



ASSOCIATION DES PROPRIÉTAIRES  
DU LAC GAGNON

## LE REMOUS - SPRING 2024

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After a winter with very little snow and the [lowest spring water level](#) in a very long time, the lake has once again become the magical place we love to visit in summer. Docks are out, anglers are enjoying themselves and the first boats, kayaks and paddleboards have appeared. Some brave souls even went swimming during the May long weekend. There seemed to be fewer black flies than in other years. The best thing about this period is that we can look forward to a whole summer to enjoy one of the most beautiful place on earth. We wish you a memorable summer.

### MINES: DARK CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON

When it comes to threats, this is by far a very big one. The U.S. Department of Defense has just awarded a US\$8.5 million grant to Lomiko Metals for its graphite mine project near the village, with an additional \$5 million from the Canadian government. We can now say that the mining project's chances of success have just increased, and that it may ultimately be used for military purposes.

Fortunately, mobilization has been underway for the past five years, and the northern municipalities of the Petite-Nation (Duhamel, Lac-Simon, Chénéville, Lac-des-Plages and Saint-Émile de Suffolk) have been implementing a public consultation strategy in recent months to gauge the project's social acceptability. This subject is beyond the scope of this article, but we'll tell you all about it at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). However, one thing is certain: we're running out of time to prevent this calamity, and your participation is critical.

### A VAST PROTECTED AREA NEAR LAC GAGNON?

The government has committed to protecting 30% of all Quebec territory by 2030, and the Ministry of the Environment has just launched a call for projects to identify territories that could qualify. A protected area is a geographically defined area especially dedicated to the protection and maintenance of biological diversity and of natural and associated cultural resources. Currently, the Papineau RCM only has 5% of its territory protected. The Regroupement de Protection des Lacs de la Petite-Nation has been working with a number of partners for several months on a major protected area project in the Réserve faunique de Papineau-Labelle, covering three RCMs. The Marie-Lefranc/Petite-Nation Protected Area project runs the length of the northern Petite Nation region and lac Gagnon east. The good news is that the project is progressing well and has been very well received throughout the Papineau and Laurentian communities. We look forward to presenting all the details and maps at the AGM.

### INVASIVE SPECIES: WE'RE STILL IN THE CLEAR, BUT WE CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN

The invasive plant monitoring and periphyton measurement projects are continuing this year, and are more important than ever for the preservation of our beautiful lake. We would like to thank all our volunteers for their involvement. Lac Gagnon is very large, we can always use more help so don't hesitate to

contact us to join the Sentinelles team! Our ultimate goal is that all lakeside residents inspect their own shoreline and ensure that no boats or equipment from other bodies of water are launched without being cleaned beforehand. **Vigilance and education about invasive plants: you're part of the solution!**

## APLG WEBSITE MAKEOVER

We have begun the process of updating the APLG website in order to modernize and streamline its presentation. Information will be grouped under tabs on the home page, making it more easily accessible.

In addition to existing information on the environment, invasive plants, mining, water quality and various statistics, we will be adding a "fishing" tab, where you will be able to access the angler's logbook and view inventory reports and any other relevant information developed by our fishing committee over the past year.

Updates and news will appear directly on the home page.

Initial draft versions of the website have already been created, and we expect the final version to go online by the end of summer or in early fall 2024.

## FISHING COMMITTEE

The fishing committee continued its activities over the winter and prepared a poster that will be placed in two locations: the boat wash in the village and the municipal boat launch by the lake. The committee is continuing the Angler's Log project again this summer to obtain fish statistics for Lac Gagnon. We invite all anglers to fill it in after each fishing trip, even if you didn't catch anything.

Here is the link to the log:

<https://forms.gle/e5QNUpYHVkQoLdpH6>

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 30 at 9:00 a.m. at the Duhamel Community Hall.

This will be an opportunity for us to update you on various topics of interest and to present our new projects.

You'll also be able to meet the mayor of Duhamel, Mr. David Pharand, who will speak briefly and answer questions from our members.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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