

Logging Activities

Through an internet site, last January, the APLG became aware of a plan to carry out logging activities around Lac Gagnon in the next three years. We have added a link on our site to the M.C. Forêt inc. site and undertaken discussions with this company.

On March 20, Richard Chartrand (Mayor), Guy Lalonde (Counsellor) and I met with M.C. Forêt company representatives in Labelle.

Our purpose in calling the meeting was to reduce the visible impact of logging activities from the lake. Company representatives seem to be agreeable to protecting the landscape. They also seem prepared to protect the cross country skiing and hiking trails as well some other trails.

Richard Chartrand mentioned several points regarding the roads and is attempting to get some compensation for the use of municipal roads.

We are hoping to reach an agreement shortly on logging around Lac Gagnon. If not, we plan to initiate steps with the appropriate government authorities to protect our environment.

Developments will be posted on our web site (www.aplg.ca).

Nicole Tousignant, President

Telephone Service

We contacted Télébec for information about the phone service for residents at the North end and on the East side of the lake. Telephone communication will be via a transmission tower to receivers in each residence. The cost will be \$1,000 per residence, with \$200 being payable to open the account and the \$800 balance payable over 11 months. This includes the cost and installation of the receiver but not the cost for additional jacks for the residence. To make long-distance calls, users will have to subscribe to a service that will allow 200 minutes of long-distance calls in Canada for \$10 per month.

Since the tower has not been built and some government authorizations are still outstanding, it does not look like the service will be available this summer, although it might be ready before the end of the year.

Fishing

Starting Friday, April 28, come and enjoy some spring trout fishing. The following lakes are now easily accessible: Iroquois, Elmitt, Blanc, Saint-Ange, Lafontaine, Petit Preston and Doré. At Lac de la Ferme, where children have priority, there is a wharf on the west side and parking nearby. Why not become a member of the ACPTA for \$15 annually?

CCU (Comité consultatif d'urbanisme)

At the request of the Municipal Council, the CCU is presently revising a number of litigious aspects of the urban plan to ensure that such social contract with the population better reflects the aspirations of all citizens.

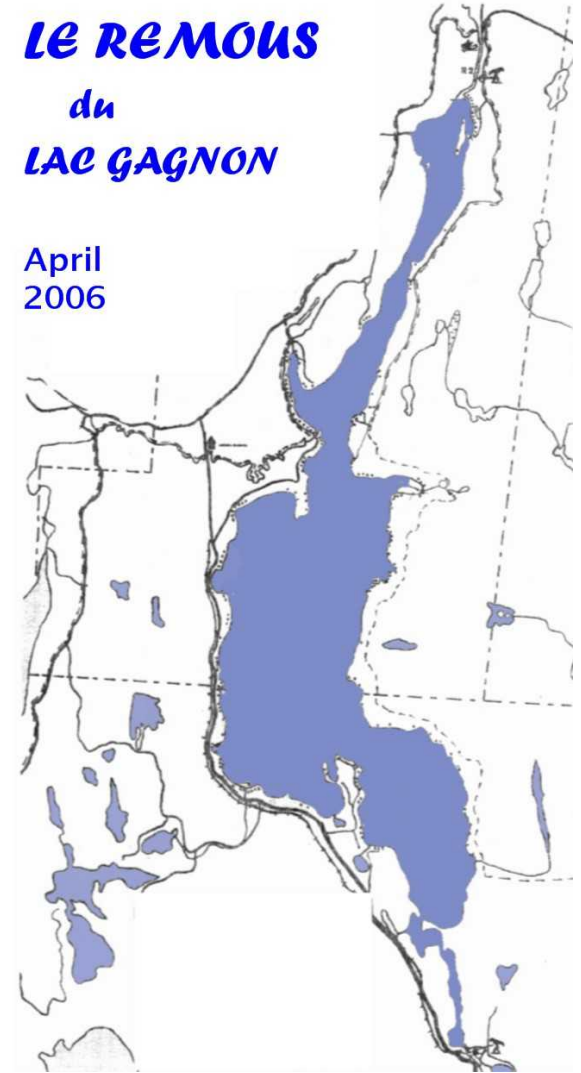
The CCU includes two Municipal Council members, Mrs. Sylvie Tremblay and either Mr. Guy Lalonde or Gaétan Bruneau. Five outside members were appointed by the Municipal Council:

Claude Chiasson, from the village,
Jean-Luc Desjardins, from lac Iroquois, vice-president,
Jean Gratton, from lac Simon, president,
Claude Tétrault, from Petit Lac Preston,
Nicole Tousignant, from Lac Gagnon.

In addition Adrien Filion, municipal inspector, serves as a ressource person and Manon Saint-Louis, as secretary.

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Membership

Our goal is to have more than 350 members in 2006. Our strength lies in the number of our paying members. Please note that our annual membership fee is \$15 this year. If you received a membership form with this issue, it means you had not joined by the end of March. The membership form is also available on the "documents" page of our Web site (www.aplg.ca).

At \$15 per year, it's still a good deal! And it encourages us to continue acting in your interests. Thanks to those who have already paid for 2006.

Opinion Poll Results

1. Are you sufficiently concerned about the future of lac Gagnon to ask City Council to take more clearly-defined protection measures for residential and recreational tourism development?
Totally agree **94%** Agree **5%** Disagree **0%** Totally disagree **1%**
2. Do you agree with using lake front property to provide access to residents or tourists in a second row of residences?
Totally agree **3%** Agree **9%** Disagree **19%** Totally disagree **69%**
3. Do you agree with having a second row of cottages or residences (on the other side of the street)?
Totally agree **3%** Agree **13%** Disagree **19%** Totally disagree **65%**
4. Do you agree with providing easy access to the lake for non-residents (e.g.: parking, boat launches)?
Totally agree **4%** Agree **16%** Disagree **24%** Totally disagree **56%**
5. Do you think it is important to post water traffic and other regulations (speed, shoreline protection, sanitation systems)?
Totally agree **76%** Agree **17%** Disagree **4%** Totally disagree **3%**
6. How important is it to keep the beach at the south end in its natural state for the benefit of all Duhamel residents?
Very important **89%** Important **10%** Not very important **1%** Not important **0%**
7. Do you agree with asking elected officials to completely review the urban development plan since many changes were not brought to the attention of the urban development advisory committee and residents during the public consultation meetings?
Totally agree **83%** Agree **16%** Disagree **1%** Totally disagree **0%**

Strong Survey Response

Thank you to the 272 respondents to the survey designed to gauge your opinion on tourism development, water quality and changes in the area.

An analysis of the numerous replies and comments indicates that the main priority is water quality at Lac Gagnon. Residents want to protect the lake and river through more rigorous controls, more visible regulations and better monitoring.

Any development must protect our environment. Safeguarding the peace and tranquility of our fabulous lake are a primary concern.

The APLG Board of Directors is doing its utmost to achieve these objectives through a variety of ways: as a member of the Comité consultatif d'urbanisme (CCU), by attending Municipal Council meetings, by keeping an eye on forestry companies and their logging activities (2005-2008).

Your contribution and support are highly motivating.

Nicole Tousignant, President