The rainbow connection in Potton

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"Why are there so many
Songs about rainbows
And what’s on the other side?
Rainbows are visions
They’re only illusions
And rainbows have nothing to hide
So we’ve been told and some chose to
Believe it
But I know they’re wrong wait and see
Someday we’ll find it
The Rainbow Connection
“The lovers, the dreamers and me”
(Kermit the Frog)

This morning as the rain begins, I think of all those rainbows of chalk that the children of Potton have made along the sidewalks in front of places like the CLSC doctor’s clinic, CAB Volunteer Centre, businesses that remain open to the public during the Covid 19 Pandemic. While the rain attempts to wash them away, the message delivered to those providing essential services would want me to assure all who have taken the time during the physical distancing to leave such beautiful reassurances that, they were seen and the message received.

Potton, Bolton-Est, Saint-Frémien de Bolton and a never ending list of other Municipalities may seem like ghost towns at this time and rightfully so but, behind the walls of many buildings there is life. Families gathering discovering new things about one and other and searching for ingenious ways to amuse children who are asking the question on all of our minds, ‘how much longer?’

As the numbers rise in Quebec and around the world, the end is not clearly predictable but, with every recovery, there is hope. With every email, telephone call, wave through a window, there is a reminder. With every trace of a rainbow, there is a message that says, ‘Carry on doing what has to be done for at the end of the storm, the rainbow speaks of resilience and survival.’

During this time of uncertainty and a new “normal,” we must continue to find ways to remind each other that, essential service providers are valued and loved, a big thank you. Spring is also a time of greys and browns and those little signs of colourful hope are popping up everywhere, their message clear.

‘Someday we’ll find it, the rainbow connection, the lovers, the dreamers and me.’

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Jasmine Mierzwinski was out on a drive with her Mom and went by the Youth Centre where her SAID leader had left this sign... ‘It made her smile and him too when he saw this photo!"