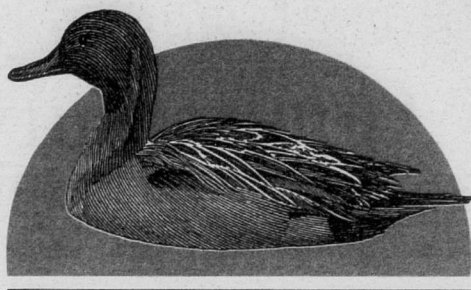


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Mayor's remarks on P.H. Knowlton house criticized

By Frank Nixon

There has been more fallout since the special meeting on April 2, when council sided with the Knowlton Golf Club and against preserving the Paul Holland Knowlton house.

Citizens and preservation groups have repeatedly urged council to cite the building and property as a municipal historic site, to no avail.

"I find this file truly scandalous," said Clément Locat of St-Roch-de-l'Achigan, referring to a *Montreal Gazette* report on April 22. "For Mayor Burcombe to say 'the Knowlton house is too dilapidated to be worth saving' is incredible!"

Locat added: "It is far from being a ruin after the photos I have seen."

Mayor Richard Burcombe said in the report that he likes heritage but the house is too dilapidated to be worth saving. He added it is not the only building in the town that is associated with Paul Holland Knowlton.

"We have other buildings that have been moved that belonged to him, his grist mill," said Burcombe.

"The quote from the mayor that other buildings associated with Paul Holland Knowlton have been moved, should be used as an argument not to move this one," said Melanie Marsh Gallop of Dollard-des-Ormeaux, in a letter to the *Montreal Gazette* on April 23. "Are we trying to remove any evidence of an-

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FRANK NIXON

On April 22, a small group of concerned citizens, which included a master contractor and architect, were permitted to inspect the Paul Holland Knowlton house. Also on hand were Mayor Richard Burcombe, chief inspector Lucy Edwards and BCHS museum board member Kathryn Lexow.

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Defibrillator for Centre Lac-Brome mired in red tape

Device easy to use and saves lives if close at hand, say experts

By Frank Nixon



Automated external defibrillator (AED) models. The price of an AED varies by make and model. Most AEDs cost from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

For months now, Knowlton Resident Judith Duncanson has been requesting the Town of Brome Lake install an automated external defibrillator (AED) at Centre Lac-Brome but her request appears to be bogged down in red tape.

"I have been questioning town hall on the matter for months, and now I have been told that it's 'on the agenda' for this summer," said Duncanson last Friday. "This is what's

called 'kicking the can down the road' and hoping you will go away. Apparently, the staff would need some training in order to have the unit in operation, which seems to be an obstacle."

"For heaven sakes," continued Duncanson. "They have these installed in schools and 10-year-old children are using them - the machine talks to you through the total procedure. As far as I am concerned, it is totally irresponsible for

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April 30 - May 3

The spring rummage sale at St. James Anglican Church Parish Hall, 40 du Pont, Bedford, will be open April 30-May 3: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 3, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Fill a big bag for \$10 (half price on Saturday!). Information: 450-248-7319. We have lots of good stuff, and everyone is welcome!

May 1 and 15

Annual luncheon and bridge card parties at Church of the Ascension, West Brome, Thursday May 1 and May 15 at noon. Suggested donation of \$10 per person. Reservation only. To reserve your table call Shelly: 450-538-2589.

May 2

The annual general meeting for the Knowlton Cemetery Co. is scheduled for Friday, May 2 at St. Paul's Church, Knowlton, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome

May 3

Spring tea at Holy Trinity Church Hall #218, Iron Hill on Saturday, May 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. Adults: \$6. 10 years and under: \$3. White elephant table, drawings, baked goods. Lunch served. Come and enjoy Spring with us.

Spring sale at the Oddfellows Hall, 480 Knowlton Road, 9a.m-3p.m., Saturday, May 3. Antiques, books, prints, collectables, old money, home baking, fudge, jewelry, hand tools, old boxes, bells, and much more. Cantine/lunch available. Information: 450-243-5742/450-243-6778.

Hamburger steak supper at the Cowansville Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Davgnon, Cowansville, Saturday May 3, 2014, from 6 to 7 p.m. \$9. Followed by Silverado music group with a \$2 cover charge.

The Mental Health and Well-Being Support Group. Please note: The next meeting will be May 3. Please phone Linda: 450-243-0928 or pleasantvalley@sympatico.ca for the location of the meeting. Join us for an opportunity to share experiences in a safe environment and receive support, information, encouragement and acceptance. Having support makes all the difference!

