

LOCAL NEWS

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Annual Rock-A-Thon Fundraiser



The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre Youth Programs, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Former Youth Involvement (FYI) and others came together on Saturday, October 28 from 10am to 2pm for their Annual Rock-A-Thon Fundraiser to raise funds in support of the youth centre's programs held weekly in Mansonville. With 16 rockers rocking four hours consecutively, Thanks to many businesses and generous individuals, the event raised over \$2400! The support from all is greatly appreciated by the youth and the volunteer centre. Truly another testament to Potton's support for its youth! For more information about the CABMN programs, visit: www.cabmn.org and sign up for their newsletter. To reach the Youth Centre call: 450-292-4886

Ecocentres welcome millionth visitor

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their opening. Such tonnage is equivalent to the quantity of materials buried by the City of Sherbrooke over four years.

The City of Sherbrooke is extremely pleased to announce that its ecocentres have reached the milestone of one million visitors since their opening.

This highly symbolic number was achieved when Alexy Gabriel showed up at the Rose-Cohen Ecocentre on Monday, October 23rd, at the beginning of Quebec Waste Reduction Week. To mark the event, the millionth visitor received two gift certificates totaling \$200 from two stores in Sherbrooke, Ecoloboutique and Quincaillerie Parent.

The City of Sherbrooke inaugurated the Michel-Ledoux Ecocentre, at 1000 Léon-Trépanier St., in 2003. Three years later, the Rose-Cohen Ecocentre opened at 365 Pépin St, so that the east and west of Sherbrooke territory could be served fairly.

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Alexy Gabriel, the millionth visitor to Sherbrooke's Ecocentres

Striking daycare workers

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"For daycare workers, a strike is the last resort," said Louise Labrie, spokesperson for the comité national de négociation des CPE de la Fédération de la santé et des services sociaux(FSSS-CSN), the negotiating committee for daycares associated with the health and social services. "It disturbs parents and children, and we lose a day of pay. We would like to be working with the children, but the inaction of the government has forced us into this pressure tactic."

The daycare unions are concerned about the degradation of adequate working conditions, particularly in terms of salaries, group insurance, and regional disparities as well as issues like services to special needs children, planning time, and places for workers on boards of directors.

Jeff Begley, President of the FSSS-CSN, shared in a press release issued by the organization that the provincial Government has cut funding to daycares by \$300 million since 2014

45 day care centers in the Estrie Region closed their doors for the day.

Fortin met with representatives of the unions at his riding office in Sherbrook mid-morning and reiterated the willingness of the Family Ministry to continue contract negotiations in a "intensive" manner.

The minister was unavailable to speak with The Record directly on the matter, but in a press release put out by his office, Fortin expressed his disappointment at the use of strike measures.

"Unfortunately, children and their parents are the hardest hit by today's strike," the statement reads. "Several bargaining sessions have already taken

place allowing for the settlement of the vast majority of the clauses. Parents expect the parties to agree on a satisfactory agreement for the benefit of Quebec families. The government will continue to make every effort to reach an agreement as soon as possible and I invite the union to do the same."

Monday's strike day was the first of six approved by the union for use as needed over the coming weeks and months.

