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ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The past summer and winter were smooth and uneventful. We had no major surprises or environmental challenges and, happily enough, we can continue to enjoy our little piece of paradise. This notwithstanding, there is increasing demand for properties like ours and we have all seen a slight jump in property sales in the past year. Also, noting population growth in Val-des-Monts over the past decade, it will be key for all of us to continue to be aware of changes around us and to take care to respect environmental requirements.

As important as is the environment, we still like to have fun. PSLL continues to organize social events at Lac Bataille beach – the regatta, the games for children, the corn roast. We also assist with the fantastic, professional Canada Day fireworks at Lac Barnes, with the curling tournament, and offer refreshments at our Annual General Meeting – it's better to conduct business when there are “snacks at the end.” In addition, your Association volunteers have again collected water samples (the results of which are on our website, www.pssl.ca), and stocked the lakes with trout for our collective enjoyment.

I would like to thank all the volunteers and Board members who help out in a variety of ways to keep this Association going and active. I especially wish to acknowledge the contributions of longtime Board member and Lac Barnes resident Don Stanley, who passed away in June. In addition, on behalf of the full Association Executive, I would like to acknowledge the strong support we receive from our local Councillor and PSLL resident, Mr. Claude Bergeron, and the continued recognition from and access to our Mayor, Mr. Jacques Laurin. In addition, this year we also received recognition from the Ministry of Education, Recreation and Sport with a grant of \$200, based on the recommendation from our provincial MNA, Stéphanie Vallée.

In closing, please enjoy this newsletter and take part in this year's upcoming activities, which are detailed on the website and on the notice boards throughout the Domain. We need volunteers for the regatta and corn roast – contact Jens Urban at 819 671-8660 or info@pssl.ca. The “work” is not onerous; it's fun – often as simple as lending a paddle boat for the regatta or setting up some chairs. Also, please support the local businesses that have placed advertising with us and let them know that you saw their ad in this newsletter.

Have a fabulous summer – best wishes to you all from Association PSLL.

Constance Hudak

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, July 16, 2017 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (rain or shine). Join your lake neighbours and friends at the Val-des-Monts Municipal Library (17 Chemin du Manoir) in the J.A. Perkins Room, located in the Municipal complex directly across from Le Marché Richelieu in the village. The Association will host a light lunch/refreshments immediately after the AGM.

To help expedite membership registration and the receipt process, please either i) follow the online membership and payment process at www.pssl.ca, OR ii) return the completed membership form on page 20 with your cheque via Canada Post. You may also register on-site before the start of the meeting.

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John Smart | Don Stanley

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Jens Urban

FEDERATION OF LAKES OF VAL-DES-MONTS (FLVDM)

Alain Mercier | Chris Hemmingway, Alternate

MESSAGE FROM OUR MUNICIPAL COUNCILLOR



Dear fellow residents and owners within Perkins-sur-le-lac Domain,

Another year has already passed and we have had a long and somewhat difficult winter season. In this time many things have happened at the municipal level.

For the past year, I have chaired a special committee on the rivière Blanche West watershed. I am pleased to announce that the project has really progressed, thanks to the positive relationship between the Municipality's Environment and Urban Planning Department and the Fédération des lacs de Val-des-Monts. The characterization report for the watershed's lakes and rivers has been updated and is almost finalized. It will soon be forwarded to the Agency for the watershed 7 for review and approval. It is a report of over 1,200 pages, which I consider to be the most detailed and comprehensive to date. The next steps will include consulting with the public, identifying problems, making recommendations and setting priorities for areas of action. A similar project is already underway for the rivière La Lièvre watershed, of which several lakes are part of our Domain.

The first year of the project designed to help residents manage the winter and summer maintenance of private roads was not successful. As a result, a special committee has begun to prepare a guide to assist road associations in submitting applications containing all the information required to meet the various criteria. The guide also provides contact information for municipal employees who can provide information about the other owners on the road and the number of owners on the road.

I was informed that Foresterie Lauzon intended to log in an area north of Lac Louise. I immediately notified PSL's president and then forwarded all PSL concerns to the site engineer. I have since established a good relationship with the site engineer, who keeps me informed of the logging operation. Tree cutting is now complete and I expect to be informed of planned log removal at least 48 hours in advance.

I am also pleased to announce that the Municipality has been able to obtain land on Montée Paiement for a new school and that construction will begin within weeks of the publication of this article. City Council has decided to broaden the project by funding the construction of additional space that can accommodate approximately 400 people. This will facilitate social, recreational and sporting events held in Val-des-Monts.

As you know, the Municipality needs infrastructure to better serve its population. The existing municipal infrastructure was designed to serve 5,000 people, whereas our permanent population now stands at 12,000. These new investments will increase our debt ratio, but I want to assure you that our rate will remain well below the provincial average.

I also ask for your support this fall when I run for a second term in the municipal elections in early November. I intend to continue to serve you and complete the above-mentioned projects.

I look forward to seeing you at PSL's upcoming social and recreational events. – **Claude Bergeron**

Councillor for District 3, Municipality of Val-des-Monts

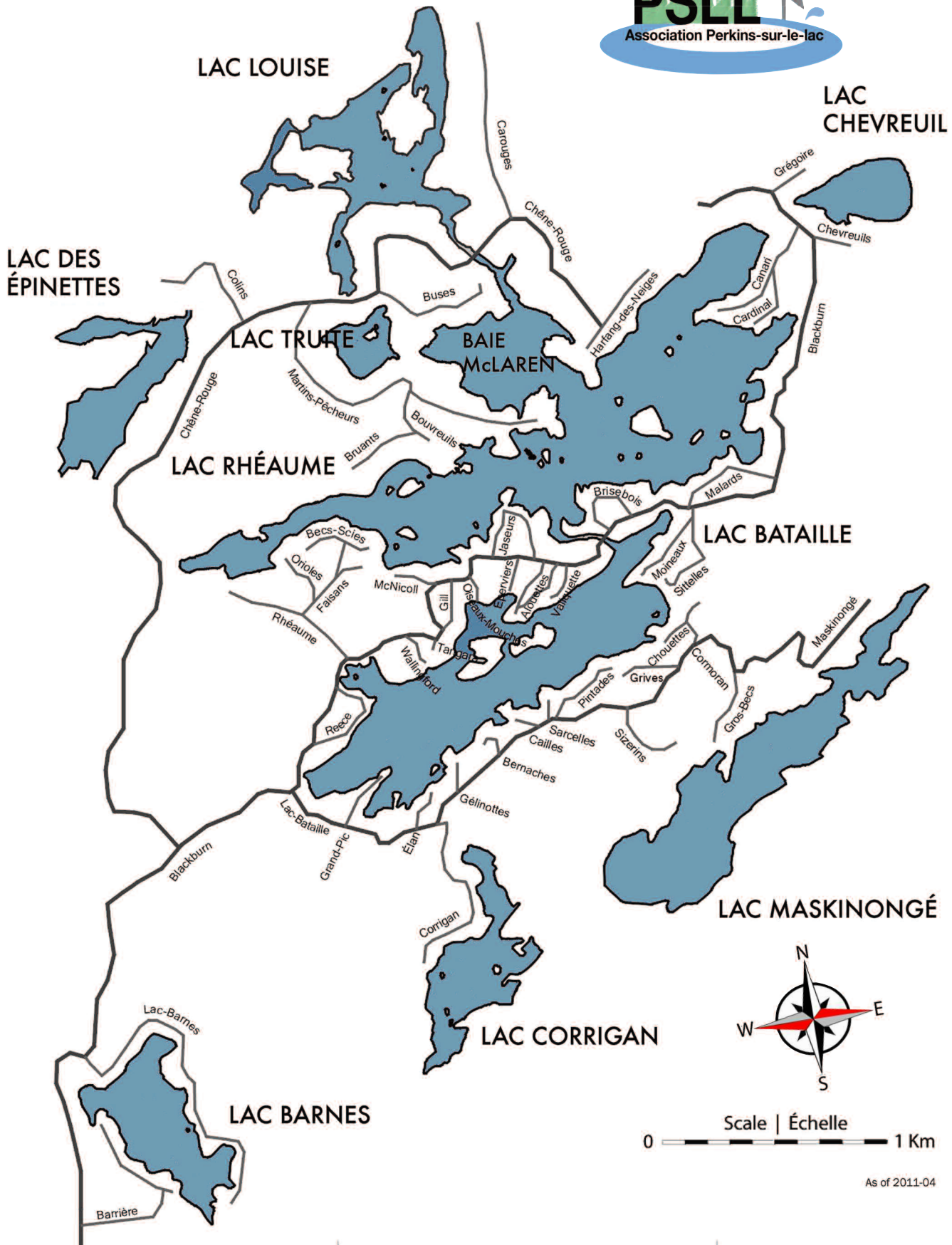
The Municipality's publication *Val-des-Monts en Bref* has loads of valuable information and details on events happening in our area. Go to www.val-des-monts.net/en/7-val-des-monts-en-bref



