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Pay system coming to the Pinnacle

By Gordon Lambie

Last week, in an interview with Radio-Canada Estrie, Coaticook Mayor Simon Madore expressed that his municipality is exploring the possibility of implementing a pay system for access to Mount Pinnacle in Baldwin's Mills. Barbara Rowell, President of the Comité du Parc Harold F. Baldwin, which manages the mountain and surrounding area, clarified to The Record that the decision has already been made and what is being discussed is more how and when to implement it.

"We have decided that this is the way that we should be going forward, we just haven't decided how we will roll it out, the transition period, how we will manage it, and all of that," Rowell said, explaining that the decision was made after considerable discussion, but ultimately justified based on the need for additional resources to keep up the trails. "Our mission is to create a park for conservation, observation and education; to manage the park; to ensure the conservation of the ecological balance present in the environment and to protect and conserve the territory in its current state," she added. "This focus on conservation is really important to us and all of any money collected will go directly back into the mountain to ensure that it is protected, not only for our current visitors but also for future generations."

Although some might think of the park only as a nice place for a walk in the woods, the mountain also serves as an important local nest site for Peregrine Falcons. The quality of work to preserve that site and the trails is threatened by an increasing number of visitors

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Valentine's Day just got a little sweeter



MABLE HASTINGS

On Friday, Feb.14, the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) received a visit from Jenny's Daycare (Jenny Royea). Four-year-olds Ava Fortin and Kloe Colgan were proud to deliver treats to the staff with beautiful handmade cards wishing all a Happy Valentine's Day. The CABMN was just one of their stops as they spread love and joy on a morning walk through town.

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