

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we start a new season at the lake I would like to inform you of our objectives and of some of the activities we plan to have in the course of 2012.

The APLG has always been keen about the health of Lac Gagnon. The feedback we received leads us to believe that our members support our efforts to effectively monitor the water quality of our lake. In this regard, we will continue to conduct analyses of water for swimming and drinking purposes. We will also continue our participation in the government RSVL program (Réseau volontaire de surveillance des lacs). But we can do more. This year we will acquire equipment that will allow us to perform additional tests, such as dissolved oxygen and temperature readings at different depth levels. In addition to helping us better monitor the health of the lake, such data will allow us to assess the feasibility of stocking fish at specific locations.

Social events are another component of our activities. We plan to organize a social gathering during the later part of the summer at the beach at the south end of the lake. Unlike the last years, it will not be a mechoui but rather a barbecue or a corn roast. This approach offers more flexibility as we could adjust the date of the event depending on the weather. In addition, the entrance fee would be more affordable and therefore more accessible to families.

Assuming that our agreement with the SÉPAQ concerning the beach will be renewed, we will double the number of picnic tables. These are solid tables obtained from the SÉPAQ that we will put back into good condition. We will also make some renovation to the outdoor toilets.

In recent years we have noticed some changes in our population at the lake, because of either the aging population or the construction of new properties. These changes have caused the Association to lose track of some property owners. We will make a special effort this year to identify these new owners and let them know about our Association.

In passing, I would like to mention that the use of electronic means of communication and electronic payment services facilitate the work of the Association and benefit members as well.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Board members and all members of the APLG who voluntarily offer their services to our community.

André Brossard, President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Starting with the 2011 financial year we move from a cash system to an accrual accounting system. This provides a more accurate picture of our financial situation. In short, this accrual approach recognizes income only when earned and expenses only when incurred.

Figures of 2010 and 2011 were adjusted to make them comparable. Furthermore, figures were rearranged for easier comparison of revenues and expenses related to specific activities such as the mechoui, water tests, and shrubs. You will therefore easily note that the Association was fairly successful in balancing expenses against corresponding revenues.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2010-2011

(in dollars)

	2010	2011
Revenues:		
Membership dues	5 240	5 018
Social activities (mechoui)	1 937	---
Shrubs	1 440	1 733
Drinking water tests	1 420	730
Subsidies (for SÉPAQ)	1 200	1 200
Total revenues	11 237	8 681
Expenses:		
Social activities (mechoui)	2 145	---
Shrubs	1 746	1 682
Drinking water tests	1 420	730
Water tests (swimming)	601	612
Water tests (RSVL & phosphorus)	505	631
Le Remous	1 096	1 132
Amortization of assets	---	73
Liability insurance	875	1 071
Office expenses	158	70
Bank charges	198	179
PayPal charges	---	48
Bouys, beach	223	72
Internet site	124	127
Registration fees	32	33
SÉPAQ	1 200	1 200
Total expenses	10 323	7 660
Surplus	914	1 021



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Membership

This first edition of the Remous in 2012 is mailed to all property owners at Lac Gagnon. If a membership form and an envelope are included, then we had not received your contribution at the time of publishing this Remous. Please send us your payment of \$15 as soon as possible for your 2012 membership. New members and those whose personal information has changed should complete a membership form. Others no longer have to complete this form.

We are still accepting electronic payments through PayPal, a company known worldwide. Visit our website for information on the proper way to proceed electronically.

SHRUBS SALE

For the fifth year, the APLG will offer shrubs to its members this spring. We always try to offer plants at low and competitive prices. To this end, we will replace the more expensive perennials by a greater choice of shrubs adapted to our environment. If you received a landscaping plan from the OBV RPNS and wish to plant shrubs recommended by that organization, let us know as soon as possible what shrubs you have chosen. We will take this into consideration when making our selection. We will deliver plants direct to your lake property.

SNOW SHOES

We would like to bring to your attention that the library in Duhamel now rents snowshoes. All taxpayers of Duhamel can borrow the available snowshoes, without charge, during the business hours of the library. The conditions are the same as borrowing a book. Those who are not already library members must present a proof of their status as a taxpayer of Duhamel. Snowshoes must be returned in good condition, at the latest, the next day the library is open. The opening days are Tuesdays and Fridays. However, the library will be opened an additional day during the Spring break, on Thursday, March 8. For additional information or to book in advance call 819-428-7100, extension 226.

We are pleased to announce that Léonce Lessard is back on the Board of Directors of the Association. His experience in the recreation field should be very useful.

"CARREFOUR PLEIN-AIR"

The Municipality of Duhamel, on February 1, made a public presentation of its project to build a "carrefour plein-air" and a trail around the village. A 1000 ft² extension would be added to the library. Hours of operation would be considerably increased. The "carrefour" would be open seven days a week during the tourist seasons. It would include an information desk, a meeting room, display space and a venue for artistic events. Consideration is being given to the rental of sports equipment.

The "carrefour" project would cost \$200,000. The Municipality would pay \$40,000, an amount already included in the 2012 budget under "fixed assets" and hopes to get two grants to finance construction, \$60,000 from the Region and \$100,000 from the Province. Construction of the extension would not proceed without these grants. The annual [operating costs](#) are estimated at \$31,000 but it is hoped the project would generate revenues of \$6,000, thus leaving a net annual cost of \$25,000. Most of these costs represent the required remuneration for the additional hours of operation. A part of these annual costs (about \$13,000) is included in the 2012 budget.

The interpretive trail project does not depend on subsidies. Some work would be carried out by the Municipality but the design and realization of some elements could be provided by citizens. Starting behind the Church, the trail would lead to the Petite-Nation River and return to the village by the Filiatreault Street.

Citizens interested in participating in the project are asked to complete a form that is available on the [website of the Municipality of Duhamel](#). The February 1 presentation is also available on the website.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- The Municipality has approved paying the OBV RPNS amounts of \$500 for work on streams and \$4,900 for projects related to improvement of shorelines and beaver dams.
- The location of the new Rogers communication tower was approved by the Municipality on December 2, 2011. The tower will be installed at the top of the hill located north-east of the "Accueil Gagnon". The road to the tower will use an existing logging road beginning near the entrance of Bay Robillard, going westbound, and then in a northwesterly direction towards the top. To minimize erosion, the steep road design consists of a 12 inch layer of 4" stones with an additional 6 inch layer of 0-3/4" crushed stones and a small ditch on one side. We do not have the timetable for the work. This tower will greatly improve the signal reception for Rogers mobile phone service and Internet.
- The Municipality has adopted on February 3 the [Recyc-Québec Charter](#) dealing with the collection of recyclable materials. The aim is to standardize the materials accepted in recycling bins. The Charter will be distributed with the next municipal bulletin. Consult the [pamphlet](#) from Recyc-Québec.