For 2017 PSL once again offers stylish logo T-shirts and caps in your choice of colours: T-shirts (women's S, M, L in pink or grey; men's S, M, L, XL, XXL in sand or gold) and caps (one size in grey, navy blue or white). And still only \$15 each. Available at PSL events or contact Jens Urban by phone at 819 671-8660 or by email at info@psll.ca. To see available colours, go to the Association's website, www.psl.ca/new-blog-1/2015/3/15/t-shirts-et-casquettes-t-shirts-and-ball-caps



ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC ROADS MAP



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As of 2011-04

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

ANIMALS / BIRDS

BEAVERS

- Mario Boucher819 671-8457
(For trapping in season)

BIRDS

- Wild Bird Care Centre.....613 828-2849

DOGS AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS

- Outaouais SPCA819 243-2004
(For dog licences, lost pets, adoptions and other services)
- Complaints regarding domestic animals819 205-2908

OTHER ANIMALS (BEARS, ETC.)

- Wildlife protection – MNR QC819 246-1910
- 24hr: MNR QC1 800 463-2191
(For hunting and fishing permits and regulations;
also to report poaching, dead birds or raccoons)

FIRE

- **EMERGENCY** **911**

HEALTH SERVICES

- **EMERGENCY** **911**
- **HEALTH INFO QUÉBEC** **811**
- **POISON CONTROL QUÉBEC** **1 800 463-5060**

CLINIC (open 24h/7 for emergencies)

- Centre de Santé Clinique de Val-des-Monts819 459-1112
1884 Rte du Carrefour ext. 7750; toll free 1 877 459-1112

HOSPITALS

- Gatineau819 966-6100
- Hull819 966-6200
- Wakefield819 459-1112
toll free 1 877 459-1112

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- Paul.....819 671-4090
- Thérèse and Denis819 671-2633

NEWSPAPERS

- Ottawa Citizen (subscriptions)613 596-1950
- Le Droit613 562-0222
- Journal L'Envol819 671-1502

ORGANIZATIONS

- Association Perkins-sur-le-lac (see contact info, page 1)
- Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts (FLVDM)
Stéphanie Milot, Coordinator
federationlacsvaldesmonts@gmail.com/www.federationdeslacs.ca

POLICE (MRC DES COLLINES)

- **EMERGENCY** **911**
- Non-urgent calls1 819 459-9911
toll-free: 1 888 459-9911
- Information1 819 459-2422
toll-free: 1 877 459-2422

POSTAL BOXES

- Canada Post1 866 607-6301

ROADS

MUNICIPAL (See below under Municipality of Val-des-Monts)

PRIVATE (Contact your local road committee representative):

- Chemin du Lac Barnes, Rita Legault.....819 671-0672
- Chemin de la Barrière, Linda Elford819 671-3344
- Chemins des Moineaux/des Sittelles, John Smart
jsmart@rogers.com, 819 671-0061 (cottage), 613 232-3063
- Chemin Pintades, Jean Montgrain819 671-7545
- Chemin Rhéaume Nord, Daryl Neve819 671-1392
- Chemin Rhéaume Ouest, David Hodgkin819 671-0249

UTILITIES

HYDRO QUÉBEC

- Power failures.....1 800 790-2424
- Customer services1 888 385-7252

TELEPHONE

- Québec Bell customer services310-7070
(For all services including disconnections, defective lines, etc.)

MUNICIPALITY OF VAL-DES-MONTS

www.val-des-monts.net / 819 457-9400

1 Route du Carrefour, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 4E9

Check the website for hours as they change according to the season

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Mayor, Jacques Laurin 819 457-9400
email: jacqueslaurin@val-des-monts.net ext. 2208
- Councillor, Claude Bergeron819 671-0501
email: claudebergeron@val-des-monts.net (c) 819 962-4638

MUNICIPALITY MAIN NUMBER.....819 457-9400

- Reception/General information.....press 0
- Complaints regarding road conditions, environment,
garbage or animals, or information on recycling or
garbage pick uppress 1
- Environment and urban planning.....press 2
- Public works.....press 3
- Finances.....press 4
- Community activities and sports eventspress 5
- Fire security.....press 6
- Administrationpress 7

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Fishing Season is Here!

There's nothing better than a day spent fishing – but only if you have your license and know the rules and regulations! To check Quebec requirements for sport fishing in our area (Zone 10), go to www.mffp.gouv.qc.ca/english/publications/online/wildlife/fishing-regulations/news.asp

Licenses may be purchased in Val-des-Monts at **Marché Richelieu, 1732 Route du Carrefour; J.B. McClelland et Fils Marchands Généraux, 36 Chemin du Pont; and Marché Alimentaire R. Tessier Inc., 1019 Route Principale.**

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2017-2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



New for 2017: Buy tickets for PSLL events online!

Go to www.psl.ca/event-calendar for more information.

2017

CANADA DAY FIREWORKS AT LAC BARNES

SATURDAY, JULY 1 | 9:00 to 10:00 pm

72 Chemin du Lac Barnes, Val-des-Monts, QC 8N 6E4

Rita Legault and Clayton Devine, hosts. Bring your own lawn chairs, drinks and snacks. \$25 per family, payable to Clayton Devine, or buy your tickets online at www.psl.ca/event-calendar. For more information contact Clayton Devine, 819 671-0672 or clayton@nagameservers.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATION PSLL

SUNDAY, JULY 16 | 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Val-des-Monts Municipal Library, 17 Chemin du Manoir, J.A. Perkins Room, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 7E8 Light lunch to follow meeting.

