



ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, July 2, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
at Duhamel Town Hall

The annual meeting is an ideal time to get information, answers to your questions, and express your views, protected from the weather. This is an opportunity to validate or amend the association's priorities. Your presence is also the best way to encourage the Board members to continue volunteering on your behalf.

Volunteers will be available as of 9:00 a.m. to assist anyone who wishes to take this opportunity to join the association, renew their membership or get sterilized bottle for their water analysis.

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Adoption of 2010 Minutes
3. President's message
4. Treasurer's report
5. Members' profile
6. Road work on ch. du lac Gagnon Ouest
7. Rogers tower
8. By-law: docks, shoreline
9. Election of Board of Directors
10. Miscellaneous
11. Floor to members

YOUR WATER TESTS

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

If you are interested, **reserve your sterilized bottle now** at info@aplq.ca or call 514-418-1230 (André Brossard) or 819-428- 2202 (Derquise Houle). We will bring the bottle and instructions to the July 2 annual meeting, at the Secretary's table, starting at 9:00 a.m. You will be asked to cover the \$30 cost for the tap water analysis, and \$10 for the swimming water . These are good prices. You take the samples on the following day (Sunday) and bring them back, **before 9:00 p.m. on Sunday July 3**, 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 4. Results will be mailed to you from the laboratory during the following week.

Statistics on overall results will be available while maintaining the confidentiality of individual data. In this regard, you will be asked to authorize the disclosure of results to an APLG representative. This will allow the association to provide both a service to participants and relevant information to all residents about water quality according to its source.

We will also take a sample at the pavilion behind the Community Centre, since it is now used as a supply point by some cottagers at the lake.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- The agreement between the APLG and SÉPAQ covering the picnic area at the south end of Lac Gagnon has been renewed for another year. It is subject to obtaining a financial compensation of \$1,200 from the municipality which would be given to SÉPAQ.
- The redevelopment of the public wharf is now expected at the end of the summer.
- The by-law passed in October 2010 which set a maximum speed of 50 km/h on all gravel roads was repealed on May 6, 2011. The measure is no longer considered necessary to ensure safety during road work.
- The APLG sold and distributed 345 shrubs and perennials to thirty members last month. This will help to improve the lakeshore or simply improve properties at Lac Gagnon.
- The collective agreement between the municipality and its unionized employees has been ratified. This agreement, which covers a three year period, should not affect the existing budget.
- The municipality's Website will be revamped. It would include forms for permit applications and will facilitate the updating of the site.
- About sixty people attended the March 12 public consultation regarding the municipality's long-term vision. Working groups were set up at the subsequent May 21, meeting. They will develop specific projects during the summer.

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Membership

To date the association has over 310 members in good standing, which compares well with levels achieved in recent years at the same time. At year end, we hope to reach our usual level, around 350. We thank all those who encourage us through their comments or simply by renewing their membership.

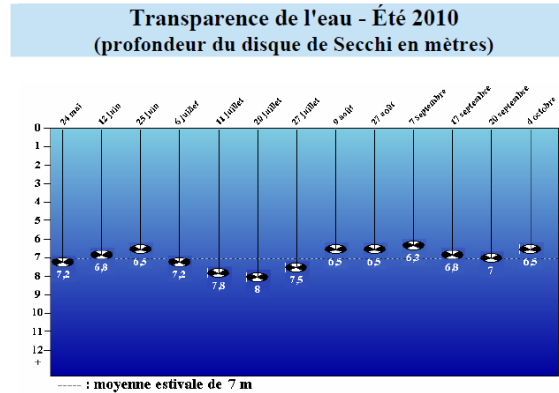
Those who have not yet paid their annual dues may pay their \$15 dues by mail, by PayPal, or at the annual meeting on the morning of July 2.

Payment by PayPal has been used by some twenty members to pay their annual dues and by one-third of those who bought shrubs. This alternative is faster than paying by check.

Thank you to all those who sent us their new email address.

RSVL – 2010 RESULTS

Last summer's nice weather may have contributed to the encouraging results from last year. The water transparency was pretty constantly around 7 meters, which is excellent. Although data from other lakes in Quebec are not yet available, we believe that Lac Gagnon will continue to rank among the best. Let's keep our lake in good shape.



Données physico-chimiques - Été 2010

Date	Phosphore total (µg/l)	Chlorophylle a (µg/l)	Carbone organique dissous (mg/l)
2010-05-24	1.2	0.69	3.9
2010-06-15	1.1	1.1	3.9
2010-07-18	1.6	1.0	4.0
2010-08-23	2.0	2.0	3.6
2010-09-20	1.4	1.4	3.6
Moyenne estivale	1.5	1.2	3.8

Following the sale of his property at Lac Gagnon, Réjean Toutant left the Board of Directors. We sincerely thank Réjean for his involvement over more than four years.

If anyone is interested in filling this position, please contact André (514-418-1230) before the annual meeting of July 2.

DOCKS, SHORELINE

A first draft of a bylaw was discussed at a rather lively public consultation on Friday, June 3.

One of the main proposals is to limit each property to a single dock, one boathouse and two boat elevators, which would discourage property owners from accommodating tourists and second row homeowners by installing additional docks. Although this is not yet a problem at Lac Gagnon, the APLG supports the restrictions that may be useful in the future. We suggested some amendments to avoid loopholes.

The municipality also proposes to limit the type of materials allowed for docks, boat shelters and boat elevators. We proposed that the same list of eligible materials apply for all of these structures and to clearly specify in the by-law that these restrictions would apply only to new constructions.

The ban on lawn mowing within 15 m. from the shore generated some reactions. This restriction seems too intrusive for some, even if mowing would be allowed in a 5-metre strip around an existing building. We suggested that consideration be given to some accommodation for low slopes, which would have a very marginal impact on the environment, but it was pointed out that this would not be possible due to a directive from the MRC. It might be possible to reduce the scope of this restriction to a 10-metre strip. It is hoped that the municipal staff will focus on the most blatant cases.

Substantial increases in fines are also proposed. The association supports these measures, because the current fines are not a deterrent. We also support the proposed restrictions on kennels.

ROAD WORK

The municipality will undertake a major overhaul of ch. du Lac Gagnon Ouest this summer. On the section between the village and ch. du Lac Gagnon Est, two culverts will be replaced and paving will be repaired over 2 km. The \$140,000 expense will be funded by a grant.

On the section north of ch. du Lac Gagnon Est, the following work will be done: replacing or repairing 10 culverts, repairing four depressions; repairing the pavement in nine locations; adding 1 km of new paving at the end of the current paved section; blasting a ditch at km. 5.8; adding gravel over 4 km.; cleaning ditches. The cost of such work amounts to \$220,000, of which 75% would be borne by all taxpayers and funded by a grant, leaving \$55,000 payable by taxpayers in the sector, which includes all residents on the west side of Lac Gagnon, up to the very north end of the lake. The contribution would be \$144 per taxpayer in this sector, which could be spread over three years at a rate of about \$50 per year.

DUCKS

The overpopulation of gulls on Lac Gagnon raises several concerns. The situation was very uncomfortable last year, particularly in the Bay of Isles. Gulls are back this year. In this regard, we strongly encourage residents to stop feeding the ducks, which attracts gulls and contributes to increase their numbers. Furthermore, the bread that is often used to attract wild ducks is harmful to their health. Feeding the ducks causes abnormal concentrations of ducks and gulls, promotes the spread of parasites and may even become a danger to swimmers' health.