



Association des propriétaires du lac Gagnon

LE REMOUS FEBRUARY 2019

NEW APLG PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

After serving as President of the APLG for more than two years, Marc Dumouchel notified us that he would be stepping down because his professional obligations prevent him from giving his duties the attention he feels is warranted. He asked to be replaced but stated he would remain on the Board. Louis St-Hilaire was unanimously elected to replace him. He is the son of one of our association's founding members, a permanent resident of the lake, has extensive management experience and is committed to lac Gagnon, all of which make him the ideal candidate to fill this position. The Board wishes to thank Marc for his work over the past two years and are pleased to be able to count on his experience, ideas and discipline

MUNICIPAL BUDGET

When we receive our tax bill each year, it's only natural to wonder how well the municipality is managing our finances. However, we may not necessarily have the time to look into the details. The APLG did it on your behalf. We attended the budget meeting, reviewed the information, raised questions and made a few comments. We've presented highlights about the budget and our comments on our webpage together with updated tables and other data. We invite you to visit APLG.ca for more details.

FEEDING THE DEER

Last October, the Municipality surveyed the population prior to issuing a bylaw regulating the feeding of deer and other wild animals. Among the respondents, 66% were in favour of such a regulation and 26% were against it. When asked if they believe that such a bylaw could help reduce road accidents, 52% said yes and 42% said no. The third question asked whether prohibiting the feeding of animals within 100 m of a road seemed to be a sufficient measure, 38% said yes and 35% said no. The bylaw adopted states that it is prohibited to feed wild animals within 100 metres of the 321, chemin du lac Gagnon Est and chemin du lac Gagnon West. The APLG Board does not believe that the measure is sufficient, since deer frequently cross the road near feeding stations and the risk of accidents has not necessarily been reduced. Owners who do not travel to the lake in the winter may not be aware of the problems that occur during the feeding period.

UPCOMING PROJECTS IN 2019

Cottage rentals via Air B & B

Short-term cottage rentals are becoming an issue around the lake due to excessive noise, increased pollution, the inconvenience to neighbouring properties, among others. Members of the lac Simon property owners' association have mentioned that this situation is a major problem on their lake. Duhamel has bylaws regulating rentals and we will be looking into them in order to prepare a complete file on the matter.

Internet services

We plan to prepare a list of the various internet services available around the lake before the summer season gets underway.

Property owners survey

This year, we will be conducting a survey of property owners. The last one dates back to 2006 and it's time to get an update of what is important to property owners. Rest assured all responses will be confidential. Participants will be eligible to win a gallon of maple syrup produced at Pointe-à-Baptiste.

Meeting with the municipal council

The municipal council has asked to meet with the APLG Board members this year. The survey results will provide useful input for our discussions with the elected officials.

Remarkable trees

Many of you have probably seen an exceptional hemlock, pine or maple tree and wondered how old it could be. This summer we'll be preparing a log where you can tell us about remarkable or outstanding trees on your property or somewhere around the lake. We'll prepare a register with information about their location and possible age to help protect them. Identification criteria will be published and a team will go on site to evaluate the trees and enter them in the register.

Preserving hiking and ski trails

We're working with Richard Chartrand on finding various way to ensure that the various hiking and ski trails in our region are maintained.

Keeping owners informed

We realize that our website has not been kept as up-to-date as it should have been and we'll be more diligent in this respect. Additionally, a Facebook page has been created. We'll also continue to communicate by email to provide timely information. Our goal is to use every means possible to stay in touch. We invite you to visit the website and Facebook page. Also, please remember to notify us of any email or postal address change by contacting info@aplg.ca.

WATER TEST RESULTS AND MISSED MESSAGES

We'll be providing members with the opportunity to have their drinking water tested again this year. We'll be redesigning the form to make it more user friendly. Additionally, last year, a number of members either did not get their results or had problems with the emails. The emails may have ended up in your spam folder. We suggest you adjust your settings to ensure you receive our messages. Remember also to check the source and subject of messages before deleting them.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CAMPAIGN

You'll soon be receiving your membership renewal notices. Membership is still only \$15. Not only is the APLG one of the oldest property owners' associations of its type in Quebec, it's the association with the greatest number of members in the region. We undertake several activities on behalf of lac Gagnon property owners and the higher our membership, the greater our impact can be. We'd like to thank the members who have already renewed for 2019 and those who prepaid last year. As you can see in this Remous, we have many activities planned for the coming year. Thank you for your support.

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