6TH ANNUAL REGATTA AND PIG / LAMB/ BEEF ROAST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 | 2:00 pm to whenever...

Lac Bataille Beach, 604 Chemin Blackburn, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 6E9

Water races: swimming, paddle boat, kayak and canoe. Live music! Dinner: pig, lamb or beef roast dinner at 6:00 pm – Adults \$15 per person; Children \$10 each; or \$20 at the door. Bring your own lawn chairs, drinks and snacks. Dinner tickets available now from Jens Urban (see contact information below) or online at www.psl.ca/event-calendar. For more information contact Jens Urban, 819 671-8660, jensurban@gmail.com; for the complete schedule see the Association website, www.psl.ca VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT! Contact Jens at 819 671-8660.

CORN ROAST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 | 5:00 to 10:00 pm

Lac Bataille Beach, 604 Chemin Blackburn, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 6E9

For all PSLL members. Corn roast, BBQ hot dogs (meat and veggie). Beverages available for a small fee. Bring your own lawn chairs, drinks and snacks. For details see the Association website, www.psl.ca VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT! Contact Jens at 819 671-8660.

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CURLING TOURNAMENT

72 Chemin du Lac Barnes, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 6E4

Rita Legault and Clayton Devine, hosts.

Details to come. Check the Association website, www.psl.ca

OTHER SUMMER 2017 EVENTS:

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES

FRIDAYS IN AUGUST | 8:30 pm | At various parks in Val-des-Monts

Sponsored by the Municipality of Val-des-Monts. For details see the publication Val-des-Monts en Bref, page 19, www.val-des-monts.net/en/7-val-des-monts-en-bref

THE 62ND POLTIMORE FAIR AUGUST 12-13 | 2740 Rte Principale

Fun for the whole family! For details see www.poltimorefair.com

RECAP: PSLL'S SOCIAL EVENTS 2016-2017

Ever since we started annual events for the PSLL's 50th anniversary in 2012, we had a feeling that we would create something that would hopefully become a tradition in one form or another. Not to take away from our primary mission to protect and improve the ecological milieu of our neighbourhood, but we also enjoy meeting our neighbours at one or more of our yearly social events.

Once again, the 2016-2017 get-togethers were a great success, as our old and new members took the opportunity to meet each other and share some fun times.



In 2016, we celebrated Canada Day at the beginning of July with a big beachside fireworks display, hosted as usual by Rita and Clayton at their Lac Barnes cottage. The show was amazing as

families celebrated our National Day and reflected on our collective fortune in friendship and sense of community.



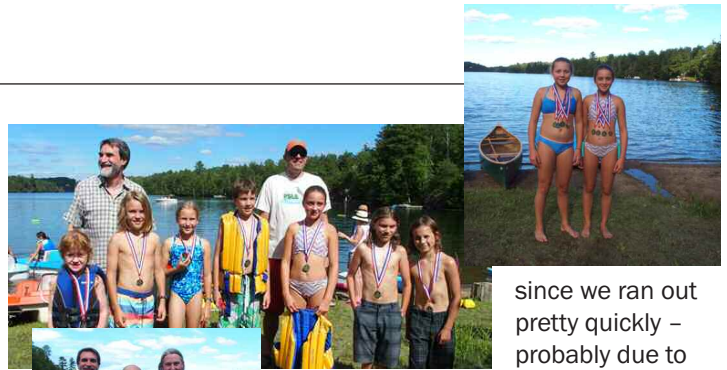
The schedule continued with a Golf Tournament and BBQ dinner at the Tecumseh course. Although we decided to make this the last golf tournament for the time being, the players were in

high spirits, and everyone enjoyed the game, great food and a variety of prizes.



Like every year, our biggest annual event, the day-long Regatta and Pig Roast, took place at Lac Bataille on the August long weekend. Almost 150 residents from the PSLL area participated in kayak, canoe and paddle boat races, as well as swimming

contests for all ages. Enthusiastic participants – both racers and their cheering sections – had a great time and made new acquaintances while sharing a “gourmet” meal – a whole roasted pig and some beef on a spit. For the 2017 regatta, the Association will provide all the salads and side dishes,



since we ran out pretty quickly – probably due to the hungry regatta participants!



We closed the summer season with a Corn Roast at the Lac Bataille beach. There was lots of corn, of course, but



also hot dogs and a campfire. Many joined in the fun once again, and there certainly wasn't much corn left by the end of the day! Karaoke ended a fantastic evening on the lake.

Our winter activity is always popular as well.



On a beautiful February day, ten curling teams and their devoted fans descended on Rita and Clayton's Lac Barnes home and rink (created especially for the occasion) to compete for trophies at the 2017 PSLL Curling Bonspiel. The day was

filled with lively games played on three sheets, and participants mingled on the porch with food and hot beverages. And our mayor, Jacques Laurin, was there to hand out the trophies to the winning teams.



Once again, thanks to all the volunteers who make the events

possible, but especially to Rita Legault and Clayton Devine, the much-appreciated organizers of all these wonderful social gatherings. Rita and Clayton will step back a bit as organizers of our events, but they will continue to organize the fireworks and the curling bonspiel. For this reason, new volunteer organizers are needed, and always welcome!

With the 2017 season already in full swing, be sure to check our activities calendar in this newsletter for information on upcoming events. And – starting this year – tickets for events may be purchased online on the PSLL website. Details can be found at www.pssl.ca, on the info boards, or by contacting Jens Urban at 819 671-8660. See you there!