May 4

All you can eat brunch will be hosted at the Sutton Legion on Sunday, May 4. Eggs your way (omelettes are our specialty). Donation of \$8. For adults, chil-

dren 6 to 8 yrs \$4, little ones are always free. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., everyone welcome. 2 Curly St Sutton Qc. Info: 450 538-2210.

May 5

Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley spring luncheon on Monday, May 5, at noon in Auberge West Brome on Rte. 139. Speaker: Pauline Quinlan, teacher, municipal politician. Topic: Town of Bromont; 50 Years of Innovation. Meeting only \$10, at 2 p.m. Lunch reservations: 450-266-7552. Information: guyacote@yahoo.fr.

May 6

Open til 8; Pot luck supper. "Celebrating International No Diet Day!" 6 p.m. Free. Avante Women's Centre, 15 rue du Pont, Bedford. 450-248-0530. avantebarb@bellnet.ca.

May 7

You are invited to the 22nd annual Regional Public Speaking Competition sponsored by the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), Sherbrooke and District, Wednesday, May 7 at the Amedee-Beaudoin Center, 10 Samuel-Gratham St. behind the Town Hall in Lennoxville, starting at 4 p.m. No admission or parking fees. Overflow public parking is available south of the Provigo on Queen Street. Five high schools participating: Alexander Galt High School, Bishop's College School, Massey-Vanier High School, Richmond Regional High School, and Stanstead College. Winning speeches are aired on CBC Radio and on local community radio. The school represented by each winner, will receive a modest prize of \$100 to benefit their library.

Bedford Coffee Break: "Got a problem with that?" 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 7. Free. Learning problem solving techniques. Avante Women's Centre, 15 rue du Pont, Bedford. 450-248-0530. avantebarb@bellnet.ca.

May 8

BMP Auxiliary fundraiser luncheon, card and games party will be held on Thursday, May 8 at Town of Brome Lake Community Centre in Knowlton from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: karinmary@videotron.ca.

May 9

TBL Wellness Volunteer Centre invites all Town of Brome Lake seniors (not just moms!) to lunch with friends at a **Mothers' Day luncheon** at the TBL Community Centre, 270 Victoria, on Friday, May 9, noon. Limited seating. Reservations needed by Monday, May 5 (450-242-2020). Transportation available if necessary. Donation: \$5.

May 10

The Lions Club mobile eye clinic will be in Knowlton at the Lac Brome Community Centre, on Saturday, May 10

from 9 a.m. until noon, and from 1 to 3 p.m. The public is invited to receive free ophthalmologic examinations. A test for the detection of diabetes will also be available from 9 a.m. until noon. Bring card.

Township Grandmothers spring tea will be held on Saturday, May 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Knowlton. Guest speaker, Mia Overduin and Sheila Green, recent visitors to foundation projects in Africa. Refreshments, jewelry, crafts, raffle. Proceeds to Stephen Lewis Foundation. \$8. Admission.

The Ladies Guild of All Saints Anglican Church, Dunham, are hosting a **"Mothers Day Luncheon"** on Saturday, May 10, between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the church hall, 3829 rue Principale, Dunham. Donation is \$10 and everyone is welcome, not just mothers.

CHURCH SERVICES

CREEK/WATERLOO PASTORAL CHARGE

Sunday, May 4 - Please note the new times of worship. Sacrament of Holy Communion at both services, worship and music: Creek United, 278 Brill Rd., West Bolton service and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.; St. Paul's United, 4929 Foster, Waterloo, service at 11 a.m. Reverend Dave Lambie, minister. For information or to leave a message call: 450-539-2129.

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ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH - DUNHAM

Sunday services and Sunday school at 10 a.m. - all welcome! The Rev. Sinpoh Han. Information: 450-295-2045.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BROME

First Sunday of the month service will be at Holy Trinity, Iron Hill, second Sunday of the month will be at St. John the Evangelist in Brome, third Sunday of the month will be in West Brome at Church of the Ascension, fourth Sunday of the month: St. Aidan's, Sutton Junction. All services are at 10 a.m. Monthly healing service fourth Sunday of each month at St. Aidan's at 7 p.m. All welcome. Rev. Allan Gault. 450-538-4178.

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366 Knowlton Road, Knowlton. You are invited to participate in a bilingual Mass Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Christian meditation is now on Wednesday afternoons 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (side door) except in July and August. The group is now bilingual and has been formed to introduce meditation to newcomers. We welcome beginners and experienced meditators. Regular attendance not required. Information call Clare at 450-243-5590.

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The Church with a "Heart" 409 South St., Cowansville. All Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. Come and join us as we endeavor to learn and practice God's loving will. We'd love to welcome you. Reverend George Campbell and the Reverend. John Serjeantson. Info: 450-955-3325 (leave message).

