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TODAY:  
SUNNY

HIGH OF 27  
LOW OF 15



TUESDAY:  
MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF 26  
LOW OF 15



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AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF 24  
LOW OF 9



THURSDAY:  
SUNNY

HIGH OF 22  
LOW OF 6



FRIDAY:  
SUNNY

HIGH OF 26  
LOW OF 10

# Round Barn restoration project in Potton



## THE SCOOP

### MABLE HASTINGS

Many townships, especially in rural locations have found landmarks and heritage sites to represent their region that proudly serve as a visual reminder of each. Preserved covered bridges, ancestral buildings, monuments and more... For Potton Township, a beautiful round barn sits in the heart of its largest village and service center, Mansonville. Site of the present Saturday Public Market and for a time, prior to the structural concerns increasing, it was also used for historic displays and cultural celebrations. While the barn still sits proudly and picturesque as the backdrop for the market, outdoor events and historical photos, the building itself needs to be repaired to be used.

The Potton Municipal Volunteer Group (GBMP) and Municipality of Potton is reaching out to all citizens and local businesses seeking contributions and support for their new campaign in the hope of eventually seeing the Barn become an exhibition and community cultural animation center in the heart of Mansonville.

According to the group, the Round Barn restoration project is rapidly progressing with approximately \$150,000 dollars obtained already from public and private sources, including a \$30,000 contribution from the Municipality of Potton Township, a \$40,000 grant from the Memphrémagog MRC and a \$10,000 grant from the Caisse Desjardins du Lac-Memphrémagog. The project also re-



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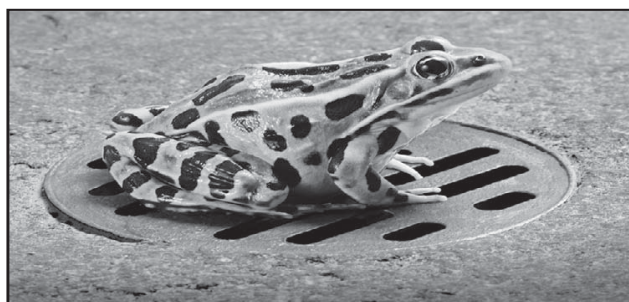
ceived donations from NexKemia and Power Corp. All these contributions are in addition to the amount of \$50,000 collected since the beginning of the 2013 fundraising campaign.

The GBMP tells us that, the initiative is part of the Cœurs villageois movement, which Potton has joined recently, and constituting an original and complementary element to the tourist attractions of the whole region, the project will contribute to the revitalization and economic stimulation of the village by increasing the number of visitors and tourism revenues. New grant applications have been submitted to Tourisme Cantons-de-l'Est (\$80,000) and the Department of Canadian Heritage (\$170,000). A new fundraising campaign, launched ten days ago with a \$40,000 objective, has already raised \$20,000 from the general population.

A short video on the Round Barn can be seen at: <https://youtu.be/Mon5s6qYdEs>.

The GBMP and Municipality of Potton is now reaching out to all citizens and

local businesses to contribute generously to the new fundraising campaign. To make a donation, please go to the donation form on the Municipal website (this is easier for donations of \$20 or more to assure a tax receipt) at [www.potton.ca](http://www.potton.ca) or on the APPHA website at [www.pottonheritage.org](http://www.pottonheritage.org) or send your cheque(s) made out to the Municipality of the Township of Potton with the mention of "the Round Barn project" to: Municipality of the Township of Potton, 2, rue de Vale Perkins, Mansonville (Québec) J0E 1X0. Prizes, for a total value of nearly \$3,000, will be drawn on October 14th for those who donate \$100 or more. Also names of these supporters will appear on the Wall of Donors at the entrance of the Barn. The Potton Municipal Volunteer Group (GBMP) and Municipality of Potton thanks you for your generosity and support. For more information about the project, please contact: [hansruiter77@gmail.com](mailto:hansruiter77@gmail.com) or [jacqueline.robaille@globetrotter.net](mailto:jacqueline.robaille@globetrotter.net)



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