



Association des propriétaires du lac Gagnon

LE REMOUS OCTOBER 2019

Hello,

Summer is over. What a season of extremes we've had! After one of the most severe spring floods, we now have one of the lowest water levels ever. In fact, there is a 218-cm or 7.15-foot difference between May and October. At least July and August were good, and we hope you enjoyed them. We invite you to view the [lake water level](#) on the Website. Such a difference is extraordinary.

For our part, we have been very active throughout the summer. This issue of the Remous summarizes our activities in the past few months and the main issues will be working on this winter.

SURVEY 2019

First of all, thank you all for your participation. Some 190 participants took the time to complete the questionnaire. This is a very representative sample when we consider that polling firms make national predictions with a participation rate of less than 1%. In our case, with a 58% participation rate, we have a clear picture of what you think. *The survey results are posted on the website under [Members Survey](#).* Thank you to all the Board members and especially to Marc Dumouchel for his outstanding work that has provided us with guidelines for the future.

We will not present all of the details here, but we can tell you about some of the main trends that have been identified:

- a) People are spending longer periods at the lake. More and more people use their cottages in winter. The number of permanent residents is increasing and 30% of respondents intend to become permanent residents when they retire.

This is a major change that will inevitably have an impact on the services to be provided by the Municipality.

- b) People have the same goal when they come to the lake, they want peace and quiet and to enjoy what the lake has to offer. They are not in favour of development, either on the South Beach or in other locations around the lake. They consider the quality of the environment to be good or fairly stable, but are beginning to have concerns about new issues such as invasive plants, mine exploration and the effect of wake boats.
- c) Owners are generally satisfied with the municipality's services and even more so with those of the APLG. Thank you for your confidence. With the survey results and the cross-references that we will be able to make depending on areas of the lake and, especially, your many comments, we believe we will be able to further define our areas of activity for the coming years.

We have a meeting scheduled in October with the Municipal Council to share these results with them and ensure that they too understand what you are looking for and that they are better informed to meet the challenges of the future.

Finally: the results of the draw:

First prize: an APLG hoodie: **Manon Pagé**

Second prize, an APLG T-shirt: **Basil Buffam**

Third prize, an APLG T-shirt: **Holly Rankin**

Congratulations. We will contact you soon about sending you your prizes.

MINING

You may have seen or heard about the issue in the media this summer, but a lot has been happening since. What began as a concern related to an exploration project near the lake evolved when the number of mining claims across the Regional County Municipality (RCM) became apparent. We invite you to consult the [claims map](#) that has been published on the web page.

The *Regroupement de Protection des Lacs de la Petite-Nation* is currently in a support building campaign. We have published an information package, which includes a resolution that calls for a ban on mining activity in the northern part of the RCM. To date, we are pleased to have the support of the Municipal Councils of Duhamel, Lac Simon, Chénéville, Ripon and Montpellier. We are continuing this campaign with several organizations in the region, and expect answers soon.

We have also presented our information package to the RCM Council of Mayors and we will have a meeting in the next few days with the RCM Prefect, representatives of the planning committee and the Minister responsible for the Outaouais region. So far, we have had positive results from our efforts regarding this issue, which started with Lac Gagnon and has now been expanding to other municipalities in the region. You will be hearing about it again in the near future.

DUHAMEL EN COULEURS, OCTOBER 12, 2019

As part of the [Duhamel en couleurs](#) to be held on October 12th in the Route des Zingues, where some 150 people are expected, the APLG has decided, with the support of the municipality of Duhamel, to take this opportunity to support the municipality of Grenville-sur-la-Rouge, which is facing a massive lawsuit from a mining developer. Volunteers will be collecting donations from participants and the Municipality of Duhamel will match donations received up to a maximum of \$500. Grenville-sur-la-Rouge may also issue tax receipts for amounts of \$20 or more.

This is a great opportunity to celebrate our beautiful region in a spirit of friendship and solidarity.

INVASIVE PLANTS

In 2017, we were pleased to learn that there was no milfoil in our lake. However, we have to remain vigilant, since it is in surrounding lakes. We recently visited lac des Plages, which has been severely impacted by milfoil and we can assure you that you do not want it to spread to our lake.

Since this plant is mainly spread by water craft, we are looking at the various options for better management of the boat launches at the lake. This is on the agenda for our next meeting with the Municipal Council and we will be urging them to have an awareness campaign, information boards and clear rules by next spring. This is a top priority for the Board of Directors.

SWIMMING WATER TESTS

Our results were excellent again this year. We invite you to [visit the Website](#) to view the results.

INTERNET ACCESS

Some people come to the lake to escape the Internet and the modern world, but if you are a permanent resident, have a teenager at the cottage or cannot do without your favourite shows, what are your choices? Of course, none of the Internet services at the lake comes close to the quality of cable or fibre service, but depending on their location at the lake, some people have access to Netflix or other subscriptions. You can use your cell phone minutes or park in front of the public library (where access is free). However, to help you in your search for a service for the summer or for the whole year, we have prepared a summary of the two ways to connect to the Internet at the lake in 2019. See the new tab, [Internet Service](#) on our web page. We'd like to thank Mark Conroy for his work on this.

FISHING COMMITTEE

At the Annual Meeting and in the survey, members mentioned they would like us to look into the fishing situation at the lake. Since there are no avid fishermen or women on the Board, we decide to create an advisory committee to look into this and provide recommendations.

The committee members are:

Michel Cloutier
Jean François Geissel
Ghyslaine Ricard
Luc Robillard

They should be holding their first meeting in November.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MARAUDEURS CLUB

For all our members who also use the *Maraudeurs* trails, it is important to visit the [Club's website](#) to see the new online registration rules and to make sure you register with your local Club first.

A BOAT FROM THE PAST

An APLG member had a boat in a shed on his property that is believed to have been built in the 1930s. It is a 21-foot wooden boat with a central motor. It seems the boat, which is in poor condition was in this shed for 50 years. The owner would like to know if anyone has ever seen this boat on the lake and if there is anyone among us who may have information about this model (make, origin, etc.). Please contact us at info@aplg.ca if you have any information.



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