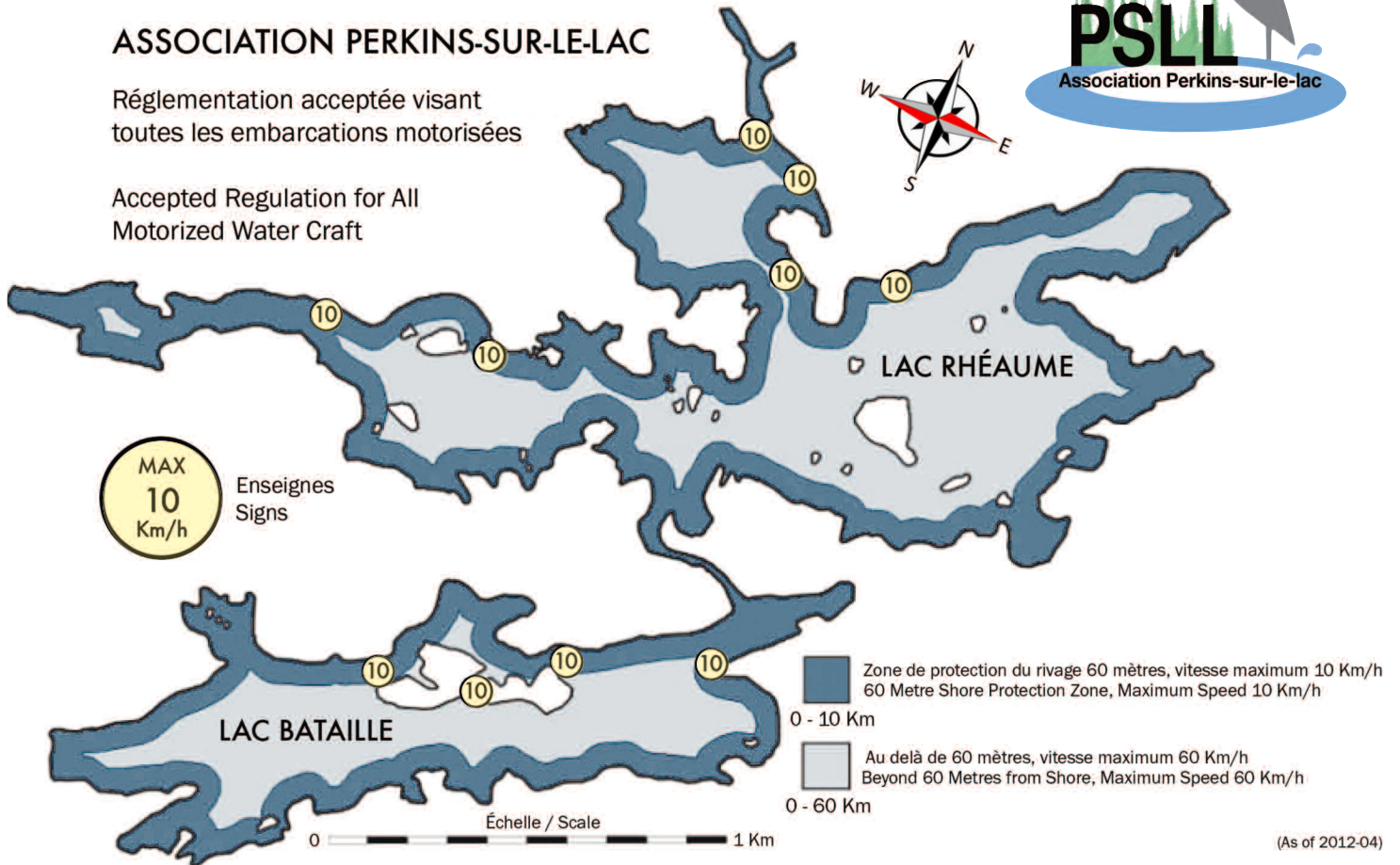
Photos: Fireworks: Terry Milewski; Golf Tournament: Rita Legault; Regatta: Manon Desjardins, Tom Iwanowski and Rita Legault; Curling: Jens Urban



ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC

Réglementation acceptée visant toutes les embarcations motorisées

Accepted Regulation for All Motorized Water Craft



BOAT LAUNCH ACCESS AT LAC BATAILLE

All nine lakes within the Domain are private and not open to public. Consequently, the Lac Bataille boat launch is locked throughout the year. However, we have volunteers available to open the gate during the trout fishing season, April 28 to September 17, 2017. If you need to launch or remove your boat during this period, please review the checklist below and then call one of the persons listed.

- Make arrangements 24 hours in advance.
- Only PSLL members who are owners of property on Lac Rhéaume or Lac Bataille, or who have grandfathered access rights as decided per Association PSLL, are allowed to use the boat launch.
- Members in good standing are admitted free of charge. Non-members must pay \$45 – the cost of an annual membership. Payment by cash or cheque (payable to Association PSLL) may be given to the volunteer key holder at the gate.
- Owners who rent their cottage must be PSLL members in good standing in order to allow tenants access to the boat launch.
- Personal water craft (jet skis) and wake boats will not be admitted.
- Check your bilge and empty it well away from any body of water. Bilge water picked up elsewhere can contaminate our lake(s) with a variety of problem organisms (such as milfoil).

The following volunteers have a key:

Clayton: 819 671-0672 | David H: 819 671-0249 | David K: 613 454-8241 | Diane: 819 671-1435

Elaine: 819 671-6756 | Jens: 819 671-8660 | Paul: 819 671-4090 | Thérèse and Denis: 819 671-2633

ATTENTION BOATERS

There is a great deal of enjoyment in swimming, fishing, water skiing, tubing, and using our lakes and shores for all kinds of safe recreation and leisure. Association PSLI promotes the safety of boaters and others who use our lakes, and advocates for the protection of the aquatic environment and shoreline. Please reduce your speed near swimmers and obey the regulations while meeting or passing other watercraft, including sailboats, canoes, kayaks and windsurfers.

Remember, everyone on board your pleasure craft must have – and should wear – a Canadian-approved and appropriately-sized flotation device (either a life jacket or personal flotation device) that is in good condition.

Wake boats and personal water craft will not be given access to the boat ramp. This ban is in no way meant to restrict or limit recreational boating, which has been a feature of our three largest lakes. Recreational boating is welcomed and drivers are reminded to be courteous, respectful of the environment, of the rule of law, and obey posted speed zones along our lakes.

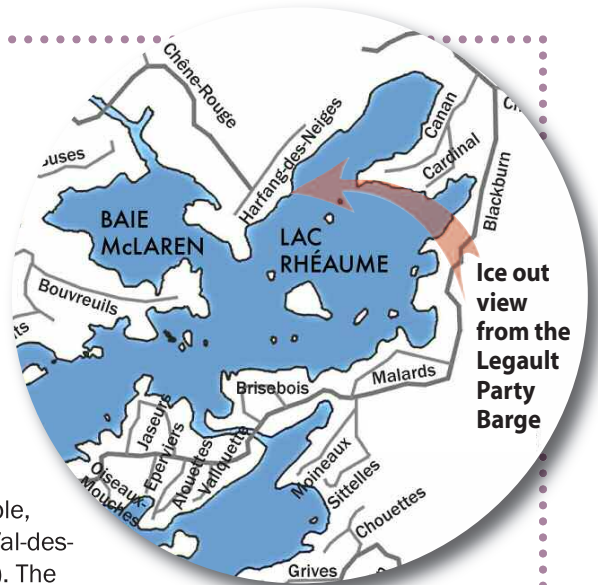
For more information go to www.psl.ca/boating-safety

Lac Rhéaume Ice-Out 2017

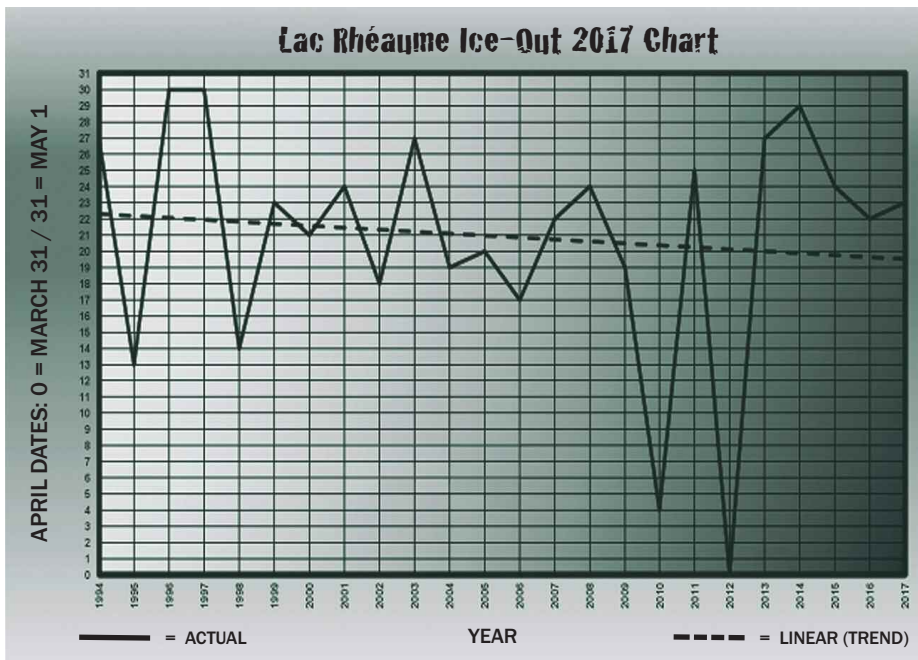
At our place on the north shore of Lac Rhéaume, the day the ice goes out is one of the most magical of the year. Sometimes, if the conditions of sunshine, wind and melt are just right, the ice breaks into thousands of little icicles that delicately tinkle to the undulations of the water and play one of Mother Nature’s most spellbinding tunes.

