



ANNUAL MEETING

Date : Sunday, July 1, at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Public landing parking lot or the town hall if the weather is bad.

Access: Chemin du Lac Gagnon West, or by boat.

Don't forget your lawn chairs. Make a point of coming and bringing along other cottage owners. The Board members spend a lot of time working for you. Attending the meeting each year is the best way to show your support. It's also a good opportunity to meet with other cottage owners, ask questions, get explanations on issues and make suggestions. If you plan to join the association or renew your membership, please arrive at 9:30 to avoid disrupting the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. 2006 meeting minutes
3. President's report: The Year in Review
4. Treasurer's report (financial statements)
5. Vice-President's report (Web site)
6. Environment:
 - Water quality
 - Shoreline restoration
 - Preventive measures
7. Logging activities
8. Municipal affairs
9. Beach at the south end:
 - Summer 2007 management
 - Clean-up (July 2)
10. Board of Directors' election
11. Question period

LOGGING

What a year we had in 2006! About 3,600 truckloads of wood, or about 109,000 cubic metres, were transported through Duhamel.

At a meeting on April 20, 2007 attended by representatives of M.C. Forêt, Duhamel, the APLG and the *Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune* (MRNF) it was agreed to increase the involvement of people from the municipality and explain changes in the original plan. This should help to prevent a recurrence of what we experienced in 2006.

In the coming year, there will be no new cutting activities in the vicinity of the lake. Activities will be centred on soil scarification in preparation for regeneration and there is still wood to be transported from some sites. However, logging activities will be carried out in the Elmitt lake region.

Both sides of the wide forestry road on the west side of the lake will be reforested and vegetation will be planted at the bottom of the hill near the main road.

The municipality is trying to get M.C. Forêt to cover the cost of restoring the road on the east side.

M.C. Forêt has replaced an old wooden bridge with a culvert, at a cost of \$12,000, and put down 120 loads of gravel on the East, Middle and Brûlé roads. It is also prepared to repair damage to the trails.

The MRNF is considering removal of the logging residues along the side of the roads.

The mayor of Duhamel, together with the mayors of Chénéville, Lac-Simon, Montpellier and Ripon, have asked that forestry road No. 3 be restored to prevent more wear and tear on our road network that is already in poor shape.

Let's hope they are successful!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(in dollars)

	2006	2005
Revenues:		
Dues	5,650	3,788
Tickets sales	2,570	998
Total Revenues	8,220	4,786
Expenses:		
Road signs	21	194
Water tests	424	271
Liability insurance	1,334	0
Office expenses	275	754
Event costs	2,352	698
Mailings	1,377	1,997
Bank charges	140	124
Inscriptions, associations	326	40
Buoys, outhouses, tables	242	321
Internet site	117	159
Taxes and permits	32	32
Total expenses	6,640	4,590
Surplus	1,580	196
Cash as at December 31	6,656	5,076

The MRC and the MRNF are distributing seedlings during tree month and the APLG has succeeded in having a greater quota allotted to our region. A few hundred seedlings will be available at the Municipality on May 26—shoreline restoration day and on June 9—environment day.

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Membership

We would like to thank the 313 owners who paid their annual membership for 2007. It is very encouraging to see the number of members increase each year.

This issue of the *Remous* is only being mailed to members who are paid-up for 2007 and who asked for a paper copy. We encourage other property owners to join the APLG, either at the annual general meeting or by mailing the \$15 membership fee to C.P. 354, Duhamel, QC, J0V 1G0. It is still a bargain.

SHORELINE RESTORATION SPARKS A LOT OF INTEREST!

The joint pilot project with the Municipality and Christine Lavoie from Ferme HLF is under way.

Eleven people submitted their names and six were selected for this project that will be carried out on **May 26, 2007**. The others will receive documentation and advice about the problems submitted.

Although it was not always easy to meet with everyone before the project date, we were able to visit properties and prepare specific proposals for each situation.

The purpose of this small-scale project is to make property owners aware of the need to protect the shoreline. Restoring the vegetation along the shore prevents erosion and run-off that promotes the growth of algae.

ENVIRONMENT DAY

We encourage everyone to take part in Environment Day on **Saturday, June 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Duhamel Community Centre**.

The discussions will center on our main priority: the quality of our water body.

You will have the opportunity to hear our guest speaker, Richard Carignan, an experienced biologist and highly-sought-after speaker. Mr. Carignan, who used to come to Lac Gagnon when he was younger, is very knowledgeable about the blue-green algae issue.

He is very concerned about the growth of blue-green algae in lakes throughout the Laurentians and will propose practical solutions to protect our lake and environment.

Mr. Carignan's conference is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. at the Duhamel church.

Booths will be set up at the Community Centre where you can:

- Participate in a workshop on propagation by cuttings with Christine Lavoie, from Ferme HLF, and her students;
- Meet Daniel Perrier, ornithologist, who organizes birding activities;
- See a display of environment posters by some of the students;
- Obtain information on the Recycling Centre;

... and so much more ... door prizes, tree seedlings

APLG INITIATES A LAC GAGNON MONITORING PROGRAM

Phase one:

1. Assess the health of the lake with the Municipality's environment department;
2. Participate in water analysis by collecting water samples and following the program set out in the *Trousse des lacs*, produced by the Laurentian *Conseil régional de l'environnement* (CRE);
3. Propose preventive measures to property owners, such as shoreline regeneration;
4. Expand our activities in areas with high concentrations of fecal coliforms;

Suggestion: When you have used your boat in another lake or river, wash it completely. Eurasian water mil-foil and blue-green algae are starting to spread in our region. We all need to be vigilant!

YOUR APLG: WHAT DO WE DO FOR YOU?

Monitor the lake by analyzing the water, asking for septic installation controls, encouraging shoreline preservation and participating in a waterway code of ethics;

Build and install buoys for your guidance and protection;

Keep you informed with our web site where you can get information on our community, create links based on your needs and communicate;

Attend Municipal Council meetings to keep you informed about decisions that impact you and intervene on a timely basis;

Manage the beach at the south end to make sure this magnificent site remains accessible and stays in its natural state;

Intervene with forestry operators to protect the lake's hillsides and reduce circulation on local roads;

Find ways of improving the urban development plan around Lac Gagnon;

Contribute to development of the Petite Nation integrated development plan;

Participate in local and regional discussion groups, conventions and meetings.

BEACH AT THE SOUTH END

Volunteers are needed for clean up day, **Monday, July 2, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Come to the beach at the south end with your ATV, trailer or just a rake.