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## Weather



TODAY:  
PERIODS OF  
SNOW

HIGH OF 1  
LOW OF -7



TUESDAY:  
MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF -4  
LOW OF -10



WEDNESDAY:  
SUNNY

HIGH OF 4  
LOW OF -1



THURSDAY:  
MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF 9  
LOW OF 6



FRIDAY:  
PERIODS OF  
RAIN

HIGH OF 10  
LOW OF -1

# Increased accessibility at the CABMN Youth Centre thanks to federal grant funding



## THE SCOOP

### MABLE HASTINGS

Denis Paradis, MP Brome Missisquoi visited the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) on Friday, March 8 to officially share some good news in regards to the CABMN's recent grant request to the "Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF)."

The EAF funding is for eligible capital projects that increase accessibility for people with disabilities in Canadian communities and workplaces, creating more opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in community activities, programs and services, or access employment opportunities. Eligible recipients included not-for-profit organizations and therefore, the Volunteer Centre applied.

The Federal funding will help the CABMN to construct a back entrance/exit ramp at its Youth Centre building located at 282 Principale in Mansonville. The ramp will be made of concrete with aluminum railings as is seen at the front of the building allowing for safe, solid and durable use by those with disabilities to go into the back yard to enjoy the beautiful space that includes a basketball court, swings, games and more.

For the weekly Ken Jones Respite program that provides a safe and stimulating environment for special needs persons while giving caregivers respite and the CIUSSSE/Dixville Program (that rents the space two days per week), and is also a program for persons with disabilities, this will be a wonderful and necessary improvement to the youth centre building shared with these groups and others and will also provide

a safe exit during emergencies.

On hand to welcome Denis Paradis during last Friday's announcement were: (pictured in photo left to right), David Stirling and Rick Fergusson members of the Youth Centre property committee as well as very dedicated volunteers. Murielle Parkes co-founder of the CABMN and present Board of Directors member and, Mable Hastings CABMN Executive Director. Paradis pictured here in the middle of the group was proud to announce the \$3450 contribution to the project from the Government program. All of those present assured the MP that his support and always keen show of interest in community projects and well-being is a vital asset to small communities like Potton in making things happen.

The Ken Jones Respite program reminds everyone that they continue to look for new clients to participate in their weekly (Thursday) Respite program and that details are available by contacting the Centre on Thursdays at 450-292-4886 or the Main Office of the

CABMN at 450-292-3114. Welcoming new clientele to enjoy the program, the building and the new ramp will be a pleasure for the organization and its staff.

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