On a rusty hook by our kitchen window always hangs the current year’s calendar of the Milk Producers of Canada. On a shelf nearby is a complete set of these calendars for each year going back to 1994. On its pages is duly inscribed, in Lynn Legault’s barely legible script, the magic date each year when the ice went out. Her official Ice-out date for 2017 was 23 April.

The following chart shows the ice-out dates for the area of Lac Rhéaume visible, more or less, from the Legault’s dock at 10 Chemin du Harfang des Neiges, Val-des-Monts. The area of the lake visible from there is sketched on the map (above). The charted data are a record of observations made over the last 24 years by us and by Benoit Leclerc on Rhéaume North. Richard and Thérèse Murphy on McLaren Bay report that the ice in McLaren Bay goes out within 24 hours before or after the dates reported here. The data show a marked trend, statistically calculated using the least squares method, for ice-out dates occurring progressively earlier over the period.



APRIL ICE OUT DATES	
1994	.....27
1995	.....13
1996	.....30
1997	.....30
1998	.....14
1999	.....23
2000	.....21
2001	.....24
2002	.....18
2003	.....27
2004	.....19
2005	.....20
2006	.....17
2007	.....22
2008	.....24
2009	.....19
2010	..... 4
2011	.....25
2012	..... 0
2013	.....27
2014	.....29
2015	.....24
2016	.....22
2017	.....23



Average 20.9 | Median 22.5 | Std Dev 7.3

The earliest ice-out date was 31 March 2012 and the latest was 30 April in both 1996 and 1997. The variability of the annual ice-out date that was very volatile between 2008 and 2013 appears to have become more stable since then.

The data are estimated to be accurate within plus or minus one day. Sometimes, the ice goes out overnight when nobody is watching, so assigning a date of one day or the next is arbitrary.

Rick and Lynn Legault
Lac Rhéaume
23 April 2017

How Fire Changed It All for Me: Mistakes Made and Lessons Learned

Is This Fiction? Read On... (though perhaps not recommended reading for young children!)

Hello, I am André, your neighbour and a PSL Board member. At our spring PSL Board meeting, I was asked if I could write a story to share with you, about what I lived through at my cottage on February 3, 2017: mistakes made and lessons learned. Without too much hesitation I said yes, not knowing that for several reasons it would take me quite a while to approach how and whether I really could write about it again. It was very difficult to write to friends about this in early February; I feel I now have to write about it this way for the benefit of anyone who will read my story and try to live exactly what I lived that day. I saw these words someone posted on Facebook the other day. For some reason it pushed me to sit, focus and write.

'Forget the mistake. Remember the lesson.' (author unknown to me)

At first I agreed with that, then on thinking about it I saw the huge flaw in it because I NEVER want you to forget the mistakes I made in what I am about to relate. For the remainder of this story, please put yourself in my experience, as difficult as it is. Try to see yourself living this so that you will not make the same unfortunate and, more important, life-threatening mistakes. Mistakes that should never be forgotten.

Mistake:

If possible, do not forget and never assume you already know how to handle those cold fire ashes, as I did.

Mistake:

You have no fire insurance on your cottage – for whatever reason, you just do not have fire insurance. That is one of the factors you think about when reading and 'living' this.

Mistake:

From an early age, twelve or thirteen, you have responsibly managed fire and have emptied out the cold ashes from your fireplace, wood stove or campfire hundreds of times – so easy, right?

Mistake:

On Tuesday evening you have a nice, warming fire in the wood stove. On Wednesday morning you pack up to go back to town to see some friends for lunch on Thursday. Before leaving you check the wood stove and the flames are out that Wednesday morning. You will empty the ashes out on Friday when you get back. You go back up to the cottage Thursday afternoon rather than Friday as was originally planned. Unpacking and taking care of a few chores, you do not empty out the ashes from the stove as you usually do upon arriving, because the primary heat is on and there is no need for a fire. It is after six o'clock and it is dark out. The temperature has dropped, already likely to be a very cold February night. You might as well get a nice fire going. You empty out the cold ashes from the fire you had going Tuesday night. All is good; as usual, you empty the ashes into your stainless steel bucket. You feel the sides of the bucket just in case, as you have always done. Good, it is cool to the touch.

Mistake:

You do not feel like putting on your coat and boots. Because it is getting cold out, you just go put the cold ashes bucket out on the porch floor rather than in the snow bank as you usually do. No worries – they are only cold ashes from a fire two days ago and it was just a small fire that night.

Mistake:

You have a nice quiet evening, a nice fire going in the wood stove, and off to bed at eleven or so... all is good.

Mistake:

You do not know it but some form of a real monster is lurking... It is early Friday morning. You are sleeping soundly, snug as a bug in your self-built cottage, so happy and relaxed. Then it all changes for you in an incredible, unfortunate instant. You are in a deep, dreamy state and at the edge of awareness; you think, what?? What is that noise you hear?... Hmmm, no worries... something fell... must be the wind that knocked something down outside. Then you hear it again... and again... you begin to wake up... what is that noise?! You open your eyes... surprised, you think, gee, the lights are on?? Has someone come over early and is making that noise and turned the lights on in the kitchen? Well, you better get up... so early at 4:50 am??! A nice surprise!! You are smiling. Drowsily, still not quite awake, you walk towards the door, that noise is growing louder... there are no lights on in the kitchen!!? No one has arrived to surprise you. You instantly lose your smile. What? What!?! Oh, no... no... no... please, NO!, you think and say out loud when you see the inside of the steel door being licked by a blanket of little flames that have come in from outside. Put it out! You beat at those flames with the welcome mat you

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have just inside the cottage at the door. You never think to use your kitchen extinguisher. Then you realize, and you, you slowly focus through the blackened glass door windows on what has the place all lit up... and that image... that instant becomes a crystallized revolving scene you will not ever forget. The walls and roof of the cottage kitchen and of the wrap-around porch are ablaze and you realize in that instant, that shocking, traumatic instant, that you have just lost everything you have worked for for the last seven years, and then you think... there will not be any compensation paid because of the lack of insurance you planned to finally reapply for this summer! You literally stand there in shock, wishing it to be only a nightmare you will wake from... then you realize you have woken up to a nightmare and you have to get out and quickly as the smoke is now starting to infiltrate and the heat is rising. There is no way you can put this inferno out. You literally run around in a circle, completely forgetting to get a set of your boots sitting next to the burning door!

Mistake:

You forget to check for your car keys, which you usually hang by the burning door!