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A warm welcome awaits you at the Sunday worship services led by Rev. Gayle Chouinard in Dunham at the Martins' home at 9:15 a.m. and in Sutton at Grace Anglican Church at 11:30 a.m. Information: 450-295-3251 (Dunham) or 450-538-0530 (Sutton).

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Brome County Historical Society

Revitalized museum to launch 117th season

By Frank Nixon

A revitalized Brome County Historical Society (BCHS) museum will be opening its doors soon.

On Friday, May 16, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., there will be an open house by invitation to preview the museum. BCHS volunteers, local businesses and organizations, neighbouring museums, and municipal officials of Town of Brome Lake and neighbouring towns will be invited to the event.

On Saturday, May 17, from noon to 4 p.m., a community picnic for the public will be held on the museum grounds, to celebrate the opening of the new children's museum in the Marion Phelps building and other new initiatives.

The new children's museum, developed by board member Cari Ensio, houses interactive exhibits designed for preteens which the whole family can enjoy together. Step back in time and discover what life was like for the families that called Brome County home in the mid-19th century. Learn to cook dinner in a farmhouse kitchen, raise a barn, tend a vegetable garden, weave cloth and visit the general store, print shop and post office.

Revitalizing the museum has been underway since last fall to make parts of the historic collections more accessible, generate renewed public interest and appeal to a broader audience.

Meet the Fokker

Celebrated filmmaker and artist Gerald Potterton has presented the BCHS with his new poster painting of the WWI



FRANK NIXON

Board members of the Brome County Historical Society. Kneeling, left to right: Chris Marks, Manon Lamothe, Cari Ensio and Richard Santo. Standing, left to right: Winston Bresee, Chris Ward, Greg Barr, Peter White, Donald Gray-Donald, Armand Gaudet, Kathryn Lexow and Brian Shemilt. (Absent from photo: Joanne Croghan.)

Fokker DVII German biplane, a rare aircraft on display to all. Posters will soon be available for sale.

The museum also has a well-preserved and exceptional collection of World War I artifacts that are outside of Ottawa and which are on par with the Fokker DVII airplane.

Special events

On May 31 and June 1 there will be an art exhibition by Burmese artists from Mae Sot, Thailand entitled "Expression in Exile" which, according to organizers, are designed to engage Canadians to support the Burmese struggle for democ-

racy.

On June 21, there is a free event with speaker Dan Black of Ottawa, editor of *Legion Magazine*. Black will discuss his new book, co-authored with John Boileau, "Old Enough to Fight - Canada's Boy Soldiers of World War 1." This is a fascinating military and social history of the 15,000 to 20,000 underage youths who fought in Canada's armed forces, which brings their stories to life from the First World War.

On June 22, the museum will host the first of this year's Antique and Craft Markets on the museum grounds.

The redesigned gift shop is located in the Centennial Building and offers new educational materials.

New board members

There are five new board members at the museum, elected at the museum's annual general meeting on March 1 - Joanne Croghan, Armand Gaudet, secretary Kathryn Lexow, treasurer Chris Ward, and Peter White.

Croghan's family has been rooted in the Townships since 1830. She has been a member, activist, volunteer or employee at the BCHS over the past ten years.

Gaudet acquired considerable business experience primarily in the fields of human resources, change management consulting and marketing. He is

actively involved in the community and was recently named to the Urban Planning Committee of the Town of Brome Lake representing the Knowlton-Victoria district.

Lexow, a member of the BCHS for several years and a ten-year resident of Knowlton, has sat on the boards of the Centre de santé et services sociaux de Memphrémagog and the Canadian Physiotherapy Association. She holds a certificate in governance from the Quebec Institute of Governance for private and public organizations. Recently retired, she has management expertise focusing on communication, evaluation and accreditation in the health care sector.

Ward, in Sutton full time, has worked for over 40 years in the investment business in Montreal and Toronto where he served on the board of St. Michael's mission in charge of funding.

White's family has lived in and around Knowlton for almost a hundred years. He is well known in the media and the halls of government in Ottawa and Brome Lake. White strongly believes that the most important challenge to the BCHS is putting finances on a sound footing for the long term.

Other members of the 13-member board include president Donald Gray-Donald, vice-president Brian Shemilt, Greg Barr, Winston Bresee, Cari Ensio, Manon Lamothe, Chris Marks and Richard Santo.

The museum welcomes residents and visitors to explore the history of Brome County. The BCHS is also looking for volunteers for various projects.

The museum buildings are located at 130 Lakeside Rd., in Knowlton, and are open daily from May 17 to Thanksgiving weekend, Mondays to Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For further information, visit the museum's new website at: bromemuseum.com or call 450-243-6782.

