On this upcoming August 19, the celebrated figure of Neil Tillotson will be coming to Coaticook’s Pioneer Trail. The inauguration of his commemorative stele is intended to highlight Tillotson’s remarkable contribution to the development of the Coaticook MRC municipalities, as well as his legacy in the form of Mount Hereford.

His stele will be unveiled at 325 Chemin des Côtes, East Hereford (corner of Chemin Owen). A light snack will be served at the Forêt Hereford office, within walking distance (330 Chemin des Côtes). The entire community is invited to join us for the event.

Neil Tillotson was an inventor who developed the use of latex in the 20th century, with facilities in Quebec, New England and South America. He was also the founder of Tillotson Farms and Forests, which acquired several thousand hectares of forests over the decades in both the United States and Quebec. Before his passing in 2001, he expressed his wishes simply and clearly: to donate his assets to communities. This bequeathal led, in 2013, to the creation of the charitable organization Forêt Hereford, which now manages the forest land he donated. Tillotson’s financial assets are also at work today in a number of philanthropic programs managed by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Without financial support from one of these programs, the Pioneer Trail would never have been created. August 19 will be an occasion to celebrate the generosity of this larger-than-life personality, who will become the 27th figure on a trail that has continued to expand since 2010.