Mistake:

You don't want to panic but you are in shock – all this is happening in less than a minute from being sound asleep! Clothes, you need some warm clothes... hurry, run to the bedroom. Fight back the tears and save yourself and do it quickly or you are dead... You think, thanks for small blessings!! At least you are alone and no one else needs to be wakened to escape from this nightmare... oh, how you wish it were just a nightmare. You grab an old coat, put it on... no time for a shirt... you find your pants and put them on... coughing, the smoke is building already. You have to get out fast or you are dead... Oh! there is the coat you wore coming up yesterday, and you put it on over the other one... So lucky you saw that coat hanging there where you do not usually put it. The noise, the sound of the flames is incredible, you are being surrounded by the flames and rapidly... hurry, get out now! or you are dead. Leave everything, hold your breath and get low to reduce the smoke you are breathing in... You open the front door and you are out! Then... crash!!! One of the skylights has fallen into bits of hot glass just at your side... that is when you realize you are barefoot and stepping on hot bits of glass... You scream for help in the dark, hoping for some almighty power who might extinguish the flames, which by now are racing around toward the front of the building. The heat coming at you is incredible, the bubbling, burning sound unbearable. You realize you do not have your phone to call 911... you think the phone is inside and so close to the door... can you risk going back in? The fire is mostly outside, but the flames are now spreading inside as well... maybe you can get to the phone... well, maybe you will try if the smoke is not too bad. But in less than 30 seconds after getting out, the smoke, you discover on re-opening the door, is as thick as oatmeal... no way... do not go back in, ever!... or you are dead. Your bare feet are freezing and hot at the same time. You jump off the porch into the deep, ice-encrusted snow to get some shelter in your car and hopefully find a good Samaritan somewhere to help you. You cannot believe – and how thankful you are – that the car keys you usually hang by the door are in your coat pocket... the coat you had left in the bedroom where you do not usually leave it – small blessings that help that day. You find, after a few tries, good neighbours, good friends who take you in. They call 911... but you know in your heart, and say, it is too late. You know your place, whether it is your home or your cottage... it is all gone. They pour barely warm water in the tub for you to thaw your feet and toes. The pain is as bad as you remember when you skated all day as a child. You are feeling like a child, helpless and fearful, and so, so very sad. They give you dry clothes and socks to wear; you are alive but so heartbroken and you know you are in shock. You are coughing up black phlegm... the paramedics insist you go to the hospital... the police write a two-page report based on the confusing and numerous questions they have asked. Somehow that is all comforting. Everyone is so kind to you.... that helps you get through it.

You wish again you would just wake up from a nightmare. I wish this were a fictional story but it is not.

Thanks to so many good friends and family who helped me on that day in February, and since then. You have no idea how much I appreciate all you have done.

Lessons Learned:

1. When you empty your fire's ashes into a steel bucket, think of them as hot coals that can kill you. Dispose of them only in the steel bucket sitting onto the bare ground or in a snowbank. Or pour water into the bucket. The fire at my place started through the bottom of the bucket, onto the varnished floor of the porch, then the walls and roof.
2. Insist that your broker includes fire insurance for your cottage. Do not let them off the hook so they can find more affordable insurance. You likely do have insurance, but maybe not. That is a life changer.
3. Please, for the safety of your loved ones and for yourself, do remember these mistakes, so you will not repeat them... that, to me, is the greatest lesson in this story. History repeats itself usually because we have forgotten the mistakes. I could list the mistakes made and lessons learned again but I truly believe for this to never happen to you, you must think it through and take whatever action you must, to ensure your safety.

Be safe. – **André Cossette**

Do You Really Know What Goes On at Your Cottage When You're Not There?

Some property owners who loan or rent their cottage have no idea what transpires while they are gone and that their neighbours are placed in the very awkward position of having to deal with disturbances and having to decide whether to call the police. PSLI recommends that cottage owners take more care for the actions and behaviours of their guests. When you loan or rent your cottage, set firm ground rules for what's acceptable and not.



Examples of unacceptable behaviour (and we have ALL seen these) are: fires set on islands and trees chopped to fuel the fire, reckless use of fireworks, dangerous operation of watercraft, ATV road races, unattended bonfires, loud drinking parties with swearing and music. Remember, noise really carries across the water.

Some owners expect their PSLI Lake Reps to get involved and solve the disturbance. This is not a PSLI responsibility! We are volunteers – not your watchdog or the police. When you witness or experience disturbances such as above, PSLI recommends the following course of action: First, if you know the property owner, give them a quick telephone call to their residence to advise them of the situation and try to solve the problem amicably. If this is not possible, then calling the police may be the only recourse available.

The police number for emergencies is 9-1-1 and for all non-urgent calls it is 1-888-459-9911 (toll free). Provide the name and home telephone number of the cottage owner to the police when you call in your complaint. When the police arrive at the property, if the owner is not present, the police will call to advise them of the disturbance.

As a property owner in our Domain, please act responsibly when you lend or rent your cottage. We suggest that you provide guests/renters with a fact sheet containing standard Police, Fire and Emergency telephone numbers, including your own contact number(s). We also suggest that you ensure that all visitors to your lake property understand the following – clip this out and attach it to your “checklist”:

Photo: Pinterest

- Please be respectful of all neighbours and their property.
- Do not cut trees down for firewood without the express permission of the property owner.
- Absolutely no overnight camping or fires are permitted on the islands at any time.
- Bonfires are technically only allowed by special permit from the Municipality. All bonfires must be attended at all times and kept to a reasonable size, accounting for wind direction and force. They also must be extinguished once no longer necessary.
- Please exercise safe and responsible use of all watercraft. This includes life jackets being made available to occupants, drivers being respectful of a boat's speed and the size of wake it may cause, while exercising respect and caution for other watercraft and/or swimmers on the lake. Boating after dark – only when necessary and always with a light present.
- Noise levels MUST be reduced after 11:00 pm (this includes loud music, voices, etc.) by Municipal By-Law.
- Municipal By-Laws strictly prohibit the riding of ATVs and unlicensed motorcycles and snowmobiles on all of our roads. There are several approved trails for this purpose.
- The local Police Dept has an Operational Support Unit (USO), which has been specifically established to deter ATV, motorcycle, watercraft and snowmobile misuse. They have their fleet of machines to catch offenders and will be called if necessary.
- Cottage owners have been advised to report all disturbances to the POLICE, which they will do, so please act responsibly.

These recommendations are presented so that all property owners and their visitors have a safe, happy and enjoyable year at the lake.

FISH STOCKING

Fishing stocking is an important service to our members and the funding for this is shared between the Association's \$1,500 budget allocation and the \$2,945 in 2016 private contributions from anglers from our lakes. In May 2017, all lakes in the Domain were stocked with Rainbow Trout, except for Lac Chevreuil and Lac Truite, which were stocked with Speckled Trout.

The Environment Committee will continue to control and manage fish stocking throughout our lakes. There is a risk of environmental damage if individuals bring fish in from outside lakes. Invasive aquatic plants and organisms can be accidentally introduced to our waters and devastate our lakes' ecology, not to mention your home and cottage property values. Because we stocked our lakes in the spring instead of the fall, we would be interested in hearing from you to know if this had a noticeable impact your fishing success this season. Please contact us by email at info@psll.ca.

