

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In keeping with our mission to act in the interests of our members and protect Lac Gagnon, we will resume our traditional activities this year, while providing some input to the electoral process.

In the spring, we will again offer shrubs to APLG members. We strongly encourage any property owners who have little vegetation on their shoreline to add plants and shrubs to maintain the health of our lake. We will continue our water quality monitoring efforts. Members will again be given the opportunity to have their drinking water analysed at the end of June. We will continue participating in the RSVL. We will analyze water quality for swimming purposes and expand our measurements of oxygen levels in the water.

We plan to improve warning signs on the beach, which should help in discouraging campers. We will organize a picnic for the end of July and hope that the weather cooperates.

One of the Association's roles is to keep members informed. We therefore closely monitor the Municipal Council's activities and will share the results regularly. The Urban Plan is scheduled to be revised this year.

The mandate of our elected representatives expires in November. In order to better inform our members during the electoral campaign, we plan to offer a platform for all candidates to help you better assess them and their program. We could even organize a public information session for all candidates. We will also ask each candidate to state their position on selected topics.

Your suggestions are always welcome.

André Brossard, President

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Starting this year we are adding a balance sheet to our financial statements, which will make it easier to understand our financial position.

We generated a small deficit in 2012 due to a slight decline in revenues and increased expenses for the maintenance of the beach and fish stocking. We have requested \$500 in financial assistance from the municipality for expenses that benefit both APLG members and all taxpayers.

The "Equipment" line on the balance sheet reflects the purchase of buoys and water analysing equipment that will be amortized over the next few years. Our insurance costs will be significantly reduced starting in 2013 due to a new arrangement.

BALANCE SHEET

(in dollars)

	2 0 1 1	2 0 1 2
Assets:		
Cash	25	25
Caisse Populaire	14 423	11 365
PayPal	93	76
Cheques on hand		276
Prepaid expenses		108
Inventory		114
Equipment	466	2 359
Total	15 007	14 323
Liabilities:		
Account payable	191	
Prepaid Memberships	151	240
Capital	14 665	14 083
Total	15 007	14 323

REVENUES AND EXPENSES

(in dollars)

	2011	2012
Revenues:		
Memberships	5 018	4 340
Shrubs	1 733	2 126
Water tests (members)	730	530
Subsidy (for the SÉPAQ)	1 200	1 200
Interests		39
Total Revenues	8 681	8 235
Expenses:		
Shrubs	1 682	2 171
Social activities	9	48
Water tests (members)	730	530
Water tests (APLG)	702	904
Water tests (RSVL)	541	310
Le Remous	985	675
Insurance	1 071	947
Office expenses	280	388
Banking charges	179	107
PayPal charges	4 8	97
South beach	6	634
Buoys	67	151
Internet site	127	105
Registration fees	33	51
SÉPAQ	1 200	1 200
Lake stocking		500
Total expenses	7 660	8 818
Surplus (-Deficit)	1 021	-582



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Membership

It is essential for the smooth running of your association that we represent a large majority of homeowners. About three quarters of the homeowners have joined, but some do forget at times. Although membership was down by about forty members last year, at this stage in 2013, our membership is higher than the same period in previous years.

We will periodically send email reminders to those who have not yet paid their \$15 annual dues. Those who receive their Remous by mail will find a membership form and a return envelope, if we have not received their dues at the time of publication.

Please support your association!

RSVL – 2012 RESULTS

The APLG has participated in the government program known as the “Réseau de surveillance volontaire des lacs” (RSVL) every year since 2008. The information we have gathered over the past five years is encouraging. The physico-chemical data and transparency measures indicate that the quality of Lac Gagnon water is very good.

It will still take several years of data collection to see if there is an upward or downward trend. The APLG intends to continue its participation in this program over the coming years.

It should not be assumed that these good results justify a relaxation of measures taken to protect the lake. On the contrary, we must remain vigilant if we want to keep our lake healthy. When data indicates a deterioration in quality, it's usually too late to intervene. Everyone shares responsibility for maintaining the quality of Lac Gagnon's water.



Données physico-chimiques - Été 2012

Date	Phosphore total (µg/l)	Chlorophylle a (µg/l)	Carbone organique dissous (mg/l)
2012-06-18	2,3	1,2	3,8
2012-07-23	0,3	1,5	3,7
2012-08-21	1,9	2,0	4,0
Moyenne estivale	1,5	1,6	3,8

2013 ELECTIONS

Although it may seem a bit early to talk about municipal elections, it is preferable for non-permanent residents to ensure without delay that their name is on the electoral list. Individuals whose name is not on that list will not be able to vote. Waiting until election time makes it harder to update the list and make the required checks.

First, remember that a non-permanent resident must be a property owner in Duhamel since at least September 1, 2012 to be able to vote. In addition, only one person per property has the right to vote. In the case of joint owners, you must fill in a proxy and select which one can vote. See the [list on the municipality's website](#). If you are entitled to vote and your name is not listed, you need to send a completed form to the municipality if you want to exercise your right to vote.

We will provide more information on our website in the coming months.

FIRST RESPONDERS

Since 2008, a team of volunteer firefighters provides a first responder service to Duhamel. During emergencies, these first responders can respond quickly to stabilize a victim while waiting for the ambulance to arrive. Thanks to a new agreement with the municipality, we will now have three two-person teams who can ensure this service, which is essential in a community like ours that is far from major centers. We wish to thank the people who provide this service to our community and take the time to ensure they have the necessary training.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- In December 2012, the municipality selected Norexco's \$469,079 bid for the construction of a new municipal garage. A grant application has been submitted to Quebec under the Quebec infrastructure program for municipalities, which could cover up to 2/3 of the cost. It may take some time to process this request. If the subsidy is not granted, the municipality will have to request new bids.
- The purchase of a new fire truck at a cost of \$216,538 was approved by the Municipal Council on March 1, 2013
- The municipality has acquired a powerful surveillance camera that records moving vehicles in the municipality. The camera location is changed periodically. This should contribute to better security and assist the police in investigating robberies.
- The new logging regime requires that we remain vigilant. The APLG is reviewing various logging plans which are subject to public consultation. We are making representations to government organizations to protect the area around Lac Gagnon. We would like to obtain long-term commitments on this issue but it seems impossible at this time. We must constantly monitor this issue. For the moment, the targeted areas are sections of the hillside on the west side of the lake and section along the Route des Zingues on the east side.
- The Duhamel brotherhood of firefighters has just launched its website, which can be viewed at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/caserne0019/>