may be enjoyed at breakfast filled with fresh berries, or as a dessert bursting with a luscious cream.

While French crêpes are widely known, various cultures have their own variation of this super-thin pancake, including the Bavarian region of Germany. Palatschinken and Pfannkuchen are German/Austrian crêpe varieties. German and Austrian crêpes are slightly thicker than French ones, but not nearly as thick as American pancakes. Enjoy this recipe for "Palatschinken (Crêpes)," courtesy of Little Vienna, an online recipe blog.

Palatschinken (Crêpes) Yields 5

- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup milk (8 fl. oz., 240 ml)
- 1 cup all purpose flour (31/2 oz., 130 g)
- 1/4 teaspoon fine salt
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract (optional, omit for savory fillings)
- Butter, ghee or neutral tasting oil for coating the pan
- Apricot jam for the filling
- Confectioner's sugar for dusting

Whisk the eggs using a hand whisk in a medium bowl until lightly beaten. Add salt, vanilla extract (if used) and about 1/3 cup (80 ml) of the milk (just

eyeball) and stir until combined.

Add flour and whisk until you get a smooth batter. The batter should be thick and tough so you can barely whisk it. Add a little of the remaining milk if it is too hard to stir. Lumps have no chance in thick batters.

Gradually add in the remaining milk while whisking.

Heat an 8-inch (or larger) nonstick pan over medium heat. Add 1/2 teaspoon butter (or oil) and spread it carefully with a spatula to coat the bottom of the pan evenly. This is important; otherwise, the butter will disturb you when swirling the pan for distributing the batter.

Pour 1/3 cup batter (for an 8-inch pan, more for larger pans) into the center of the pan and swirl to spread

evenly. Once the bottom side is golden in color, flip it with a spatula and cook the other side for about 15 seconds. Invert onto a plate - the browned side should touch the plate, you should see the pale side. This way the nice-looking side will be outside when you roll it.

Repeat with the remaining batter, adding 1/2 teaspoon of butter/oil for every crêpe. If the batter thickens over time, add a little milk. You can keep the ready ones warm on a plate in the oven at low temperature.

Spread each Palatschinke with Apricot jam (or other filling) and roll it from one side to the other. Dust the Palatschinken with confectioner's sugar and serve with a fork and spoon (the spoon serves as a knife).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION TO HOLD A REFERENDUM PROCEDURE

BY-LAW 2021-07

BY-LAW DECREERING AN EXPENSE OF \$6 499 247 AND A LOAN OF \$4 580 183 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM IN THE MOUNTAIN ROAD SECTOR OF TOWN OF BROME LAKE

TO QUALIFIED VOTERS ENTITLED TO HAVE THEIR NAMES ENTERED ON THE REFERENDUM LIST FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF TOWN OF BROME LAKE:

- At a regular sitting of Council held on **March 1, 2021**, the municipal Council of Town of Brome Lake adopted By-law 2021-07 (*By-law Decreeing an Expense of \$6 499 247 and a Loan of \$4 580 183 for the Reconstruction of the Water and Sewer System in the Mountain Road Sector of Town of Brome Lake*).
- By virtue of ministerial decree 2020-033 of May 7, 2020, adopted in the context of the declaration of a health emergency by the Government of Québec, any process of holding a register for voters entitled to have their names on a referendum list according to chapter IV of Title II of the *Act Respecting Elections and Referendums in Municipalities* is replaced until further notice by a **15-day period for receiving written applications for a referendum poll**.
- In consequence, qualified voters entitled to have their names entered on the referendum list for the Municipality of Town of Brome Lake may apply to have By-Law 2021-07 submitted to a referendum poll by transmitting to the municipality a **written Application** to this effect including the following information: the number and title of this by-law, their name, address and capacity (see conditions further in this Notice), together with their signature.
- By-law 2021-07 may be consulted and the **Application** can be made using the *Application for a Referendum Poll* form available on the Town of Brome Lake website: [www.ville.lac-brome.qc.ca /fr/residents/reglements-municipaux](http://www.ville.lac-brome.qc.ca/fr/residents/reglements-municipaux)
- For the Application to be valid, the person qualified to vote must include with the Application a copy (photo or photocopy) of one of either: their health insurance card issued by the *Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec*, driver's licence or probationary licence issued in plastic form by the *Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec*, Canadian passport, Certificate of Indian Status, or Canadian Armed Forces identification card. All copies of identification documents will be destroyed once the referendum application process is completed.
- In the case of a person who does not appear on the list of qualified voters entitled to have their names on the referendum list of the municipality, the Application must also include a document attesting to their right to be included in the list of qualified voters..
- The **Application must be received at latest 4 pm on Monday, March 22, 2021**, either by e-mail to the Town Clerk (owen.falquero@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca), by fax (450-243-5300), delivered in person at the Town Hall, 122 Lakeside Road, Brome Lake (weekdays from 8:00 am until 12:00, and from 1 pm until 4 pm; knock on door for service), or by putting Application in the mail box located at front entrance, or by mail (122 Lakeside Road, Lac-Brome, Québec, J0E-1V0). People using the mail are invited to send the Application as soon as possible and to take into account possible delays in mail delivery.
- The number of requests that is required in order for a referendum poll to be held regarding By-law 2021-07 (*By-law Decreeing an Expense of \$6 499 247 and a Loan of \$4 580 183 for the Reconstruction of the Water and Sewer System in the Mountain Road Sector of Town of Brome Lake*) is **515**. Failing such number, this by-law shall be deemed to have been approved by the persons qualified to vote.
- The result of this registration procedure will be announced in a public notice published on the Town of Brome Lake website on March 23, 2021.

Conditions to be recognized as a person qualified to vote having the right to be entered on the referendum list of the municipality:

Any person who, on **March 1, 2021**, is not disqualified from voting under section 524 of an *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities* and who fulfills the following conditions:

- Is a natural person domiciled in the municipality and has been residing for at least six (6) months in Québec; and
- Is of full age, a Canadian citizen and not under curatorship.

Any sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment who, on **March 1, 2021**, is not disqualified from voting and fulfills the following conditions:

- Is the sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment situated in the municipality since at least twelve (12) months;
- In the case of a natural person, is of full age, a Canadian citizen and is not under curatorship.

Any non-resident undivided co-owner of an immovable or non-resident co-occupant of a place of business who, on **March 1, 2021**, is not disqualified from voting and who fulfills the following conditions:

- Is the undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment situated in the municipality since at least twelve (12) months;
- Is designated, by means of a power of attorney signed by the majority of the persons who are co-owners or co-occupants since at least twelve (12) months, as the person entitled to sign a register on their behalf and be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be. This power of attorney must be filed before or when signing the register.

In the case of a legal person (corporation)

- Must designate by resolution, among its members, administrator or employees, a person who, on **March 1, 2021**, and at the time of registration, is of full age, Canadian citizen, and is not under curatorship nor is otherwise disqualified from voting according to law.
- Have produced or produce at the moment of the request, a resolution designating the authorized person to sign the request and to be entered on the referendum list, if appropriate.
- The person authorized to sign the request must be of full age and a Canadian citizen and not be under curatorship.

The sole owner of several immovables or who is the sole occupant of several business establishments has the right to be registered at the address of the immovable or business establishment with the highest tax evaluation or rental value.

A person who has the right to be registered on the referendum voting list as a domiciled person, the owner of an immovable, or as the occupant of a business establishment cannot also be registered as a co-owner.

A person who has the right to be registered on the referendum voting list as a domiciled person, the owner of an immovable, or as the occupant of a business establishment, or undivided co-owner of an immovable cannot also be registered as a co-occupant.

The address that should be written on the Application (according to the quality making the person the qualified to vote) is:

- The home address, in the case of a person qualified to vote domiciled in the municipality;
- The address of an immovable, in the case of a person qualified to vote who is the sole owner or a co-owner of the immovable located in the municipality;
- The address of the business establishment, in the case of a person qualified to vote who is the sole occupant or a co-occupant of the business establishment located in the municipality.

Given at Brome Lake
 This March 2, 2021

Owen Falquero B.A. LL. B. Juris Doctor
 Attorney, Town Clerk



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