ANNUAL WATER TESTING

The Environment Committee and other volunteers completed testing of phosphate levels in our lakes in May 2017. Testing for E. coli occurred in August 2016. Overall, the results for our lakes continue to be very good. The detailed results for all the test sites on the nine lakes will be distributed at the AGM and are also available on our website, www.psll.ca. If you have a boat and are willing to help with water testing, let us know.

ANNUAL TREE DISTRIBUTION

In the spring of 2017, trees (saplings) were made available to lake associations via the Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts. The Federation distributed trees to members eager to re-forest their properties and improve their shorelines. Interested in receiving free trees for your lakefront property next spring? Instructions on how to place your order will be posted on our website. Availability of tree species may vary from year to year.

Good fishing – and don't forget your permit!

Chris Hemmingway, Co-Chair, Environment Committee

INVASIVE EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL (*Myriophyllum spicatum* L.)



Eurasian water-milfoil is an invasive aquatic plant native to Europe, Asia and northern Africa. Introduced to North America the 19th century, it is now one of the most widely distributed invasive aquatic plants on the continent, including some PSLL lakes. Eurasian water-milfoil prefers shallow water one to three metres deep, but can root in up to ten metres of water. A fast-growing perennial, it forms dense underwater mats that shade other aquatic plants. When large stands begin to die off in the fall, the decaying plants can reduce oxygen levels in the water.

IMPACTS: **1.** Reduces biodiversity by competing aggressively with native plants. **2.** Reduced oxygen levels in the water caused by decomposing plants can kill fish. **3.** Thick mats of milfoil can hinder activities such as swimming, boating and fishing, as well as create stagnant water, which is ideal habitat for mosquitoes. **IDENTIFICATION:** **1.** Grows under the water surface. **2.** Feather-like green leaves circle the stem in groups of four or five. **3.** Leaves have 12 or more thread-like segments. **4.** Tiny, reddish flowers grow on spikes 5-20 cm long that rise above the water. **5.** Blooms in late July and early August.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: **1.** Learn to identify Eurasian water-milfoil and how to prevent accidentally spreading it with your watercraft or fishing equipment. **2.** Avoid infested areas or reduce your speed when travelling near Eurasian water-milfoil infestations. Your propeller can break off fragments and spread the pieces to new areas. New plants can easily grow from small pieces of the plant. **3.** Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment after each use. Remove all plants, animals and mud before moving to a new waterbody. **4.** Avoid planting Eurasian water milfoil in your aquarium or water garden. **5.** Never release unwanted aquarium plants or pets. Return or donate unwanted plants to a garden centre or pet store, put them in the trash or compost, or discard them in natural areas.

FOR MORE INFO: www.federationdeslacs.ca/en/36-invasive-aquatic-species; www.invadingspecies.com/invaders/plants-aquatic/eurasian-water-milfoil

Photo at top: www.invadingspecies.com/invaders/plants-aquatic/eurasian-water-milfoil



REFUSE COLLECTION – DO YOUR PART! GARBAGE COLLECTION AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

For more information about garbage and recycling pick-up, and what and how to recycle, go to www.psll.ca/municipal-news or consult these sites: www.tricentris.com; www.val-des-monts.net/en or call 819 457-9400; www.mrcdescollinesdeloutaouais.qc.ca or call 819 827-0516; Services Sanitaires – Richard Lanthier, 819 213-1477.

For the full annual printable schedule, go to www.val-des-monts.net/upload/userfiles/files/Calendar%202017.pdf

PROTECT YOUR GARBAGE FROM ANIMALS

Don't forget to secure your garbage and place it in your garbage bin. The bin must be resistant to unwanted wildlife visitors, otherwise you may be picking it up – again – not to mention what strewn garbage can do to the environment.



Photo: thinktraffic.net

THE OTHER VALS-DES-MONTS: TALES FROM THE WILD SIDE

We all know Val-des-Monts, the municipality where we spend much of our leisure time, as a place of idyllic lakes and forests, filled with the wonders of nature and amazing neighbours. However, past history reveals another side of Val-des-Monts, one filled with incredible stories and even some true tales of evil. A few such reports are detailed here.

From CBC News, March 28, 2001

www.cbc.ca/news/canada/huge-biker-raid-nets-40-arrests-in-outaouais-1.254937

HUGE BIKER RAID NETS 40 ARRESTS IN THE OUTAOUAIS

A major police operation known as “Operation Printemps” or “Spring Cleanup” is being billed as the biggest crackdown on bikers ever in Canada.

The operation, mainly in the province of Quebec, involves the Hells Angels biker gang. In the Outaouais, 40 people of the 44 targeted were arrested.

RCMP Sgt. Marc Richer says the raid in the Outaouais involved 400 police officers. **They raided 50 residences in the region and one biker-gang bunker in Val-des-Monts, QC, the base for a gang called the “Evil Ones.”** They are considered a “puppet” gang for the Hells Angels.

Police say the bikers are facing charges of gangsterism, drug trafficking, prostitution and conspiracy to commit murder. They say the operation has effectively shut down drug trafficking in both the Outaouais and Ottawa, if the charges stick and prosecutions are successful.

From the Ottawa Sun, May 1, 2014

www.ottawasun.com/2014/05/01/wild-animal-on-the-loose-in-val-des-monts

WILD BOAR(?) ON THE LOOSE IN VALS-DES-MONTS

MRC Des Collines spokesman Martin Fournel said that an “unusual animal” – either a wild boar or a Thai pig – was spotted and photographed sniffing around a driveway on Lac Clair Road near Val-des-Monts, about 40 km north of Ottawa.



Police aren't sure what species of animal is on the loose in Val-des-Monts, but they'd sure like to know how it got there.

Fournel said the woman who lives at the home was shocked

to see the animal, and quietly waited in her car for police to arrive.

When cops showed up, the animal had taken off “head over heels” and a search of the wooded area came up empty.

No matter what the species, Fournel said owners of either animal would require a permit.

“So who owns it?” Fournel asked. “We would like to know.”

From the Ottawa Citizen, July 13, 2015

www.ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/cows-damage-val-des-monts-womans-bmw

COWS ON THE RUN AFTER SCRATCHING, DROOLING ON VAL-DES-MONTS WOMAN'S BMW

Police in Val-des-Monts are on the hunt for four cows after \$1,000 in damage was caused to a BMW last week.



*Note: Photo does not depict the actual alleged perpetrator or vehicle.
Photo: Pinterest*

MRC des Collines police said a man got up around 6 am and noticed the cows congregating around his wife's car in the driveway of his home on St. Joseph Road.

“There was some marks of drooling on the paint,” said Sgt. Martin Fournel. “There was some drooling, licking evidence on the car.” By the time police got to the house, the cattle had fled the scene. Fournel said one of the cows grazed the car, which scraped the paint and damaged one of the side mirrors.

The owner of the cows could be fined for failing to contain the animals. The footprints left behind by the suspects didn't help police identify the cows.

“We didn't take hoof prints,” Fournel joked.

Fournel said wildlife calls aren't out of the ordinary in their territory. One of strangest calls MRC des Collines police have received was for a dog biting a chicken, Fournel said, although he didn't have additional details.

