



LE REMOUS - SPRING 2026

It has been a long winter but after that magnificent blanket of snow, we're now dealing with a major spring flood that's higher than the average in recent years. Let's hope the sun comes out soon to help resolve the situation and that the ice gives way to blue waters within a few days.

If you need to secure your property, please note that sandbags are available at Duhamel.

Last January, we posted a summary of our [2025 achievements](#) on the website. If you haven't already done so, please take a look. You'll see how your contributions have been put to use.

Additionally, if you haven't renewed your membership yet, you can do so through an *Interac* e-Transfer to tres@aplg.ca using the answer **APLG2026**. You can also pay via PayPal by [visiting the APLG website](#).

FISHING

As the upcoming season approaches, we'd like to bring a few important changes to your attention regarding fishing regulations.

First, the lake trout catch limit has been changed and is now set at one fish rather than two. It is important that all anglers keep this change in mind for the upcoming season. Lake trout measuring 55 cm or more may be kept. Additionally, some anglers have managed to catch walleye. Walleye measuring 37 cm to 53 cm inclusive may be kept.

A quick reminder: you may only have one lake trout in your possession, whether at home or on the water. For example, if you already have a trout in your freezer, you cannot keep another one.

The opening and closing dates for lake trout and landlocked salmon fishing are now set as fixed dates each year, regardless of the day of the week. The season is scheduled to open on April 23 and close on September 15. Since certain details may vary depending on the species, we suggest you visit the [government's website](#) for more information.

The Angler's Logbook will be back for a fourth year. It will be available online starting April 22 at aplg.ca/Angler's Logbook. We strongly encourage anglers to fill it out after each fishing trip. Whether it's a memorable day or a quieter outing, every entry helps improve our understanding of fishing at Lake Gagnon.

Lastly, a lake trout survey by the ministry was scheduled for this summer. Unfortunately, this project has been postponed until the summer of 2031. We will therefore have to wait a few more years before we can have new official data on this subject.

We wish all anglers a wonderful 2026 season—one that is safe, enjoyable, and with lots of great moments on the water!

SHORELINE

In the last issue of the Remous, we mentioned that it is by working together as a team that we will be able to address current and future challenges. We must step up our efforts to minimize our human footprint and prevent further harm to the environment. The ultimate goal is to preserve the excellent water quality of Lac Gagnon, the tranquility of the area, and our residents' collective investment.

Our priority in 2026 is to protect and restore the shoreline, which is a key element in safeguarding the lake.

Our slogan for this initiative is: **“Let’s give the shoreline back to nature”**. This involves rehabilitating shorelines by replacing man-made structures with native vegetation to prevent erosion and restore biodiversity. Using a plant-based solution, this approach creates habitat for wildlife, filters water, and naturally stabilizes the soil.

The designated shoreline strip is 10 metres wide on flat ground and 15 metres wide on sloped ground. In this fragile area, we should not add fill, mow the grass, or clear the vegetation. A five-metre-wide strip may be cleared to provide access to the lake. We have chosen to settle on the edge of a magnificent lake. We must therefore strive to live in harmony with nature and preserve ecosystems and their habitats, which are already affected by climate change.

The quality of the lake’s water is also at stake, as it cannot absorb any more nutrients resulting from rainwater runoff. It is essential that runoff water be slowed down, cooled, and treated by the plants along the lake’s edge to prevent eutrophication (the lake’s premature aging) and blue-green algae blooms. This is why the municipality of Duhamel will be ensuring compliance with current regulations.

The APLG, for its part, has received a grant from the provincial government to help lakeshore residents restore or improve their shorelines. Additionally, the Organisme des Bassins Versants (OBV) is also a valuable partner with expertise in this area. Please feel free to contact us at info@aplg.ca if you need assistance with your projects.

We sincerely believe that the solution lies in raising awareness, education, vigilance, and collaboration among all residents.

WASHING WATERCRAFT

Another effective measure in our efforts to preserve water quality and combat invasive species is the systematic washing of all watercraft that travel from one body of water to another, including fishing gear and small non-

motorized boats. The system already in place in the village of Duhamel will continue this year. We will notify you of the details once we have them. In addition, a new hot-water pressure washing station will be installed at the Lac Gagnon boat launch. Washing will be free, but visitor access fees will be managed by the municipality. We will keep you updated on the project’s progress. Please note that only property owners may launch a boat from private property.

