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TODAY:  
PERIODS OF  
SNOW

HIGH OF -9  
LOW OF -18



TUESDAY:  
PERIODS OF  
SNOW

HIGH OF -6  
LOW OF -12



WEDNESDAY:  
SUNNY

HIGH OF -6  
LOW OF -14



THURSDAY:  
SUNNY

HIGH OF -5  
LOW OF -14



FRIDAY:  
PERIODS OF  
SNOW

HIGH OF -6  
LOW OF -14

# Stephane Quintal visits Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre



## THE SCOOP

### MABLE HASTINGS

On Saturday afternoon, February 6, former NHL hockey player Stephane Quintal visited the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Youth Centre in Mansonville to meet with Mable Hastings CABMN Director, Patricia Lachance-parent and volunteer, as well as Ethan Ball (CABMN) Youth Centre Coordinator to hear more about the Youth Centre programs and activities.

Quintal is a Canadian former professional hockey player who played in the National Hockey League (NHL) for 16 seasons including many years with the Montreal Canadiens. He is currently the Senior Vice President of Player Safety for the NHL. Quintal recently purchased a condo in Potton near Owl's Head Ski.

The father of three spends much of his time working in New York but is enjoying his family's new home in the

Eastern Townships.

"I love the area and my time at Owl's Head Ski and Golf is a highlight for me," shared Quintal. "Having been a part of the Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation for my entire career I am always willing to help out when it comes to projects that benefit youth," he added.

Following the completion of the Municipality of Potton's Multifunctional shelter and skating rink, Hastings had an idea and wanted to raise funds to purchase equipment for youth to use to assure that all in the area could partake in skating having skates, helmets, hockey sticks etc at their disposal. With a big part of her job being fundraising, she must come up with diverse ways to raise for specific projects she hopes to see through. In hearing about Hastings idea and her hope of contacting a former hockey player, Destination Owls Head's Pierre Bourdages connected Hastings with Quintal.

"Without Bourdages, I would never have known about nor had the connection to Quintal," says Hastings. "Pierre Bourdages and Destination Owl's Head have brought a lot to our small rural community."

At Saturday's meeting, Youth Coordinator Ethan Ball took Quintal on a tour showing him the mirrored dance floor, the over 1000 costumes and props, the music room and the main areas of the Youth Centre building. Hastings and Lachance then filled Quintal in on the 35+ year history of the CABMN youth programs. Quintal listened and

one could see the wheels turning as he reflected on ways that he might be able to help the Centre and Potton's youth. A discussion revolved around the new multifunctional shelter and rink realized by the Municipality of Potton.

"The rink is just beautiful," stated Quintal after a visit. "This can bring so much to Potton and families here," he said.

Quintal wants to see the rink inaugurated following the Covid restrictions and hopes to help to bring, through the Hockey Foundation, some of the Montreal Canadiens "old timers" to be a part of the inauguration who would come to play with Potton's youth.

Thanks to an amazing woman, Sylvie Nadeau the Senior Coordinator, Donations and Administration for the Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation Quintal was able to present Hastings with a Shea Weber (Habs Captain) official autographed hockey jersey to use in helping to raise funds for the purchase of skating equipment for the youth. This is such a generous show of support by the Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation and Sylvie Nadeau.

"I will now start planning how the fundraiser will unfold," shared Hastings. "But first," she added, "I need to recover from the amazing visit and exchange with Stephane Quintal whose height and heart were equally awe inspiring!"

For more information about the CABMN volunteer Centre visit: [www.cabmn.org](http://www.cabmn.org)

# Government invests in new early childhood centre in Farnham

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The Quebec government is giving the Centre de la petite enfance (CPE) Le Château des Frimousses a \$1,231,334 grant in order to accelerate its project to create 80 subsidized spaces in its new facility in Farnham.

Two years ago, Families Minister Mathieu Lacombe promised to implement measures to increase access to educational childcare services in Quebec.

The grant falls under the Programme de financement des infrastructures (PFI).

"The spaces we are funding today were granted more than seven years ago, in 2013. As Families Minister, I have therefore decided to ease the funding conditions so that these places can be created within 24 months," said Lacombe.

The provincial government wants to develop a network new facilities catering to childhood education and

care. The goal is to rapidly make spaces available to families in Quebec. CPE Le Château des Frimousses President Caroline Sévigny is in full support of the initiative.

"Through projects such as this one, we are supporting the development of the network of early childhood education and care services with a view to quickly making new spaces available, which is all the more important given the current situation," she said.

## Ben by Daniel Shelton

