

SHORELINE RESTORATION

The shoreline restoration initiative introduced in the Spring of 2007 will be continued using a different format this year, with the objective of reaching a greater number of people and better addressing the needs of waterfront property owners dealing with erosion, destabilized shorelines and lack of vegetation.

The Association will work with the Municipality, by participating in the organization of Environment Day on **Saturday, June 7, 2008**. A number of environment experts will be on hand to present concrete solutions to these problems.

Program for the day:

- Composting workshop
- Discussions with various environment specialists
- Presentation on various solutions to remedy the erosion problems submitted by residents
- Lunch, which must be ordered beforehand, featuring local products

The Municipality will be publishing a detailed program shortly. Keep an eye on our Internet site for more information.

Think of a development plan by June. We are offering members the possibility of purchasing plants and shrubs at a good price, because the orders will be forwarded to a wholesaler through the Municipality.

A list of available native plants is attached to this bulletin.

Send in your order on the form provided before May 15 to **APLG, C.P. 354, Duhamel, Qc. J0V 1G0** with a cheque to the order of Municipalité de Duhamel.

The plants will be distributed on Environment Day, June 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Just come by, pick them and get ready to plant.

BY-ELECTION IN DUHAMEL

The resignation of three councillors, Gaétan Bruneau, Denis Houle and Sylvie Tremblay, has resulted in the need for a by-election in Duhamel in May.

The candidate nomination period closes on May 2 and there are already five candidates on the list. The advance poll is at city hall on Sunday, May 18, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the election will be held on Sunday, May 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

We encourage you to check whether you are on the electoral list. In order to vote, you must have already filled in an application for registration. If you are not sure, contact the Municipality at 819-428-7100, extension 21.

APLG invites you to support the three candidates from the Chartrand team so he can maintain his participative style of management and focus on the environment and green tourism.

District 2: **Gilles Payer**

District 3: **David Pharand**

District 5: **Daniel Berthiaume**

Logging (continued)

- This agreement covers the entire 2008-2013 five-year plan
- The logging operators are committed to undertaking a consultation process with respect to any changes and to proving the APLG with their annual plan one month in advance
- There will not be any logging around Lac Gagnon in 2008

DEER HUNTING

On April 17, during a meeting in Duhamel attended by about 100 hunters, a MRNF biologist presented the new measures to rebalance the deer population in zone 10.

In 2006, there were 90,000 deer, far too many for the available habitat and food. An increase in the number of hunting permits allotted, combined with other factors such as a harsh winter, larger numbers of predators and road accidents, reduced the numbers to less than 56,000 deer.

In 2008 and 2009, the number of permits allotted will be significantly reduced to increase the population to about 70,000 deer.

The ACPTA and Duhamel hunters association were asked to submit resolutions and observations.

We are pleased to announce that Marc Dufour has joined the APLG Board of Directors. We have already had the benefit of Marc's knowledge of the region and his interest in protecting the environment in the past.

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Membership

This issue of Remous is being mailed to all Lac Gagnon property owners. If there is a membership form included in the mailing, we haven't received your 2008 membership fees, which are \$15 per year.

Send your membership in as soon as possible; remember, only members can get trees or shrubs.

We already have over 300 members. Thank you for your continued support. We hope we can count on as many members as possible to give us the clout to represent you more efficiently and keep our beautiful lake in good shape for our children and grand-children.

TREES TO GO!

More than 2,000 free trees will be available.

The Environment Department is distributing free tree seedlings to lake associations to promote the regeneration and reforestation of shorelines.

We expect to receive the trees in May and will distribute them the following weekend. You can reserve trees by internet at info@aplg.ca or by phone at 819-428-8809 (André Brossard). A list of the tree species available will be updated regularly on our Web site.

The following species will be offered:

For the shoreline:

Red maple: 20 m, wide range of preferably moist soils, rapid growth, deep red in the fall, good shoreline shade tree.

Red Ash: 18 m, wet bottomlands, near rivers, streams and lakes, full sun.

White Spruce: 25 m, wide variety of soils, shoreline and slopes, tolerates shade, produces cylindrical cones.

Tamarack: 20 m, moist areas such as bogs and swamps, sandy soil, highly acidic, poorly drained soil, rapid growth, prized for its strength and durability. Needles turn yellow in the fall and drop off.

Eastern White-Cedar: 15 to 20 m, humid or very dry, soil rich in lime, full sun or part shade, helps to maintain water pH levels, protect from deer.

Hybrid Poplar: 25 m, moist soils of river banks, poor shade tolerance, produces catkins in the spring.

Yellow Birch: 20 m, moist to well-drained soil, fast growing, good shoreline shade tree, full sun to part shade, tree emblem of Quebec, shunned by loggers for a long time because it doesn't float.

Black Spruce: 15 m, very moist, acidic bogs, swamps, and other wet areas, full sun to part shade, dominant species of the boreal forest.

Eastern White Pine: 25-30 m, dry, sandy or well-drained soil, tolerates wet areas, prefers sun and rocky outcrops, several pine forests in our region.

Sugar Maple: over 25 m, rich, moist, well-drained soils along river valleys and in upland forests, high shade tolerance, good longevity.

Other species available:

White Birch: over 20 m, grows in a wide variety of locations, poor soil, full sun, grows well with shorter trees, northern species.

Red Oak: 25 m, gravelly areas, and rocky outcrops, acidic soil, sun and part shade, good longevity, tall trunk, strong branches, leaves help to acidify soil, capped acorns.

Bur Oak: 15 m, deep, moist, rich often clayey bottomland soils, full sun, 2 cm to 3 cm acorns.

Red Spruce: 25 m, rich moist sites, tolerates shade.

Balsam Fir: 20 m, wide variety of soils in moderately drained sites, full sun, does well with other species.

LOGGING

The APLG has been successful in getting the logging operators to cut back on planned logging activities on public land around Lac Gagnon. The highlights of the agreement are as follows:

- The five-year plan no longer includes logging in areas near the lake's shoreline. The areas in question are the mouth of Ernest stream, the zone behind the cottages on Renard, Loup and Ours roads, the mountain side on the north end of the lake, some zones along Chemin du lac Gagnon east, in particular, near Cap and Belvédère roads, and the area near the entrance to the park (see the map on our Web site)
- No new logging roads will be built around Lac Gagnon
- A 20-metre strip along the stream from lac Bourgeois will be fully protected
- No felling machines, skidders or other machinery can go within 10 metres of the Nation and Bourgeoise trails
- The approaches to the road near the steep portion of Chemin du lac Gagnon east will be fully protected. Four short roads of 100 meters to 400 meters in length and no more than 20 meters wide will be used to protect Chemin du lac Gagnon east
- M.C.Forêt is committed to reforesting the approaches to the logging road built in 2006 on the west side of the lake with hardy deciduous trees (yellow birch, maple, oak, ash) and white pine. This work should be finished before August 1, 2008
- Any logging near the lake will be taking place after Labour Day

Logging (continued)