



LE REMOUS APRIL 2018

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APLG

This is a special year for our Association! 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the APLG in 1968. To celebrate this event, we have updated the APLG logo and given the Remous a new look. In addition, the Board of Directors has begun making plans to mark this special year. We have invited Lucien Fournier and three former APLG Presidents, Nicole Tousignant, André Brossard and Richard Chartrand, to provide us with their suggestions about doing something in honour of the 50th. We'll keep you posted as plans firm up, but, in the meantime, we can tell you the event will be held on the beach at the south end of the lake.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In addition to planning activities for the 50th anniversary, the Board is also working on the following initiatives:

- Preparing our response to the bylaw being considered by the Municipality on the feeding of deer.
- Updating the APLG website.
- In conjunction with the 50th anniversary, we will be conducting a property owners' survey.

LAC GAGNON

This year, the lake froze relatively early and we did not have a thick snow cover throughout the winter. As a result, the ice is still quite thick and unless the temperature rises quickly, the lake will likely stay ice covered for quite some time. We'll keep a close eye on the spring runoff, particularly in light of last year's spring floods and exceptionally high water in the fall. We invite you to consult the APLG website where we'll be posting information on the water level. At this time, the general level is within seasonal averages.

This summer, the OSBVRPNS will be presenting the final results of last year's study on invasive plants in the six lakes on Duhamel territory. Once again, we'd like to thank the volunteers who provided their time last year.

The APLG participated in a public consultation on the government's forestry management plans for 2018-2023. Our comments emphasized the need to protect various trails in the area and the mountain sides around Lac Gagnon.

FEEDING THE DEER

The Municipality is considering regulations to prohibit the feeding of deer on properties along the road and lakeshore. Public consultations are planned for the summer but we are concerned that a summer survey could skew the results. The APLG has discussed this matter with mayor Pharand. Seasonal residents may not be aware of the problems encountered during the rest of the year. The APLG is monitoring the situation closely. It's interesting to note that Mont-Tremblant has already adopted a bylaw prohibiting the feeding of deer. It has also undertaken a campaign to raise awareness of the consequences of feeding deer. They've posted information on their website, as well as signs along municipal roads saying ***Your love and your food are killing me! Stop the Artificial Feeding of Deer.***

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The APLG needs volunteers for the following activities: organizing activities for the 50th anniversary, drafting articles for the website. Additionally, SKIRA needs volunteers to help clean and maintain the trails. If you're available, please email us at info@aplg.ca.

APLG WEBSITE

You may have noticed that we have reverted back to the previous version of our website. Following the departure of our webmaster, former president, André Brossard, has been helping us out. Additionally, Olivier Bodard has agreed to provide support during the transition. We'll keep you informed about any new developments.

WATER LEVEL

A new system for measuring the water level was installed last fall. We'll begin monitoring the water level once the ice has melted and will post results regularly on the website. The measurements will also be calibrated with measurements the Municipality will be taking at the chemin du Lac Gagnon East bridge to help monitor the situation downriver along the Petite Nation.

PROPERTY OWNERS' SURVEY

The APLG conducted surveys in 2006 and 2010, which mostly dealt with property owners' opinions on various topics. In the 2018 version, we will conduct a survey to understand the areas the APLG should focus on to better represent the property owners. Participants will be able to enter their name in a draw for a gallon maple syrup produced at Cabane du Capitaine on Pointe-à-Baptiste.

MEETING WITH THE MAYOR

The APLG Board will be meeting with mayor Pharand on April 15th to discuss a number of topics. He will present some municipal projects and we'll be raising the following matters with him, among others, (in no particular order):

- The beach at the south end and campfires
- Sépaq investments
- Feeding deer
- Boat speeds
- Emptying of septic tanks on the islands
- Incomplete minutes of municipal council meetings
- The state of recently paved roads
- Duhamel and the fiber optics project
- The municipality's vision for Lac Gagnon
- Community relations
- Outaouais forest management plan
- The gravel quarry
- Boat ramps

SPEED LIMITS

The Municipality has posted a draft bylaw <http://www.municipalite.duhamel.qc.ca/avis-publics/> to change the speed limits on certain roads. This bylaw could be adopted at the May 4th council meeting. We invite you to send us your comments at info@aplq.ca. We'd like to thank members who have already provided their comments.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Duhamel's General Manager, Claire Diné, will be retiring shortly. The Council has hired Julie Ricard as her replacement and she will take up her duties in the coming weeks. The Municipality will host a 5 à 7 on May 4th to thank Claire for her many years of service.

- A new inspector, Alexandre Rose, has also been hired. His duties will include managing the eco-centre.
- Fiberglass products cannot be deposited at the eco-centre. As a result, the Municipality must limit when such objects can be collected. Boats and other fiberglass products may only be brought to the eco-centre on June 9, 13 and 16 and September 8, 12 and 15. The information will be provided in a municipal newsletter.
- The Municipality has reached agreement with the Sergo convenience store (formerly Poliquin) regarding boat inspections and issuing lake access permits. Details will be provided in the next municipal newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

We recently sent out our membership renewal reminders. Thank you to everyone who has renewed. We are promoting the use of PayPal as this helps reduce the cost of mailing paper renewal notices. We're very pleased with the response so far, as the number of renewals by PayPal is up from this time last year. We are also looking into other payment methods as well as promoting electronic renewal in order to keep our costs down.

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