

# Potton celebrates National Volunteer Week



**THE SCOOP**  
**MABLE HASTINGS**

April 7-13 is National Volunteer Week (NVW) across Canada where Canadians acknowledge and celebrate Canada's 12.7 million volunteers. The theme this year is: "The Volunteer Factor-Lifting Communities." The theme recognizes how volunteers and volunteering lift our communities and make them stronger, more inclusive and vivacious. On Friday, April 12, the Municipality of Potton supported by the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) will host a 5 to 7 celebrating Potton volunteers at the Town Hall in Mansonville.

"As the Community Organizer for the Municipality of Potton, I have the pleasure of working alongside many of our community volunteers," shares Trish Wood. "Without the vital contribution made by those who give of their time

and talents, our community would not be a place of constant evolution and growth."

Friday evening's celebration will be hosted by Potton's Mayor, Jacques Marcoux and members of the Municipal Council: Jason Ball, Bruno Cote, Andre Ducharme, Michael Laplume, Francis Marcoux and Eddy Mierzwinski along with Dan Giroux, President of the Mansonville Optimist Club and Steeve Cote from the Quebec Provincial Police Department, all of whom will greet guests as they enter the celebration.

Michael Darney will welcome attendees with his bagpiping talents and Dave Sturton will entertain guests during the party on guitar. Refreshments will be served including a variety of locally prepared samplings from eateries and stores.

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) takes this opportunity to join the Municipality in thanking, celebrating and recognizing the efforts of all volunteers. Through the coordination of the CAB's volunteer support team made up of Debra Harding and Sarah Jersey, the CAB has worked with and the Potton community has benefitted from the contribution and efforts of over 200 active volunteers throughout the year.

While the CABMN recognizes all volunteer efforts, in this photo the CABMN salutes one weekly volunteer, Beatrice Baass pictured here with Marie-Jeanne

and Leslie Fidler. At their request, Beatrice voluntarily teaches the couple conversational and written French on a weekly bases at the CABMN main offices.

"With a French name like Marie-Jeanne, many people assume that I can speak French fluently, explained Fidler. "This motivated me to want to learn a more proficient conversational French and it was my husband's idea to do it to-

gether as a couple and we approached the CABMN to ask if a volunteer could help," she added.

Beatrice Baass was quick to volunteer and the trio are now enjoying their time together.

To all volunteers in communities all over the country, a resounding "Thank you" for all you do and the difference you make.



COURTESY

Just one example of how volunteering helps others. Leslie and Marie-Jeanne Fidler pose with volunteer, Beatrice Baass.

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# Never underestimate the impact of volunteers!

Here at the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) we consider ourselves lucky to have so many dedicated volunteers that help out each and every day in our schools and their communities. Volunteers are the cornerstone for many of the extra activities that take place in our schools, some of which would not be possible, especially on the scale they are offered now, without the support of our volunteers.

For many the day starts with the early morning breakfast program, where students are met with a warm smile and a healthy snack to start the day off on the right foot. Once the school day starts, many of our schools are bustling with volunteers who give their time and expertise to support students by reading with them, helping to organize our school libraries, and lending a hand for

all kinds of classroom activities, to name but a few.

You will see volunteers at fundraising events, after-school activities, sporting events and on class trips. Volunteers play many roles in the lives of our students such as; mentors, tutors, coaches, chaperones, and the list goes on! Often behind the scenes, volunteers support our students, schools and the communities they serve by enriching the lives of our students and staff.

Not only during National Volunteer Week, but all year long we would like to recognize each and every volunteer that is lifting up our schools and communities!

On behalf of our students, personnel and the Council of Commissioners, we would like to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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