



Report on the 2017 Fundraising Campaign for the Restoration of the Mansonville Round Barn



The fundraising campaign for the restoration of the Round Barn, launched in September by the Municipality of the Township of Potton and the Potton Municipal Volunteer Group (GBMP), is a great success. As of October 19, 2017, we have raised just over \$ 40,000, which means that we have met our target. This result was made possible thanks to the generosity of 125 people and several local businesses. We even expect to exceed our goal; the Municipality is continuing to receive donations and we have a conditional pledge of \$ 10,000. Thank you to all generous donors!

The campaign expenses amount to \$ 560 for the mailing of the letter of solicitation to all citizens of Potton and the organization of the reception of October 14th, held at the Town Hall and to which about fifty people attended. This expense will be allocated to the GBMP Administration budget item and will not use the funds collected during the campaign.

The \$ 40,000 raised to date brings the balance of the Round Barn Fund to \$ 175,000. In the first half of 2018, we are awaiting the responses of Tourisme Cantons-de-l'Est and Canadian Heritage to the grant applications submitted, in time to begin the restoration work next summer as planned. It is possible that we will be lifting the barn this fall, in order to prevent it from collapsing during the winter.

The 2017 fundraising campaign would not have been so successful without the efforts of a team of enthusiastic volunteers. We thank all those who participated in the solicitation of donors, the follow-up of the campaign and/or the organization of the reception of October 14th: Karsten Bass, Christine Baudinet, Jean-Louis Bertrand, Raymond Gagnon, Angele Hébert, Jacques Marcoux, Serge Normand, Jacqueline Robitaille, Denise and Bernard Sansoucy, Edith Smeesters, Louis Veillon, Hans Walser, and also Potton municipal employees Maggie Covey and Lakshmi Nguon for their help.

We would also like to thank the companies that contributed to the success of the 2017 campaign by donating or by offering a prize for the draw: Abbaye Saint-Benoît, Bleuets du Marquis, Boulangerie Owl's Bread, Excavations Mierzwinski, Familiprix Riendeau et Rousseau, Jauniaux & Jauniaux, Quincaillerie RONA, RB Financial Services, Spa Eastman, Station O'Kataventures, Thermomix; also *The Record* and *Le Reflet du Lac*, which published articles on the fundraising campaign.

The fundraising continues, it is still time to show generosity. Lets save the Mansonville Round Barn, the jewel of the built heritage of the Township of Potton!

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