

Urban Plan

In the last few weeks we have been faced with a project whereby 18 lots would be developed in a second row of cottages with access to the lake through a jointly-owned lot. These lots are located between Ernest creek and the beach west of the public landing.

This is a precedent at the lake. The concentration of activities resulting from such projects will affect our tranquility and could have a negative impact on the lake's ecological balance. The first to be affected will be the neighbours with cottages directly on the lake. But we could all be affected, especially if other similar projects are developed. This is possible anywhere around the lake.

Such projects were permitted under the old zoning by-law and are still allowed under the new urban plan, inasmuch as the projects are residential. This type of residential development with access to the lake through one lot was never brought up during the information sessions on the urban plan. Therefore, there did not appear to be any need to address this possibility during the discussions.

Before asking the municipality to take measures regarding such projects the APLG needs to know if a majority of members are opposed to such development. We need to show the authorities that such opposition exists to justify our actions and give them some strength. We are, therefore, asking you to take a few minutes to complete the attached short opinion poll.

You can send us the completed form in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

If you prefer, you can also complete the poll on our Website at <http://www.aplg.ca>. Attach the form to an e-mail addressed to info@aplg.ca. Mark your choice with an "X" in the appropriate box. We would also appreciate receiving your comments.

Ice Fishing



With the collaboration of the municipality and SÉPAQ, the ACPTA has stocked Lac de la Ferme for ice fishing. If you enjoy this outdoor activity, despite the hazards of nature, you can fish for hundreds of speckled trouts from December 19 to March 31. A shelter is available to warm you.

ACPTA 2006 annual membership cards are available at Duhamel grocery stores. A family pass costs \$15.

Invitation from CRED

The "Corporation récréotouristique et économique de Duhamel" (CRED) has asked the APLG to appoint a representative to its Board of Directors.

Any member interested in representing the association at the monthly meetings of the CRED's Board should contact Nicole at (819) 428-7441.

Such representation would provide us with useful information and a say in proposed tourism development projects.

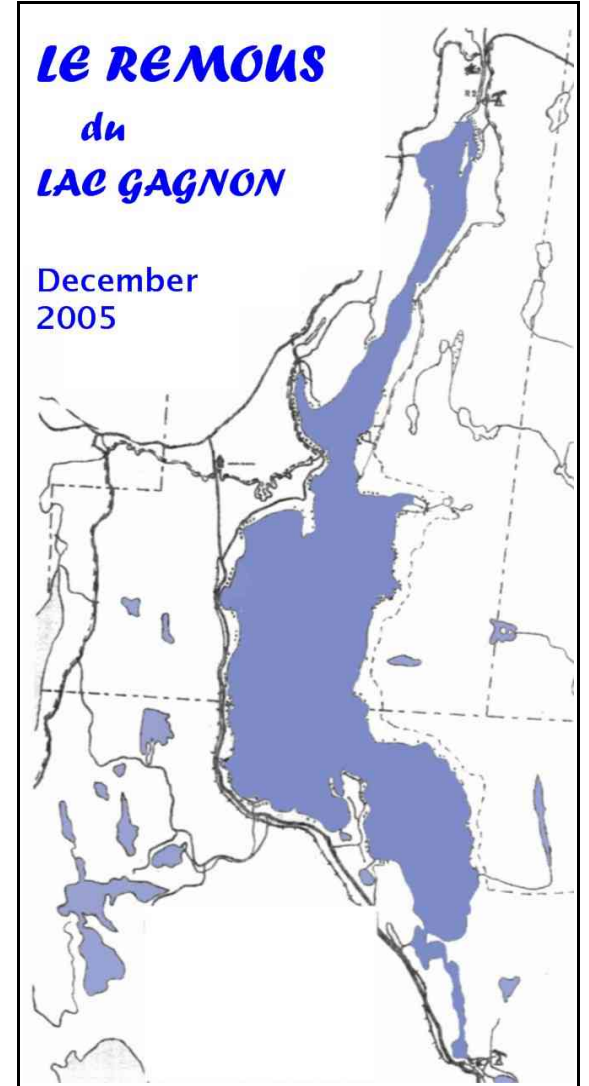
Merry Christmas



Happy New Year!

LE REMOUS du LAC GAGNON

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Membership

Our objective this year was to have more than 325 members. We are pleased to inform you that we have achieved this objective, since the APLG now has 337 members, which represent 60 % of property owners at the lake. We hope to have over 350 members next year.

Please note that the membership fee will be increased to \$15 in 2006. The APLG wishes to build a fund better suited to providing the necessary tools to protect our lake. Our reserve now stands at about \$5,000. Thank you to all of who encouraged us in the past and who will in the future.



2005 Municipal Elections

Resounding Victory for the Chartrand Team

Results Summary

Chartrand Team	Votes		Other Candidates	Votes	
Richard Chartrand	451	76 %	Yvon Charlebois	140	24 %
Léonce Lessard	372	64 %	Robert Bélanger	212	36 %
Sylvie Tremblay	383	65 %	Denise Lajeunesse	203	35 %
Guy Lalonde	334	57 %	Hélène Lamarche	249	43 %
Denis Houle	340	58 %	Gilles Payer	245	42 %
André Chapdelaine	400	68 %	François Gagnon	184	32 %
Gaétan Bruneau	elected by acclamation				

Congratulations!

Participation Rate: **67 %** (proportion of registered persons who have voted)

Our participation rate at lac Gagnon is **66 %**, which shows real progress!

258 persons voted at the advanced polls (thank you for your patience!).

337 persons voted on November 6.

Thank you to all of you who responded to our request for support!

About 200 persons still have not registered on the electoral list.

Remember that you can have your name listed at any time. This would allow you to vote, sign a registry or participate in a referendum. Contact the person responsible for such listing at City Hall, tel. (819) 428-7100, extension 21.

Division of Responsibilities

At the first City Council meeting on November 11, our elected members decided to divide responsibilities as follows:

Planning and Urban Affairs:
Richard Chartrand, mayor

Administration:
Gaétan Bruneau and André Chapdelaine

Public Works:
Sylvie Tremblay and Denis Houle

Civil Protection, Fire, Public Health:
André Chapdelaine and Guy Lalonde

Recreation, Culture and Tourism:
Léonce Lessard and Gaétan Bruneau

Urban Consultation Committee (CCU):
Guy Lalonde and Sylvie Tremblay

Concrete measures have already been taken to promote better accessibility and a more democratic approach:

- Installation of a mailbox at the City Hall entrance
- Posting of the list of bills to be approved at Council' meetings
- Installation of a detailed map of the Duhamel' territory, in City Hall, which therefore allows people to locate areas of interventions.

Please note that City Council always holds its meetings on the first Friday of the month at 7:30 PM.