RECOVERY OF LOGS

The APLG has been advised by the Quebec Department of Natural Resources that a special forestry development plan has been put in place to quickly recover the logs left on the ground after the July 17 storm, so as not to lose this resource. Given these extraordinary circumstances logging companies will have to change their plans and give priority to recovering logs from those places where trees are down as a result of the storm. MC Forêt has started its activities on the East side on September 11. However logging may possibly be conducted simultaneously on the West side of the lake. We shall keep you informed on our Web site.

TELEPHONE SERVICES

Work is progressing to offer telephone services in the northern and eastern parts of the lake. The site is now ready to build the emitting tower at the south-west end of the lake. The road leading to the site of the tower is accessible from the chemin du Lac Gagnon ouest, near the chemin du Marais. We do not know when the telephone services will be available but work seems to be behind schedule.

Welcome to the two new members of the Board of Directors, Louis Gravel and Bernard Bélanger.

Notice to interested parties: one position is still vacant.

SOUTH BEACH

The SEPAQ is willing to sell the beach at the south end of the lake to the Municipality of Duhamel. The transaction is subject to government approval. We have a commitment from the Municipality to the effect that the beach will remain accessible to everybody and that its natural character will be preserved.

DEER HUNTING

The deer population in zone 10, western and eastern portion, has declined from 90,000 in 2004 to 54,500 at the time of a survey conducted over the last winter. This is disturbing. As a result the number of deer hunting permits has been reduced by 20% within parks and reserves and by 40% on public lands. According to the A.C.P.T.A. further short term measures are required to deal with this significant reduction of the deer population.

Thank you to Roger Tremblay for his participation on the Board of the APLG over the last seven years.

Thank you to Léonce Lessard who accepted to vouch for the APLG on the issue of the south beach.

We wish to highlight the great work of a long standing volunteer of the association. Each year, Gérard Bodard installs and recovers a dozen buoys, and ensures that the material is always in good shape. Thank you for your contribution to our security on the lake!

MECHOUI

We took advantage of last month's mechoui to highlight the 15 years of services at the APLG of Richard Chartrand. He has provided continuity to the Association. With his dynamism, energy, and versatility he brought constant renewal.

We recognize in him the perspicacity of a nature lover who knows how to enjoy the present moments while planning for the future.

To a generous and daring fellow, a genuine politician, we say thank you for having accepted a position that few wanted to take on but that is essential for the progress of the municipality and the smooth operation of the association.

Thank you Richard!





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Membership

We thank the 345 owners who paid their 2006 annual fee. We hope to exceed our target of 350 members this year. A little effort from those who may have forgotten to pay their fee would be appreciated.

Even though more than 60% of owners are paid-up members of the APLG, we are still striving to merit broad support. We believe that a high membership participation rate will help provide better living conditions at the lake.

WATER ANALYSIS

Results from our latest tests show that the water in our lake is of good quality. The number closest to the shore on the graph indicates the number of faecal coliforms per 100 ml. for samplings taken close to the shore. The number further to the shore represents the results from samplings taken at about 40 m. from the shore, at a depth of 3 to 4 m., where some people take their drinking water.

We have not found any phosphorus at any of three locations favorable to the growth of algae. This is excellent news. It is encouraging since a significant concentration of phosphates contributes to the excessive growth of algae.

The pH reading of 6.4, in the middle of the lake, shows that the water is more acid than it was when we took our last sampling in 2000. However a test conducted by the municipality 4 days earlier shows a pH of 6.9 at the public wharf and 7.1 at l'Île aux Raisins. The pH represents the level of hydrogen in the water. The pH value ranges from 0 to 14, 7 being the neutral point. Below 7 the water is acid and above 7 it is basic. A pH of 6 represents water 10 times more acid than a pH of 7. According to the Quebec Department of the Environment a pH of 6.5 to 8.5 portrays a lake still considered young. Lakes with a pH between 5.5 and 6.0 are considered acid. A pH between 6.7 and 8.6 allows for a good quality of fishes. Under 6 wildlife is damaged and its worth noting that the trout is particularly However this does not sensitive. represent a danger as far as bathing goes. We will carry on our monitoring.

Lake Gagnon Water Analysis August 13, 2006 pH=6.4 p=phosphorus pH=acidity Faecal Coliforms /100ml 0 to 20 Excellent quality 21 to 100 Good quality 101 to 200 Poor quality

201 and + Polluted

These readings relate to swimming only.

Drinking water should not contain any coliform.

NEWS FROM THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Thank you for your participation in the poll conducted by the municipality, thus ensuring a good representation from people at the lake. During the August 26 morning session of the public consultation, 86 persons participated in two workgroups, one dealing with the village and its future, and the other with outdoor activities which would be harmonized with nature, therefore not compromising the tranquility dear to the majority. The results from the poll and the consensus that emerged will be published in the next issue of the municipal bulletin, the "Duhamellois".

The municipal Council is developing a project dealing with boating. The related restrictions could be in force next summer. Since the federal Department of Transport seems willing to be more flexible in the interpretation of the Boating Restrictions Regulations, the Municipality has decided to take advantage of this occasion to hold a public consultation. The project includes speed limits, the prohibition of certain small crafts, a limit on types of motor etc.

The objective is to allow the population to express its views on the regulation of boating and reach a consensus on the issue.