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LETTERS

Knowlton house: What is TBL trying to hide?

DEAR SIR:

The recent decision by the Town of Brome Lake (TBL) to allow Knowlton Golf Club (KGC) to demolish the historic founder of Knowlton's 199-year-old house is a travesty.

To recall this sorry story, KGC were twice refused permission to demolish the old part of the house, yet they appealed. TBL's own Urban Planning Committee, the CCU, has recommended a process of citation to designate this an official historic monument as well as preservation of the old part of the house.

A reasonable compromise would have been to allow KGC to demolish the newer two-thirds of the house, but leave the old part intact (at least for now). The recently passed Cultural Heritage Act (Bill 82) gives municipalities both the legal and moral responsibility to preserve our fragile history.

What is disturbing is that the Brome County Historical Association (BCHS) has not voiced its support for citation of this irreplaceable building. It is well known that the president of BCHS is also a member of KGC. Also disturbing is that TBL has ignored the recommendations of their own CCU as well as the expert testimony of architects Beaupré Michaud, who were commissioned to write a report on the state of the building. The decision announced on April 2 was that that building is in such a state of disrepair that it cannot even be classified as a building, according to TBL's own demolition bylaw. This, despite the fact that the Beaupré Michaud report directly contradicts this assertion. Recent photographs taken by a visit to the house also refute this.

Even more disturbing, when the town clerk was asked, via an Access to Information request, for a copy of the independent legal opinion that they had solicited on KGC's appeal, it was refused without reason. What is TBL trying to hide here? If due process was not followed, then there

is a risk for KGC that any demolition or damage they render on Paul Holland Knowlton's historic residence will be, ipso facto, illegal and they will be required to restore the building to its original state.

Apparently KGC want the house moved so it becomes someone else's problem. This is completely at odds with the intent of Bill 82, as well, incidentally, as the reason TBL has a demolition permit process. This could set a dangerous precedent where anyone can declare their building "beyond repair," and, therefore, beyond the scope of the demolition bylaw and hence demolish potentially historic structures without recourse. Even worse, KGC did not even state an intended purpose for the site, post demolition — this in itself violates the provisions of the bylaw, which, presumably, is why they have attempted to circumvent its provision. If the house is moved before appropriate funds can be raised for its restoration (and this is much harder without the historic designation a citation would confer), then there's a real risk the building will be destroyed because it will have to be moved not once, but twice.

A good compromise (and one that was recommended by TBL's CCU), would be to allow demolition of the newer two thirds of the building, but let the original log cabin stand in its correct historical context, where it has been for the past 199 years. Ironically, KGC's own website boasts about this building being part of the heritage of the club.

I believe the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Occupation du territoire (MAMROT) should be petitioned to intervene in this case before it's too late and the building is effectively destroyed. If due process has been properly followed, why are Access to Information requests being denied?

Yours sincerely,

DR. PAUL MARRIOTT
Knowlton

Pave paradise...and put up a parking lot

DEAR EDITOR:

Brome Lake's council is not interested in the historic value of Mr. Knowlton's house because they are aware that the majority who grew up here were not taught by school or family that Mr. Knowlton was of any importance, that his house even existed, that value exists in our own English history, or even that the village name of Knowlton has any value. The name of Knowlton, to those who were educated elsewhere and moved here during the last century, is golden. Real estate sales depend on people wanting to move to Knowlton from points worldwide.

Like the house on the golf course, those days are coming to an end. The name Knowlton has already been replaced by the Town of Brome Lake and the provincial government. All new road signs, maps, directories etc. identify Knowlton as the Village of Brome Lake within the Town of Brome Lake. But the majority here don't give a damn and so the municipality refuses annually to erect desperately needed

new signage that would direct tourists to Knowlton. There is no longer one permanent sign anywhere, put up by the town that reads Knowlton.

Pierre Paradis, our new minister of agriculture and MNA for Knowlton, agrees to contribute to a fund that will save the house, even the golf club agrees to contribute \$20,000. Only the Town of Brome Lake is not interested, like many voters from East Hill to Fulford they don't want to see growth of any kind in what they used to call Knowlton. If the province and the municipality each took a share, and the golf club combined with the Knowlton community took a share together, surely that would be a sufficient start to move the house to the BCHS. But as of this moment those who appear to know nothing of our English history appear to be winning; but only God knows why.

