



ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Saturday, July 3

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where: Duhamel Town Hall

Your presence at this annual meeting is important to ensure the smooth running of your association. This is a great opportunity to get information, answers to your questions, and express your opinions. Your presence is also the best way to encourage members of your board of directors to continue volunteering in your interest.

We will be available from 9:30 a.m. to accommodate those who want to take this opportunity to join the association or renew their membership.

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Adoption of 2009 Minutes
3. President's message
4. Treasurer's report
5. Opinion poll results
6. Logging
7. Municipal Affairs
 - Tourism houses
 - Lots size
8. Election of Board of Directors
9. Miscellaneous
10. Question period

OPINION POLL RESULTS

- A. = Totally agree
- B. = Agree
- C. = Disagree
- D. = Totally disagree

1. It is useful for members to know the stance of the APLG about candidates at municipal elections.

A. **82 %** B. **5 %** C. **3 %** D. **10 %**

2. The APLG should always refrain from supporting candidates in municipal elections.

A. **18 %** B. **5 %** C. **28 %** D. **49 %**

3. The APLG should express its support for candidates of its choice, but should never comment on any candidate.

A. **28 %** B. **31 %** C. **21 %** D. **21 %**

4. The opinions of the APLG about candidates should be limited to the post of mayor.

A. **5 %** B. **3 %** C. **36 %** D. **56 %**

5. The APLG should offer all candidates a space on its website during the election campaign.

A. **31 %** B. **31 %** C. **15 %** D. **23 %**

6. The APLG should organize a public information session during the election campaign, at which all candidates could make themselves known.

A. **31 %** B. **33 %** C. **18 %** D. **18 %**

Number of respondents: 40

WATER TESTS

For the third year since 2006, members can have their tap water, and water used for swimming, tested by an accredited laboratory, Geostar from Brownsburg-Chatham.

If you are interested, **reserve now for your sterilized bottle** at info@aplg.ca or call 819-428-8809 (André Brossard) or 819-428-2202 (Derquise Houle). We will bring the bottle and instructions to the July 3 annual meeting, at the Secretary's table, starting at 9:30 a.m. You will be asked to cover the \$30 cost for the tap water analysis, and \$10 for the water used for swimming. These are good prices. You take the samples on the following day (Sunday) and bring them, **before 9:00 p.m. on Sunday July 4**, to one of three selected spots, the Poliquin grocery store and two other spots on the lake which will be clearly identified in the instructions. Samples will be forwarded to the laboratory on Monday morning, July 5. Results will be mailed to you during the following week.

Results will be available in statistical form while maintaining the confidentiality of individual data. In this regard, you will be asked to authorize the disclosure of results to an APLG representative.

BEACH CLEAN UP

We need volunteers to clean up the beach **Sunday, July 4, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.** Come with your ATV (with or without a trailer) or your car. The gate will be open. Bring rakes, work gloves, etc. The APLG will provide refreshments.

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Membership

The Association continues to enjoy a rather enviable level of participation. We now have over 300 members and hope to reach our normal level of around 350. Thanks to all of you who support us. Those who have not yet paid their annual dues may send the \$15 payment by mail or pay at the Secretariat table at the July 3 annual meeting.

Remember to notify us of any change of email address by contacting info@aplg.ca.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Two of the projects presented at the June 19 consultation are of particular interest to residents of Lac Gagnon.

The first proposal deals with the minimum size of lots situated on slopes. Under the current system the surface and sides increase for each degree of slope exceeding 10 degrees. The proposal is to stop this progression once the slope reaches 16 degrees. The current system is considered too difficult to implement. So for slopes exceeding 15 degrees, the new minimum, regardless of the slope, would be 10,000 m² for the area and 100 m for the sides. The APLG advocates a lower density for future developments along mountain sides. Therefore we believe this measure goes in the wrong direction. However, in practice, its impact would be rather marginal.

It is proposed to allow 3 tourism houses in the sector of Lac Doré and Lac Venne. Essentially, these are houses or cottages that are rented for periods of less than one month. A municipal authorization would be required for such houses to comply with provincial regulations. Such houses are already operating in the municipality, including Lac Gagnon. A framework applicable over the whole territory will therefore have to be developed. Certain criteria will have to be established. From the APLG standpoint we think that clusters of these tourist houses should be avoided. Those could become hostels in disguise. For instance, we do not look favourably at the possibility of having clusters of such tourist houses in second row developments with access to the lake. We hope that, while respecting those with acquired rights, the municipality will manage to develop criteria that will maintain the predominantly residential character of Lac Gagnon.

MÉCHOUÏ

Free up **Saturday, July 24** for the APLG méchouï that will take place on the beach at the south end. Arrive between 12 and 1 p.m. We have hired the same caterer as in 2006. It was a great success. Come with your guests.

Tickets are on sale at \$25 per person. Members can buy their tickets at the July 3 annual meeting or by mail by sending their payment to P.O. Box 354, Duhamel, J0V 1G0.

For further information contact us at info@aplg.ca or call:

- Derquise Houle: (819) 428-2202
- André Brossard: (819) 428-8809

In case of rain, we will cancel the méchouï and reimburse you in full.

PHRAGMITE

Thanks to the vigilance of an APLG member, a plant known for its invasiveness was identified at two locations along the chemin des Îles. The phragmite is a reed that is sometimes used to purify septic fields. Despite its filtering properties this non-native plant which can reach a height of about 3 meters could become a major problem if it were to reach the shores of the lake. It can often be seen along ditches. This is the case along the chemin des Îles. After consultations, we consider it advisable to intervene while it is still time to eradicate this plant. One way is to pull out the rhizomes. It would also seem possible to eradicate the reed by cutting it at the base just before the nutrients feed the rhizome, around late July. We will provide further information on our web site. We would appreciate being advised of other similar occurrences around the lake.

BEACH AT THE SOUTH END

The APLG just reached a new agreement with SÉPAQ concerning the beach at the south end of Lac Gagnon, covering the 2010 period. We have had no formal agreement with SÉPAQ in this regard since 2006. Everybody can therefore continue to enjoy this beautiful sandy portion of the lake.

The agreement preserves the most essential conditions that prevailed during recent years. However, we will have to increase our liability insurance to \$ 5 million. The SÉPAQ requires a financial compensation for the right of access, which will have to be provided by the municipality, given that the place is accessible to everyone. As we mentioned last year, we will also have to get used to no longer referring to the place as a beach because it is not managed as such. We will have to post a notice that swimming is not allowed and use an expression without the word "beach" in it. In the future we shall use "L'Anse à l'Île à Raisin" in reference to the nearby peninsula of course.

Do you know where this name comes from?

On September 28, 1880, Father Amédé Thérien, chaplain of the Reform School of Montreal, had transformed the peninsula into a wild orchard and vineyard by planting apple trees, plum trees and grape vines. Over two thousand vines were in the ground in 1882, which explains the name "Île à Raisin". At the same time, a dam was erected on the Petite-Nation River, downstream from Lac Gagnon. The increase in water level flooded the isthmus, turning the peninsula into an island. The dam was dismantled in the 1940's.

So the July 24 méchouï will be held at "L'Anse à l'Île à Raisin". However we will still show the name of the beach on the ticket to ensure that we all go to the same place.