

Hello,

This report highlights the main points that were discussed at the Annual General Meeting of the APLG members on June 30, 2019 and the priorities for 2019.

1) Record attendance: Nearly 80 people attended the AGM, a substantial increase over previous years and a good sign for the future.

2) Message from the President:

- a) Membership: The Association now has 313 members, an increase of 43 members or 16% over last year. Once again, an excellent sign.
- b) Relationship with the municipality: it is excellent, we are consulted and listened to.
- c) Our priorities:
 - a. Quality of lake water and life in the lake
 - b. Environmental protection: Forests, trails and resistance to mine development
 - c. Redesign the website

3) Word from the mayor:

David Pharand, Mayor of Duhamel, made a ten-minute presentation followed by a question and answer period. The main topics discussed were the road network, the risk of invasive plants and a request for a minor exemption to build four cottages on a large lot on the lake, whereas only three are permitted. Members in attendance were clearly against this request for an exemption.

4) Lac à la Loutre mine project:

Our region is considered the most suitable in Canada for the development of graphite mines. There is a series of claims more than 10 km long along the east side of Lac Gagnon. These claims begin north, in the park, towards the centre of the lake, and extend to the south of Duhamel.

Lomiko Metals owns a large portion of these claims and conducted drilling near Lac Doré this winter. Although these claims are located 500-600 metres from Lac Doré, they are on the Lac-des-Plages territory. The first results (6 holes out of 21) were released and the company considers the grades found to be satisfactory. It is expected that the company will release the remaining results soon.

A graphite mine is always an open-pit operation. Based on the results announced by the company and the information we obtained, we were able to estimate what such a mine could look like. It could be 1 to 1.5 km long, 300 metres wide and 150 metres deep (the equivalent of Place Ville-Marie).

It should be noted that no mine has been announced yet and that all of this is currently at the exploration stage. But if the drilling results are positive and the project is economically feasible, we could expect that drilling will take place in the entire region and our area would be profoundly transformed.

The Board has decided to take steps to oppose any mining development in our region. In order to organize effective opposition, the APLG has worked to set up an organization bringing together the lakes around our region, the *Regroupement de Protection des Lacs de la Petite-Nation*. To date, seven property owner associations have confirmed their membership in the Regroupement. They are:

APLG (Lac Gagnon)
APLS (Lac Simon)
APLV (Lac Viceroy)
APLI (Lake Iroquois)
APLL (Lac Lafontaine)
APPP (Petit lac Preston)
ARLD (Lac Daoust)

The Regroupement has already started making representations to municipalities, the MRC, MPs and the Minister for the Region. Now that all the lakes have joined the Regroupement, we will approach the media to make the Regroupement and its requests known and increase pressure on the authorities. It should be noted that the municipality of Duhamel, which includes five of the member lakes, fully supports us. Lastly, at the AGM, the members proposed and unanimously approved a motion to support the Board of Directors for its efforts in this area.

5) Report of the Water Committee.

The mandate of the Water Committee, composed of three Board members, is to monitor the quality of the lake water.

The greatest danger at this time is the spread of Eurasian Watermilfoil, an invasive plant that chokes a lake and prevents residents from enjoying its full benefits. The plant survey of the lake in 2017 indicated that there was none at that time, but it should be noted that 50% of Lac des Plages, a neighbouring lake, is affected and that this plant is primarily spread by boats.

How can its spread be prevented? We invite you to view the presentation we prepared for the AGM which is on our website. For its part, the APLG will be undertaking an awareness campaign.

6) Short term cottage rentals (Airbnb type)

The Lac Simon and Lac Viceroy Associations informed us that they were experiencing a very serious problem with short-term cottage rentals. We decided to take a look at the situation on our lake and prepare a report for you. Once again, we invite you to visit the website to view the presentation prepared for the AGM. It provides information about the regulations specific to our lake and what to do in the event of a problem. A special thank you goes out to Pierre Bélisle for the presentations on short-term rentals and Eurasian Watermilfoil.

7) 2019 Survey

You recently received an important member survey. We invite you to respond in great numbers.

8) Elections

The current Board of Directors was unanimously elected for a renewed mandate.

The Board members are:

Bernard Bélanger

Pierre Bélisle

Mark Conroy

Charles De Maisonneuve

Marc Dumouchel

Pierre-Émile Rocray

Louis St-Hilaire

Anne Wells

Best regards,

The APLG Board of Directors