BRIAN TIMMINS
Knowlton

Killing this community's very soul

TO THE EDITOR:

As could be expected the Town of Brome Lake council has voted unanimously allowing the Knowlton Golf Club to demolish the home of this town's founder. Richard Burcombe (mayor) Tommy McGovern, Lee Patterson, Ronald Myles, Robert Laflamme, Louise Morin, Karin Fortin. They will probably go down in our history as being responsible for the destruction of anglophone history in our community and also destroying the very heart and spirit of Knowlton. In my opinion this historical event is part of the reasons why this town is again being so dysfunctional. Who would ever think that some people, who have no historical minded value for their community, go forward to commit such an atrocity?

Further more, the TBL I have been told, did seek a second legal opinion concerning the demolition of the house, but have categorically refused to advise the public

of its content, why? Might this opinion differ from that of the Knowlton Golf Club?

Could this opinion put some people of this council in an embarrassing situation? Is there a second opinion in the first place? In any case this again indicates the openness that Mayor Burcombe so emphatically demonstrated was needed to get this town back on the rails during his election campaign.


Mayor Burcombe was also clear to some citizen that this council did not and were not prepared to invest (in his words, one red cent) into the PHKH project.

It is my opinion that a plaque should be erected publicly to commemorate such an event in this small community.

In thankful memory to those here mentioned for their contribution to the destruction of the anglophone life and contribution towards this community, as well as the killing of this community's very soul, by allowing the demolition by the famous Knowlton Golf Club, of the Paul Holland Knowlton house, which housed its very founder.

To: Richard Burcombe (mayor) Lee Patterson, Thomas McGovern, Ronald Myles, Robert Laflamme, Louise Morin, Karine Fortin. Thank you for your contribution to this community.

LARRY INGOLD
Town of Brome Lake

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of anglophones' part in the establishment of the Eastern Townships?"

The grist mill, built in 1836 by Paul Holland Knowlton, actually does not exist, according to the Brome County Historical Society. It was demolished in October 1949, when the grist mill was taken down in two parts, near Mill Pond. The larger part was removed and the smaller part moved across Lakeside Road where it became part of the Crandall family's residence. The now vacant and run-down house still stands behind the Star Café.

Proposal rubber stamped

At the special meeting on April 2, council adopted the Knowlton Golf Club's proposal of March 10, 2014, which is the same proposal the golf club submitted a year earlier, on April 29, 2013.

The golf club "just changed the date" and the town did not negotiate any changes, acknowledged Burcombe and Town Clerk Edwin John Sullivan.

Instead, council declared the building "obsolete" and "dilapidated" and voted for the club's terms and conditions, in two separate council resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

The first resolution agreed with the golf club's legal position that the town's demolition bylaw does not apply to the Paul Holland Knowlton house.

The second resolution "accepts the offer by the Knowlton Golf Club" to con-

tribute "up to \$20,000" for the moving of the western section of the house, which will be done "by the first week in June [2014] to a town lot."

The second resolution also says, in part, that if no one comes forward with a project and a funding plan to preserve the house within one year [April 2015], the house will be carted away and disposed of.

"As for moving the house to a town property first, this was put into the resolution because the town had received confirmation that the BCHS [Brome County Historical Society] would only receive the house after it was fully restored," said Burcombe. "Since the resolutions were passed, BCHS has changed their viewpoint on this. We, the council, would be extremely content to see it go directly to the grounds of BCHS."

The estimate to restore the house has been pegged at around \$100,000, following a visit to the property on April 22 by a small group of concerned citizens, which included a master contractor and architect. Also there to visit the building were Burcombe, chief inspector Lucy Edwards and BCHS board member Kathryn Lexow.

Legal opinion under wraps

Last Friday, *Brome County News* requested a copy of the town's legal opinion on the house. The request was

promptly denied by the town clerk.

The town is not obliged to furnish the legal opinion on the house, according to Article 31 of the act respecting access to documents held by public bodies, even though taxpayers paid for the legal opinion.

The building, located on 268 Lakeside Rd., was once the home of the founder of Knowlton as early as 1815. The house was later owned by Christopher Dunkin, another important figure in Canadian history. For most of the 20th century, the house was occupied by the caretaker of the Knowlton Golf Club, after the land was turned into a golf course.

The status of the house had been left in doubt and in a state of suspension ever since the golf club made its first application to demolish the building back in Nov. 2010. Their application for a demolition permit was denied twice under the Decelles administration.

The stated reason for golf club's original demolition request was for "landscaping and parking."

P.H. Knowlton house fund

A group of concerned citizens have set up the "Save the Paul Holland Knowlton House Fund," through the auspices of the Townshippers Foundation.

This means that concerned citizens who wish to contribute to the restoration of the house are able to receive tax receipts and ensures that all contributed

funds are managed in a professional manner.

"This fund is active and contributions are most welcome," said Judith Duncan-son.

For further information, please e-mail: blkbart@sympatico.ca, or call 450-242-2491.

