Virgin Hill Coffee—A passion for coffee and for giving

THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

On Saturday, October 12, little Kendra Jersey Fortin, a member of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) weekly Girls Group program, was proud to represent the Boys and Girls Group in receiving a donation from Virgin Hill Coffee at their new location located at 770 Ch. Lakeside in Foster. Posing here with Tara Moar (Tara and her husband Matt Greer are the owners of Virgin Hill Coffee); Tara presented Kendra with a cheque for $1000.00 to assist the two weekly programs, the Boys and Girls Group for ages 5 and 12 who may wish to attend. Virgin Hill’s donation helps to provide extra funding for special things.

Parents of young children, Tara Moar and husband, Matt Greer are extremely aware of the financial struggles faced by non-profit organizations and groups working with youth. The two do all they can to give back. Their infectious smiles and warm greetings find many visiting their new locale on Ch. Lakeside in the Town of Brome Lake. The location aims to invite visitors to “experience coffee!” The space offers coffee tastings where you can enjoy delicious coffees, the opportunity to roast your own coffee beans in their micro-roaster, information about coffee and of course, you can purchase your favorite blends on-site in bulk.

Inspired by our local Wine Route and trips to specialty coffee farms, the vision of the Virgin Hill “Atelier de Café” began to form in our heads (and our hearts) five years ago,” explains the couple. “We didn’t just want to offer a café— we wanted a welcoming place where people could really interact and learn about the world of coffee. We hope you’ll come visit us and experience coffee in a whole new way.” For Kendra Jersey-Fortin, the experience of going to the Coffee Workshop location was a great way to spend a fall day. Being able to bring back such a wonderful gift to present to the two groups as one of its youngest members was a bonus!

Stop by the locale and take in the sweet aroma of freshly brewed coffee mixed with just the right measure of generosity and kindness.

PHOTO OF YOUNG CANADIAN SOLDIER

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WELLINGTON NORTH REOPENING DELAYED

By Gordon Lambie

Citing “more complicated work than expected” the City of Sherbrooke did not reopen Wellington Street North to traffic on Monday as announced at the end of last week.

“We initially thought we would be able to finish this afternoon,” said Jean-Pierre Fortier, division chief for the construction and water management division on Monday morning, explaining that a piece of the water system dating back to 1920 took longer to repair than anticipated. As a result of the delay, the removal of fences and additional equipment from the street could not proceed on schedule and is instead set to take place Tuesday. “We are aiming for tomorrow afternoon, but I prefer to say Wednesday morning at the latest,” Fortier said of the new opening date.

Outside of the new deadline, information on the reopening of the street remains the same as what was presented in Monday’s Record, but the division chief said that the partial closures to come on the street might be less of a bother than originally thought. He could not give a specific timeline on when the work would be done, as he said it is mainly outside contractors like Bell and not the city itself doing the work, but said that at their worst the closures would result only in alternating traffic.

As to the work on Grandes-Fourches Boulevard, Fortier said that paving teams are expected on the worksite within 10 days and that the base layer of paving should be completed within three weeks, making the road ready to reopen to traffic for the winter even if the work is not 100 per cent complete.

Public works in general in the city are moving into a pre-winter phase. The division chief said that no new projects are being started as work crews put their effort into finishing up before the snow.

“Our teams know what kinds of temperatures are coming,” he said, explaining that although forecasts predict workable weather until mid-December, the city is aiming for all current projects to be finished by November 15.