

What happened over the weekend

By Gordon Lambie, with files from the Canadian Press

With announcements coming daily from the Federal and Provincial Governments about new measures to control the spread of COVID-19, the news of what is and is not open, and what people can or cannot do changes rapidly. That in mind, here is an update on what new recommendations and regulations have been put in place over the weekend.

On Friday Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a new agreement with the United States that will see irregular migrants, those people who cross between official border crossings, turned away at the border. This stood in contrast to the announcement just the day before that refugee claimants would be immediately held in quarantine for 14 days. The Prime Minister also announced that the government is working with manufacturers to retool and produce equipment needed to treat people for COVID-19. Friday also marked the day that the Canada/US border was closed to all nonessential travel for a potentially renewable period of 30 days.

Quebec Premier François Legault, meanwhile, hinted at an announcement we would officially make on Sunday, stating that the school, university, and daycare closures will remain in effect until at least the beginning of May. This announcement, when it came, also included the news that ministry exams will be cancelled even if classes resume.

In a press-release issued on Friday the Sûreté du Québec, Quebec's provincial police, announced a mandate to assist the Ministry of Health and Social

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Some of the faces of those providing essential service in Potton



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Emergency worker and Municipality deliver food

By Mable Hastings

Those providing essential services in Potton are facing some long days with added stress in light of the Covid-19/Corona Virus pandemic. As those who have travelled outside the country and those 70 and older are urged to stay quarantined with the directives being extended to all who can, the needs continue to grow for essential service providers. This has put added stress on employees, volunteers and managers. Potton, Bolton-Est, Saint-

Etienne-de-Bolton and beyond see Municipal Mayors, Council Members, employees joining forces with community organizations and businesses to best serve the public while maintaining the health of all.

In Potton, the local Famiprix Pharmacy is collaborating with the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre CABMN to deliver medications to those in quarantine with the help of volunteers. This service is being used and appreciated by residents. Sometimes four volunteers head out on four different routes

to get the medication where it needs to go. The Pharmacy notes that as people respect the directives, the calls are increasing and this according to Pharmacist; Cathy Riendeau is a good sign that people are taking the directives seriously. Pharmacist, Riendeau who is a force of devotion and knowledge shares this statement with clients and residents of the small rural communities served.

"What we need for our region is to respect carefully the recommendations from our government. We will get

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