MASSAWIPPI CHRISTIAN RETIREMENT HOMES

APPOINTMENT NOTICE



It is with great pleasure that the Board of Directors of Massawippi Christian Retirement Homes announces the appointment of **Mr. Michael Page** as **Executive Director** beginning Monday, May 5, 2014.

Mr. Page resides in North Hatley with his wife Lori and their six children. Mr. Page will be leaving his long time employment as a sales representative of Val Estrie Ford but will continue to serve the community of North Hatley as Mayor. One of Mr. Page's first jobs was working on the grounds of Grace Christian Home. He is very enthusiastic about rejoining our MCRH team, meeting with our residents and staff, and beginning work towards the realization of our vision for the renewal of our two Homes.

Major infrastructure improvements have begun in both our locations, Sherbrooke and North Hatley, in preparation for our vision which will involve the construction of new facilities. A team of committed, local leaders has been working tirelessly on a capital campaign that will be unveiled to the public in the month of May. The Board is excited that Mr. Page has joined MCRH at this pivotal time.

Defibrillator for Centre Lac-Brome

CONT'D FROM PAGE 1

something this simple and important to just let slide - and the excuses I am getting from town hall leave a great deal to be desired!"

At the monthly regular council meeting on January 13, 2014, Mayor Richard Burcombe agreed with Duncanson's request to install a defibrillator at the community centre, adding that "the budget allocation for the purchase of equipment and training of staff is planned for the current financial year."

The price of an AED varies by make and model. Most AEDs cost from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Defibrillators are portable versions of the emergency room electronic shock paddles. The size of a laptop computer, they work by shocking the heart back

into its groove after an abnormal heart rhythm or arrhythmia disrupts the heartbeat.

An AED is simple to use for the layperson, according to literature provided by St. John Ambulance. "It is very easy to use an AED," it reads. "You turn on the device (some devices turn on automatically when the lid is opened), and there are clear and concise 'voice prompts' advising you exactly what to do every step of the way (both CPR and defibrillation). Most of our AEDs can be used by an emergency first aider or layperson with minimum training, although we would recommend either a fully automatic or semi-automatic device in these circumstances."

Portable defibrillators are commonly

being installed in all types of public venues, including schools and community centres. They can even be installed outdoors so that they are accessible 24/7. The municipality of Potton has implemented this strategy in their villages.

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'Spring cleaning' in TBL



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On Sunday afternoon, April 27, some 25 residents of the Town of Brome Lake did some "spring cleaning" along the walking path to Douglass Beach and beyond to Trestle Cove. They came equipped with saws and

rakes to clear debris and tree limbs from the walking path. It was also the occasion for organizers to locally celebrate International Earth Day, which took place on April 22.

Brome Lake Books on the move



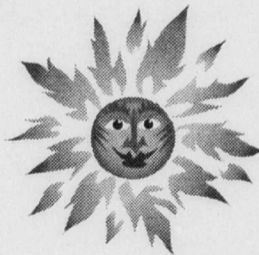
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Danny McAuley, co-owner of Brome Lake Books, with celebrated novelist, Louise Penny, on Sunday, April 27. Penny, along with numerous volunteers from the community, helped

McAuley and Lucy Hoblyn move their bookstore to its new location at 30D Lakeside Rd. in Knowlton. The bookstore will open at its new location on May 1.

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From Ian Wallace -

Book Week began some 37 years ago with a dream of bringing Canadian authors together with children all across the country. Today some 29 English-speaking authors, illustrators and storytellers will visit schools, libraries, and bookstores in every province and territory across the country. Author/illustrator Ian Wallace will be presenting at Brome Lake Books. Ian is probably one of Canada's most travelled writers, having read to more than 800,000 kids across Canada, U.S. Australia, Great Britain and China. Ian Wallace also has the distinc-

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TBL volunteers celebrate the 'Fabulous Fifties'

There were more than 150 dedicated volunteers who participated in a "Fabulous Fifties" party on Volunteer Appreciation Night, last Friday at Centre Lac-Brome, in Knowlton. Volunteers were greeted at the door to vintage classic cars from the 50s. The evening included fine catered food, refreshments and musical entertainment.

The enormous energy and enthusiasm of local volunteers have always been among the Town of Brome Lake's greatest assets. They help ensure that many community activities are accomplished and many people are helped.

Photo, right: Volunteers Christina Bushey and Rachel Gauvreau, outside Centre Lac-Brome.

Bottom right: Volunteers Peter and Beverley Quilliams dancing to rock and roll music.

Bottom left: A 1958 red Cadillac convertible Series 62 parked near the entrance of Centre Lac-Brome. It took Brian Hall of Foster, owner of the car, 14 years to restore.

