



ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 30, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
at Duhamel Town Hall

Come in, hear us, speak out. The annual meeting is a good opportunity to confirm or modify the association's priorities. It is also a good way of encouraging the Board members to continue working on your behalf.

Volunteers will be available as of 9:00 a.m. to assist anyone who wishes to join the association, renew their membership or get their sterilized bottle for a water analysis.

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Adoption of 2011 Minutes
3. Treasurer's report
4. President's report
5. Rogers tower
6. Monitoring of the lake
7. Periphyton
8. Social event
9. Election of the Board of Directors
10. Miscellaneous
11. Floor to members

YOUR WATER TESTS

Again, we invite APLG members to have their tap water or lakeshore water tested by an accredited laboratory, Geostar from Brownsburg-Chatham.

It is advisable to test your drinking water regularly, especially if it is taken directly from the lake. Supply lines can be infected. As for testing the water for swimming purposes, the APLG will make its usual analysis, in the middle of the summer.

If you are interested, **reserve one or more sterilized bottle now** at info@aplq.ca or call 438-338-6020 (André Brossard). We will have the bottles and instructions available for pick up at our June 30th annual meeting, at the Secretary's table, starting at 9:00 a.m. You will be asked to cover the \$30 cost for the tap water analysis, and \$10 for the lakeshore water test. These are good prices. You will be required to take your samples either Monday or late Sunday and, **before 9:00 p.m. on Monday, July 2**, bring them back to one of the following locations: the Poliquin grocery store, or other locations on the lake clearly identified in the instructions provided with the bottle. Samples will be forwarded to the laboratory on Tuesday morning, July 3rd. Results will be mailed to you from the laboratory during the following week.

Results will be published in the form of a statistical table while maintaining strict confidentiality of individual data. The application form contains an authorization to that effect. Do not forget to tick the relevant box at the bottom of the form. This will allow the association to provide both a service to participants and relevant information to all residents about water quality at Lac Gagnon.

PERIPHYTON

What is that? Another bug, an invasive plant? Not really. It is the name of the microscopic algae living on the surface of submerged objects (rocks, branches). It looks like a kind of mud on the rocks along the shoreline, within one metre of water depth. The presence and abundance of periphyton increase with the enrichment of the lake by nutrients.

It is believed that the monitoring of periphyton can give a good indication of the evolution of a lake. But the monitoring standards are still under development. The 'Réseau de surveillance volontaire des lacs' (RSVL) has developed a test protocol last year and we believe it would be interesting to use this protocol to better monitor our lake. Some residents believe that the lightly submerged rocks on their property are more 'slippery' than before and it may be a sign of deterioration. Is it an accumulation of periphyton? Is this phenomenon really gradually increasing over the long term?

We could apply the RSVL test protocol this summer. It simply implies measuring accurately the thickness of the periphyton, three times a year, between mid-July and mid-August. The document detailing the procedure to follow is on our website.

We would like to know if we really have periphyton along our shoreline, and if so, obtain a detailed identification of these locations. On a large lake like ours, it is recommended to take readings at about a dozen locations. So we would appreciate receiving early information from residents on the possible presence of periphyton along their shoreline or nearby. Consult the RSVL document on our website to see pictures of what to look for. Send the results of your findings to info@aplq.ca.

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Membership

We thank the 260 members who have paid their dues for 2012. Our goal is to reach all our regular members, and new residents, during the summer season in order to achieve our historic level of participation, or even surpass it.

Those who have not yet paid their annual membership can send their \$15 payment by mail, by credit card, or pay at the annual meeting held at the Duhamel Town Hall in the morning of June 30th.

Payment by credit card (via PayPal) was used by 26% of those who have paid their membership in 2012, and by more than half of those who bought shrubs. This is a safe alternative and faster than paying by cheque.

Thank you to all the members who passed on their new email address. This allows us to stay in touch.

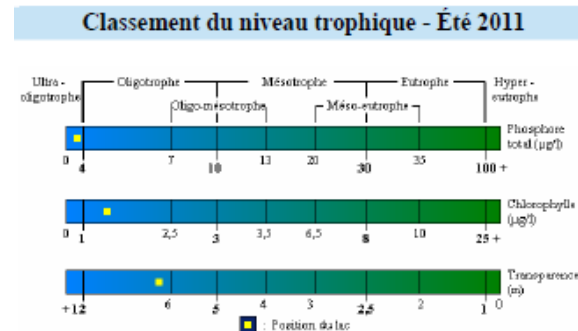
RSVL – 2011 RESULTS

Transparency measurements taken in the past four years demonstrate that the water at Lac Gagnon is very clear. Furthermore, we believe that due to the improvement in our method of obtaining these measurements, the last two years of data are more reliable. The physico-chemical data are also encouraging. Our lake is among the best in Quebec. Let's keep our lake in good shape!



Données physico-chimiques - Été 2011

Date	Phosphore total (µg/l)	Chlorophylle a (µg/l)	Carbone organique dissous (mg/l)
2011-06-27	4,2	1,1	3,8
2011-07-25	2,2	0,85	4,3
2011-08-30	2,0	2,2	4,2
Moyenne estivale	2,8	1,4	4,1



SHRUBS SALE

Our shrubs sale program is a great success. This program has evolved over the last five years. We offered a wider choice of shrubs over the past two years, i.e. 15 instead of 9. We introduced home delivery in 2009. This is a service valued by members and more manageable for the association. Payments by credit card (via PayPal) are accepted since last year. More than half of participants used this payment method in 2012. This year, we took into consideration recommendations included in the landscaping plans prepared by our watershed organization.

Here are some figures depicting the evolution of the program since 2009:

	2009	2010	2011	2012
# of participants	40	22	29	29
# of plants	496	281	313	361
Amounts received	\$2,540	\$1,440	\$1,713	\$2,126
Profits (Losses)	-\$220	-\$307	\$12	-\$4
# of plants/participant	12,4	12,8	10,8	12,4
Purchases/participant	\$63,50	\$65,45	\$59,07	\$73,31

LOGGING

In recent years, the APLG has negotiated agreements with logging operators to restrict logging activities around Lac Gagnon. These agreements expire next year. From 2013, the government, rather than the logging operators, will decide on the areas to be exploited. In our region, the organization charged with the task of consulting interested parties is the CRRNTO, a new agency. The APLG made representations last month to the CRRNTO that the government protect identified areas around Lac Gagnon from logging operations.

Two areas around the lake were identified for logging: a limited area on the west side of the lake, between ch. du lac Gagnon Ouest and the mountain tops; and a large area between lakes Preston and Gagnon, which includes the "Route des Zingues" trail. Other interested parties also made representations against logging in these areas in the coming years.

It is still too early to know whether these interventions will bear fruit. The APLG continues to monitor this issue. Consult our website for more information, including maps of targeted sites.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Work is progressing on ch. du lac Gagnon Ouest. The municipality has repaired a section and removed some of the old pavement. Gravel has been added up to ch. de la Grande Baie. Ditches will be cleaned up during the week of June 10. The APLG made representations to the Municipality on this matter to ensure that this work will not cause excessive runoff into the lake. The paving of a section of one kilometre should be done during the month of June.
- Three sections of Route 321 will be paved this year by the Ministry of Transport: one between ch. Preston and the village of Duhamel, early this summer (2.4 km); one north of Chénéville, over 8 km, at mid-summer time; and one north of Saint-André-Avellin, this Fall (over 7.4 km).
- Following a request by ch. de l'Original residents, the Municipality has agreed to pay 25% of the costs of correcting a road drainage problem. Approval by over half of these residents will be required for this project and their sector will have to cover the remaining 75% of the costs.