



Letter from the President | December 2021

Potton, December 15, 2021

Dear friends,

The year 2021 is finally ending! It is with great resilience and sacrifices of all kinds that we will all have lived these two years of pandemic. For some, illness and the loss of loved ones have darkened their days. This is how we end the year by saying goodbye to our founding president Gérard Leduc. His personality, his achievements and his contribution to the community will ensure that he will remain in our memory for a long time to come.

It is a message of hope that I want to convey to you for the New Year. Despite the threat of the new variant Omicron, thanks to vaccinations; better days are coming. If we remain vigilant, we may finally be able to celebrate 'a normal' Christmas with our family and friends.

Regarding the Association, it is also with hope that we will start the year 2022. Our regular schedule of Board meetings resumed in October. The new team of administrators is ready to continue with ongoing projects and to undertake new ones. To this end, it was agreed to send you, periodically, news of the Board and its work.

The journey will not be easy, but the willingness of all directors to maintain the quality and professionalism of the work done by our predecessors encourages us to continue our mandate.

You will soon be able to hold in your hands the edition of the HPH magazine celebrating (belatedly) the 30th anniversary of the APP. Our intention was to pay special tribute to the leaders of the APP, who guided by their vision, and desire to protect our heritage in all its forms, have shaped our organization into the forward-thinking organization we have become.

Finally, we plan to hold an Annual General Meeting in early April 2022. The date will be confirmed to you when we know the current government guidelines relating to Covid 19. In spring, we intend to unveil the magnificent photos of the mountains of Potton in four seasons as filmed by Louise Abbott and Niels Jensen. These photos will be the basis of different projects of the APP.

We congratulate the Municipal Council on their recent election for a new term in office. We have always enjoyed the support of the Municipal Council and anticipate the continuation of a positive working relationship with them.

Finally, I want to thank my fellow Board members Carol Bishop, Pierre Giroux, François Hébert, Sandra Jewett, Pierre L'Heureux and Thierry Roger. Without their dedication, involvement and support moving forward would be difficult. It is a pleasure to work with this group.

This holiday season, my thoughts are with the families of Gérard Leduc, Jean-Louis Bertrand, Rachel Bégin and Rudy Koch who will be celebrating their first Christmas without their loved one. Know that they will never be forgotten.

I wish you all, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year filled with Health, Love and Hope!

Lorraine Rouillard

Sincerely,

Lorraine Rouillard, President | Potton Heritage Association