PHOTOS BY FRANK NIXON



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Following the test, the doctor will discuss the findings and make any necessary recommendations for fur-

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Senate, election bill to dominate as Parliament resumes after Easter

By Terry Pedwell
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Members of Parliament were back to work in Ottawa Monday after a two-week break, and it's going to be a fast-paced return with Senate and electoral reform both on the hot topics list.

The Senate will be front and centre again as MPs discuss Friday's pronouncements by the Supreme Court of Canada.

The high court told the Harper government that any significant reforms to the Senate would require the consent of a majority of provinces, and abolishing it would require unanimous approval.

As that unfolds, a lawyer for suspended senator Patrick Brazeau will be in court.

Christian Deslauriers is to appear on behalf of Brazeau, who is facing fraud and breach of trust charges in connection with the Senate expenses scandal.

Expect much debate as well over the Conservative government's proposed Fair Elections Act, Bill C-23.

Quebec's Chief Electoral Officer Jacques Drouin will get the ball rolling as he appears at the Commons house affairs committee studying the bill.

The debate will continue in question period in the House of Commons after Pierre Poilievre, the minister for democratic reform, announced amendments Friday to many contentious aspects of the bill.

Here are some other events happening in and around Ottawa:

— Petty officer James Wilks will face a sentencing hearing in a Gatineau, Quebec court. A court martial found him guilty of 25 out of 26 breach of trust and sexual assault charges last November. Sixteen complainants testified during the case that centred on work he did while doing medical examinations;

— Statistics Canada releases a study that examines the factors that influenced the wage gap between young high school graduates and bachelor degree holders over the last decade;

— The Parliamentary Budget Officer releases a report that gazes into a crystal ball to predict how the economy will fare this year;

— Maj.-Gen. Michael Day, the Chief of Force Development at National Defence, appears at a Senate committee to discuss the status of Canada's international security and defence relations with the US, NATO and NORAD;

— Immigration Minister Chris Alexander appears at a Commons committee to discuss Bill C-24, the Strengthening the Canadian Citizenship Act;

— Status of Women Minister Kellie Leitch is set to appear along with department officials at a Commons committee to talk about her department's spending estimates.

— And leaders in the global effort to pre-emptively ban so-called "Killer Robots" will present an in-depth look at the problems with autonomy in weapons and discuss an upcoming meeting on the issue at the United Nations.

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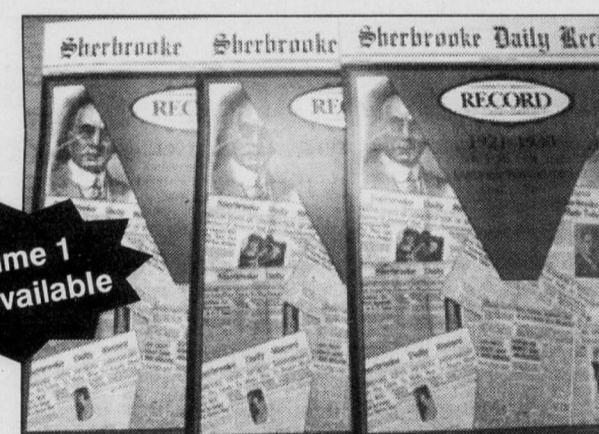
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APPLICATION FOR MINOR EXEMPTION

An application for a minor exemption will be heard at the regular Council sitting of June 2nd, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ovide-Dagenais Hall, 25 Taylor Street, Town of Brome Lake.

Persons interested by this application are invited to attend this meeting and communicate their observations.

Application no. 260
Eugène Park, lot 4 453 590, zone UV-14-J14

Nature and effects of the application:

Request to build a landing platform for kayaks adjacent to the boat ramp for safety purposes. The installation does not comply with articles 80 and 84 of Zoning by-law number 596.

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Application no. 258

108 Mont-Écho Road, lot 4 265 769, zone RF-11-M16,

Nature and effects of the application:

Subdivision By-Law number 597 requires 50 metres of road frontage for a lot in the RF-11-M16 zone. Following a correction made during the course of the cadastral reform, the road frontage of this lot, which previously met the subdivision standards, was reduced to 45.58 meters.

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Extended warranties are an
expensive gamble

FROM CONSUMER REPORTS®
by the editors of Consumer Reports

Looking for an easy way to save hundreds on your next new car and simplify the buying process at the same time? Skip the extended warranty, says Consumer Reports.

The dealer will probably try hard to sell you one, telling horror stories about the thousands of dollars it can cost to replace an engine or transmission. But the odds are you'll never need the coverage, and even if you do, the money you'll save in repairs won't come close to what you paid for the added warranty.

