

Le Remous du lac Gagnon

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2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The APLG's 2017 Annual General Meeting will be held at at 9:00 a.m. on July 2, 2017 in the Duhamel city hall. The main items on the agenda include:

- Upcoming study on non-native invasive plants;
- Financial statements;
- Public works;
- Feeding deer;
- New web site;
- Paper version of the Remous;
- Water level measurements;
- Procedure for lost and found.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ASSOCIATION'S BYLAWS

At the Board of Directors' May 13, 2017 meeting, a number of amendments to the APLG bylaws were discussed and approved. These amendments will be presented to the members in attendance at the Annual General Meeting for approval.

ASSOCIATION'S NEW WEBSITE

The APLG's new website is online at <http://aplq.ca/pruche>. Although the site is under construction, the main sections are already in place. Numerous documents and pictures will be added in the coming months. Many of the archived documents will be posted. The current site will be available for a period of time at <http://aplq.ca/web/content>, but eventually will no longer be updated and aplq.ca will link to the new site. We will post information about known problems and ask that you notify the webmaster at webmaster@aplq.ca if you notice any issues.

The APLG would like to thank Odile Lemay for her extensive contribution and diligence, which were instrumental in building the new website.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: NON- NATIVE INVASIVE PLANTS STUDY

As mentioned in the last Remous, the Organisme des bassins versants des Rivières Rouges, Petite Nation et Saumon* (OBVRPNS) will be conducting a study of non-native invasive aquatic plants at lac Gagnon this summer, from July 17th to August 8th. The OBVRPNS needs volunteers with boats who could bring the conservation agents to various locations around the lake. Ideally, they would like to use boats with light motors (e.g. electric motors) or canoes that can get close to the shoreline and navigate among the plants. Using a pontoon to transport a canoe to various locations is also an option. There should be two volunteers and an operator in each craft to help the conservation agent (pictures, listing plants, etc.).

An information session will be held July 7th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. just before the Duhamel city council meeting at 7:30. An OBVRPNS representative will be present at the council meeting.

* Organization for the voluntary monitoring of the Rouges, Petite Nation and Saumon rivers watersheds.

FEEDING DEER

The APLG sent a request to the Mayor of Duhamel asking the Municipal Council to adopt a bylaw requiring owners who want to feed deer on their property to have a permit and post road signs. The Council stated that it is not authorized to prohibit feeding deer but it would get in touch with the Municipality of Mont-Tremblant to find out what they do. We understand that the Quebec government may adopt legislation prohibiting the feeding of wildlife.

FINANCIAL SITUATION

The 2016 fiscal year closed with a slight surplus. Revenues were similar, with income from membership dues up slightly. Mailing the Remous is our primary expense and we plan to reduce it in the coming year. Thanks to accrued surpluses in recent years, we will be able to make a number of acquisitions in the coming year, such as a water level meter and a PC for the APLG. The ongoing support of our numerous members over the years has made it possible to keep the annual dues at their current level of \$15, while ensuring a sound financial situation.

WATER ANALYSES

Once again this year, members can have their drinking and swimming water tested at an advantageous price. The process is the same as in previous years. Members may reserve one or more sterile bottles at info@aplq.ca. The bottles and instructions for taking samples will be available at the desk on the morning of the APLG annual meeting at the Duhamel town hall on Sunday July 2nd as of 8:30 a.m. The samples must be taken on that same day (Sunday) and dropped off at the Poliquin convenience store in the village no later than 8:00 p.m. July 2nd. If there are changes to this procedure, we'll provide alternate instructions.

We'd like to continue publishing water quality statistics on the website while ensuring the confidentiality of individual data. There is an authorization option in the form for this. Please remember to check the box at the bottom.

Additionally, the APLG will be carrying out swimming water quality tests around the lake towards the end of July. Results will be published on the website on in the Remous.