NEW TRANSPORT CANADA REGULATIONS

New Transport Canada regulations affecting pleasure craft will be implemented progressively over the coming years. These changes introduce a 5-year licence validity period, a \$24 fee, and the requirement to update information within 30 days of any change. Existing licences will be transitioned gradually based on their original issue date. The objective is to improve safety, vessel traceability, and compliance with Canadian requirements. Boat owners should review their situation to ensure compliance and avoid potential penalties. [Click here for more details.](#)

INVASIVE PLANTS

No signs of Eurasian watermilfoil were detected at Lac Gagnon last summer. The Sentinels project will continue this year. We are always looking for new volunteers. Please feel free to contact us at info@aplg.ca if you’d like to join the group. An informational meeting will be held in July for anyone interested. We’re counting on the vigilance of all lakeshore residents. **If every property owner inspects the shoreline up to a depth of three metres in front of their property, we will be able to detect the presence of invasive plants very early on.**

PERIPHYTON

The periphyton monitoring study—which examines the slimy deposit found on rocks, plants, and structures in the lake—will now be conducted every two years in odd-numbered years. This will allow us to better track its long-term changes. It is worth noting that an increase in periphyton is a sign of a lake’s aging.

MINE ISSUE

There have been many developments in the mining project in recent weeks. The most significant news is that Lomiko Metals Inc., disregarding all local opposition, has continued its work and released its pre-feasibility study, which states that graphite reserves are nearly twice as large as previously announced in 2021 and that the mine is expected to have a lifespan of 28 years rather than 15 years.

Two articles on the subject have been published by the *Regroupement de protection des lacs de la Petite-Nation* and are available on the APLG website at the following links:

[Mining project](#)

[Mine update](#)

We invite you to take a look at them to find out everything that has happened since the referendum.

BREAKING NEWS

At the April 15 meeting of the Council of Mayors, the Papineau RCM unanimously adopted a resolution declaring that mining is incompatible with the RCM's development plan. It's official: now all political bodies, organizations, and citizen groups have publicly taken a stand against mining activity within the MRC's territory (with the exception of the federal MP).

[News release](#)

MARIE-LEFRANC-PETITE-NATION PROTECTED AREA

We are currently in a very active phase of the protected area selection process, aimed at achieving the goal of protecting 30% of Quebec's territory by 2030. We are currently in the local selection phase, limited to the territory of the Papineau RCM. Thirteen projects have been submitted, and we are now at the second and final selection meeting, which will be held on April 23. The next phases will take place in 2027 for the regional component (the Outaouais) and in 2028 for the provincial component.

Among the submitted projects, two are of particular interest to Lac Gagnon residents: the [Marie-Lefranc-Petite-Nation](#) project, which we've discussed at length, and the [Duhamel, Lac-des-Plages et Chénéville](#) project, which encompasses all public lands between these three municipalities, including the mine claims area.

This protected area project is being developed with the aim of creating a protected area for sustainable use, which would allow for both [sustainable forestry](#) and maple syrup production. The closer we look at the project, the more we discover the immense potential for maple syrup production in this area, at a time when the industry can no longer meet demand on private lands. Such a use would constitute a leading economic alternative to the mining project.

A petition is circulating to support this initiative. If you haven't signed it yet, we invite you to do so at the following link. [Link to petition](#).

DRINKING WATER ANALYSIS

The Municipality of Duhamel is expected to offer water testing services again this year. We will let you know the exact date and cost of this service as soon as the details are available.

COOPERATIVE

We have some very good news regarding the Solidarity Cooperative project for a gas station in Duhamel. Since last fall, major renovations have been underway inside the old convenience store in the village. You won't recognize the place when you visit for the first time. Eventually, the building's exterior will also be renovated.

In the first phase, the automated gas station service will be available in May. The contract with Sonic has been signed, and we've been told that gas will be priced the same as in Chénéville. The official opening will take place on June 24. The facility will feature a café area offering sandwiches, pastries, and local products, a dairy counter, and various other services.

The community is rallying behind this project, which will breathe new life into our village and provide services that will make life more enjoyable for APLG members. That is why the Association's Board has decided to join the Coop's sponsors by making a \$2,000 donation to the organization. We are convinced that we will all benefit from this new project, which fits in very well with the community spirit in our area. Please note that the donation will not come from members' dues but will be funded by interest earned.

We encourage you to take advantage of the Coop's services as soon as they become available.

We would like to thank André-Jacques Filion and his team, as well as the members of the Coop's Board of Directors.

For more information, please visit the Coop's website at the following address: [Coop Duhamel](#).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year, the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the Duhamel municipal building at 1890 Principale Street. It will be an opportunity to find out about your organization's initiatives and plans. We look forward to seeing you there!

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