A recent Consumer Reports survey found that 55 percent of owners who purchased an extended warranty hadn't used it for repairs during the lifetime of the policy, even though the median price paid for the coverage was just over \$1,200. And, on average, those who did use it spent hundreds more for the coverage than they saved in repair costs.

Among survey participants who used their policy, the median out-of-pocket savings on repairs covered by extended warranties for all brands was \$837. Based on a \$1,214 average initial cost, that works out to a net loss of more than \$375. Factoring those who didn't use their policy, the median savings was zero. And that may have something to do with why satisfaction with automobile extended warranties is among the lower Rated of all products and services surveyed by Consumer Reports, and why only about a quarter of respondents said they would definitely get it again.

Conducted by the Consumer Reports National Research Center in late 2013, the survey included responses from more than 12,000 Consumer Reports subscribers who purchased an extended warranty. The survey covers vehicles built during model years 2006 to 2010. Consumer Reports targeted those years to focus on vehicles that are typically no longer covered by a traditional three-year new-car factory

warranty.

RELIABILITY AND SATISFACTION

When Consumer Reports asked car owners whose extended warranties had taken effect how satisfied they were with their experiences, the most satisfied were primarily owners of less-reliable brands, including BMW, Chrysler, Dodge and Mercedes-Benz. Those are all brands that have had average or below-average reliability in its Annual Auto Survey. Interestingly, some of these brands also had the most expensive extended warranties, with Mercedes-Benz owners paying \$2,200 on average, followed by BMW owners, at \$2,007, and Chrysler owners, at \$1,525.

The reason for those owners' higher satisfaction may be that they tended to use the coverage more often than owners of cars from historically reliable brands. That probably helps consumers feel more justified about having spent money for the coverage — a bittersweet way to rationalize the purchase.

Conversely, owners of Hondas, Subarus and Toyotas — perennially high-ranking brands for reliability — were among the least satisfied overall with their extended warranties. They were also far less likely to have used them, compared with owners of most other brands' models. Just 39 percent of Honda and Toyota owners reported having used their coverage, followed by only 36 percent of Subaru owners. Not surprisingly, owners of those brands were among the least likely to say they'd definitely purchase the coverage again; less than a quarter of policyholders for each make said they would do so.

Instead of buying the warranty, Consumer Reports recommends investing that \$1,200 in an interest-bearing account. That way, you'll have an emergency fund if a post-warranty problem arises. And if your car doesn't need pricey repairs, you'll already have the money for a down payment on your next car.

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NOTRE MENU

Soupe du Jour 4,50 Tasse 2,75
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Escargots Gratinés 4,50
Cuits dans notre beurre à l'ail original, servis avec un pain frais

Soupe à l'Oignon Gratinée 5,75
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Boulettes de viande 5,50
4 Boulettes de viande Scotyz servies avec notre sauce "Sweet Chili"

Trempelette aux épinards et artichauts 7,25
Un mélange d'épinards et d'artichauts couvert de fromage, dans un bol à pain servi avec pita

Nachos 9,25 Demi portion 5,25
Nos fameux nachos. Jalapeños, olives noires, piments verts et rouges, BACON, fromage Monterey Jack servis avec salsa et crème sûre

Salade César 8,50

Laitue romaine, parmesan, croûtons, BACON, vinaigrette César avec mozzarella râpé

Salade Pascale 9,25

Épinards, champignons, légumes du jour, carottes rapées, graines de tournesol avec vinaigrette à la framboise et graines de pavot

Frites 3,25

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Poutine Scotyz 8,75

Notre poutine garnie avec pepperoni, oignons et champignons sautés

Sandwich Scotyz 9,75

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7" Sous-Marin 10,75

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Spaghetti 6,75

Sauce à la viande, servi avec pain à l'ail
Gratiné supplément 2,00

Lasagne Scotyz 10,50

Notre fameuse lasagne au four servie avec salade César et pain à l'ail

Poisson & Frites 10,50

Poisson pané, servi avec frites, salade de chou et sauce tartare (Quantités limitées)

Pizza Toute Garnie 10,25

Mozzarella, pepperoni, champignons et piments verts

Pizza 911 10,75

Mélange de sauce pizza et sauce 911, mozzarella, piments verts, pepperoni et jalapeños

Pizza Pearl 10,75

Monterey Jack, piments verts, pepperoni, champignons, oignons et bacon

Pizza Joey 10,75

Mélange de sauce pizza et sauce Miel et Ail, Monterey Jack, Mozzarella, piments rouges, pepperoni, champignons, oignons et bacon

Pizza Végétarienne 11,50

Mozzarella, oignons, piments verts, tomates, olives noires, champignons et broccoli