

Don't miss this year's Owl's Head Hoot!



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

For many years, the last Saturday in March gives ski enthusiasts, families and visitors something to hoot about in support of a great cause with the much anticipated Canadian Ski Patrol annual fundraiser held at Owl's

Head Ski in Potton.

This year the event will take place on Saturday, March 25 and once again the day will be filled with activities including a BBQ, concert, slush cup, races, inflatable games and more with activities continuing through the evening.

The weekend benefits the Canadian Ski Patrol whose mission is to provide top quality first aid services at the mountain as well as first aid at other activities as well. The ski patrol services are provided free of charge by volunteer patrollers and the money raised is used to obtain up to date and advanced equipment which is not provided by the Canadian ski patrol organization.

With funds raised in the past, this year the ski patrol

was able to add a trauma kit to enable them to treat severe cases rapidly as well as a communication device rental (walkie talkie system that ensures communication all around the mountain) used during the ski season which is a major cost.

"During the past year, out of bound skiing has gained a lot of popularity," explained Normand Gilbert, Patrol Leader. "Part of the funds raised were also went toward getting proper equipment to use in difficult terrain; escalade material and special toboggan that will be ready and available if needed for such an emergency."

The patrollers seen on the slopes everyday are part of an organization that

has been serving the public for over seventy five years. On average, they provide assistance some 300 times per ski season and their presence brings comfort to beginners as well as those who find themselves in an emergency situation.

This is a major fundraiser for the group and helps them to continue to offer support in accident prevention as well as purchasing equipment and maintaining existing equipment at the ski hill. While the day focuses on and celebrates skiing, there will be activities to be enjoyed by all. Mark your calendars folks in support of a great cause and take the opportunity to see what the Hoot is all about!



COURTESY

410 extension

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that progress is "moving along well."

"Obviously what we hope is for the work to be done as quickly as possible," Fortin said.

Orford MNA Pierre Reid, who was also present for Friday's announcement, highlighted the fact that the 2017-19 plan includes funds for 18 significant lighting and paving projects that will cost \$5 million or less.

"This is the challenge of a complex road network," Reid said. "We think all the time about the big investments like the 410, but there are many, many investments needed to ensure that the little villages have the roads for safe everyday travel."

Within his own riding the Orford MNA pointed to repaving projects on Saint-Catherine between Saint-Catherine-de-Hatley and on route 208 between Hatley and Compton as examples of keeping important rural roads in good shape.

"These roads are essential for the people who live in the area," Reid said, arguing that diligence over the last few years has meant that roads in the Estrie region are in better shape than in many other parts of the province.

Other projects that have been approved are the repaving of sections of Highway 10 West near Ch. Saint-Roch, Highway 55 North near Ayer's Cliff and Ulverton, Route 108 near Lingwick and Courcelles, Route 161 near Nantes, Route 212 near Island Brook, Route 216 near Saint-Adrien, Route 220 in Orford, and Frank and Principale Streets in Kingsbury. Funds have also been set aside for bridge construction or repair in Compton, Sainte-Edwidge-de-Clifton, Saint-Romain, the Alymer bridge in Sherbrooke, and the overpass joining Highways 10 and 55 near Magog.

According to Fortin the work will result in 1005 jobs at 106 different worksites across the region over the next two years.

Gilles Bourque, Regional Director of Transports Quebec, assured the Record that when work is ready to proceed on Route 108 East of Lennoxville, there will be no complete road closures

"The circulation from Mégantic and la Beauce comes to Sherbrooke via the 108, we will need to maintain the circulation," Bourque said, qualifying that drivers should prepare for delays.



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