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AVIS DE CONVOCATION MEETING NOTICE

ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE

Le dimanche 16 juillet 2017
09h30 à 12h30
Centre communautaire J.A. Perkins
Salle J.A. Perkins
17, chemin du Manoir
Val-des-Monts (QC)



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, July 16, 2017
9:30 am to 12:30 pm
J.A. Perkins Community Centre
J.A. Perkins Room
17 Chemin du Manoir
Val-des-Monts, QC

L'ORDRE DU JOUR PROVISOIRE

1. Adoption de l'ordre du jour
2. Adoption du procès-verbal de l'Assemblée générale annuelle du 17 juillet 2016
3. Rapport de la présidente et Recommandations
4. Rapport du trésorier
 - 4.1 Les états financiers 2016
 - 4.2 Le budget provisoire 2017
5. Rapports des comités
 - 5.1 Communications
 - 5.2 Titre de propriétés et litiges
 - 5.3 Environnement
 - 5.4 Adhésion
 - 5.5 Récréation et activités sociales
6. Élection des membres du Conseil d'administration
7. Varia

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the July 17, 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes
3. President's Report and Recommendations
4. Treasurer's Report
 - 4.1 2016 Financial Statements
 - 4.2 Projected 2017 Budget
5. Committee Reports
 - 5.1 Communications
 - 5.2 Property Holdings and Issues
 - 5.3 Environment
 - 5.4 Membership
 - 5.5 Recreation and Social Activities
6. Election of the Board of Directors
7. Other Business

SVP APPORTER CET ORDRE DU JOUR À L'ASSEMBLÉE / PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA TO THE MEETING

ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION / BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017

Mandat des membres du Conseil d'administration

PRÉVISION DE ROTATION

Tous les directeurs seront élus par les membres à l'Assemblée générale annuelle. Tous les mandats ont une durée de deux (2) ans. Afin d'avoir une continuité, la ou le président(e) et la ou le secrétaire seront élus une année et la ou le vice-président(e) et la ou le trésorier(ière) l'année suivante. Tous les mandats peuvent être renouvelés à la fin du terme. Les postes en élection sont indiqués par un **X**.

Terms of Office for Members of the Board

PROVISION OF ROTATION

All Officers shall be elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting. All mandates are for a period of two (2) years. The President and Secretary shall be elected in one year and the Vice-President and Treasurer elected the following year to ensure continuity. All terms will be renewable at the end of the mandate. Open election positions are marked with an **X**.

COMITÉ EXÉCUTIF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		EN ÉLÉCTION IN ELECTION	DÉBUT DU MANDAT START OF MANDATE
Présidente / President.....	Constance Hudak	X	Juillet / July 2015
Vice-président / Vice-President.....	Alain Mercier		Juillet / July 2016
Secrétaire / Secretary.....	Jens Urban	X	Juillet / July 2015
Trésorier / Treasurer	David Hodgkin		Juillet / July 2016
REPRÉSENTANT(E)S DES LACS LAKE REPRESENTATIVES		EN ÉLÉCTION IN ELECTION	DÉBUT DU MANDAT START OF MANDATE
BATAILLE (3)	Elaine Carisse	X	Juillet / July 2015
	Luc Fournier	X	Juillet / July 2015
	Shane Livingstone		Juillet / July 2016
	John Smart	X	Juillet / July 2015
RHÉAUME (3)	Stéphan Bergevin	X	Juillet / July 2015
	Tony Bernard	X	Juillet / July 2015
	Richard Legault	X	Juillet / July 2015
	Laurent Roy		Juillet / July 2016
BARNES (1)	Clayton Devine		Juillet / July 2016
	Vacant (2 ans / years)	X	Juillet / July 2017
DES ÉPINETTES	Doug Holden		Juillet / July 2016
TRUITE	Chris Hemmingway		Juillet / July 2016
LOUISE	André Cossette		Juillet / July 2016
MASKINONGÉ (1)	Vacant (2 ans / years)	X	Juillet / July 2017
CORRIGAN (1)	Paul Chedore	X	Juillet / July 2015
CHEVREUIL (1)	Vacant (2 ans / years)	X	Juillet / July 2017

ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

The Annual Cash Flow is (2016 Revenues – 2016 Expenditures).....	\$911.19
The Change in the Bank Account is (2016 balance – 2015 balance)	\$911.19
The annual cash flow balances with the change in the bank account	

ASSOCIATION PSSL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR 2016

REVENUES

Membership Dues	2016 (216 @ \$45).....	\$ 9,720.00	
	2017 (4 @ \$45)	\$ 180.00	
	2015 (2 @ \$45).....	\$ 90.00	
	2016 PayPal (61).....	\$ 2,638.89	\$12,628.89
Advertising in the newsletter.....			\$ 1,000.00
Interest on term deposits and dividend			\$ 63.21
Proceeds re: chemin des Malards.....			\$ 1,500.43
Events	Curling	\$ 312.35	
	Golf	\$ 650.00	
	Pig Roast	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,162.35
Contributions for fish stocking.....			\$ 2,945.00
Miscellaneous contributions.....			\$ 25.00
Merchandise – T-Shirts and caps.....			\$ 30.00
Total Revenues			\$19,354.88

EXPENDITURES

Memberships in organizations	FLVDM		\$ 450.00
PSSL registration Québec.....			\$ 34.00
Road improvement grants	Lac Barnes.....	\$ 742.50	
	Rhémaume Nord.....	\$ 706.57	
	Rhémaume Ouest	\$ 130.97	\$ 1,580.04
Newsletter			\$ 1,883.44
Website.....			\$ 116.25
AGM meeting expenses – food and refreshments.....			\$ 502.54
Events	Tents, BBQ and toilet rentals	\$ 2,331.80	
	Fireworks (donation).....	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,431.80
Environment – water testing (phosphorus and e. coli) and expenses			\$ 1,768.24
Merchandise – T-Shirts and caps.....			\$ 732.97
Miscellaneous expenses	Info box repairs.....	\$ 272.76	
	All other mailing, photocopying and supplies	\$ 193.30	\$ 466.06
Bank charges			\$ 166.62
PSSL properties (roads & beach)	Municipal taxes.....	\$ 477.33	
	School taxes	\$ 151.58	\$ 628.91
\$3M liability insurance (beach, roads, directors, fireworks)			\$ 3,017.86
Carry forward – Fish stocking (debit)			\$ 4,445.00
Carry forward – Unused road grant (debit).....			\$ 219.96
Total Expenditures			\$18,443.69

NET GAIN OR (LOSS) for 2016 is (2016 Revenues – 2016 Expenditures)..... \$ 911.19

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ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC TREASURER'S REPORT

ASSOCIATION PSSL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR 2016 *(continued)*

CASH STATEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

Cash in Bank December 31, 2015	\$19,285.30
Term Deposit December 31, 2015	\$ 2,000.00
Term Deposit December 31, 2015	\$ 4,000.00
Balance on Hand December 31, 2015.....	\$25,285.30
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Cash in Bank December 31, 2016.....	\$20,196.49
Term Deposit December 31, 2016.....	\$ 2,000.00
Term Deposit December 31, 2016.....	\$ 4,000.00
Balance on Hand December 31, 2016.....	\$26,196.49

NET GAIN OR (LOSS) for 2016 is (2016 balance - 2015 balance) \$ 911.19

STATEMENT OF PROJECTED PSSL REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR 2017

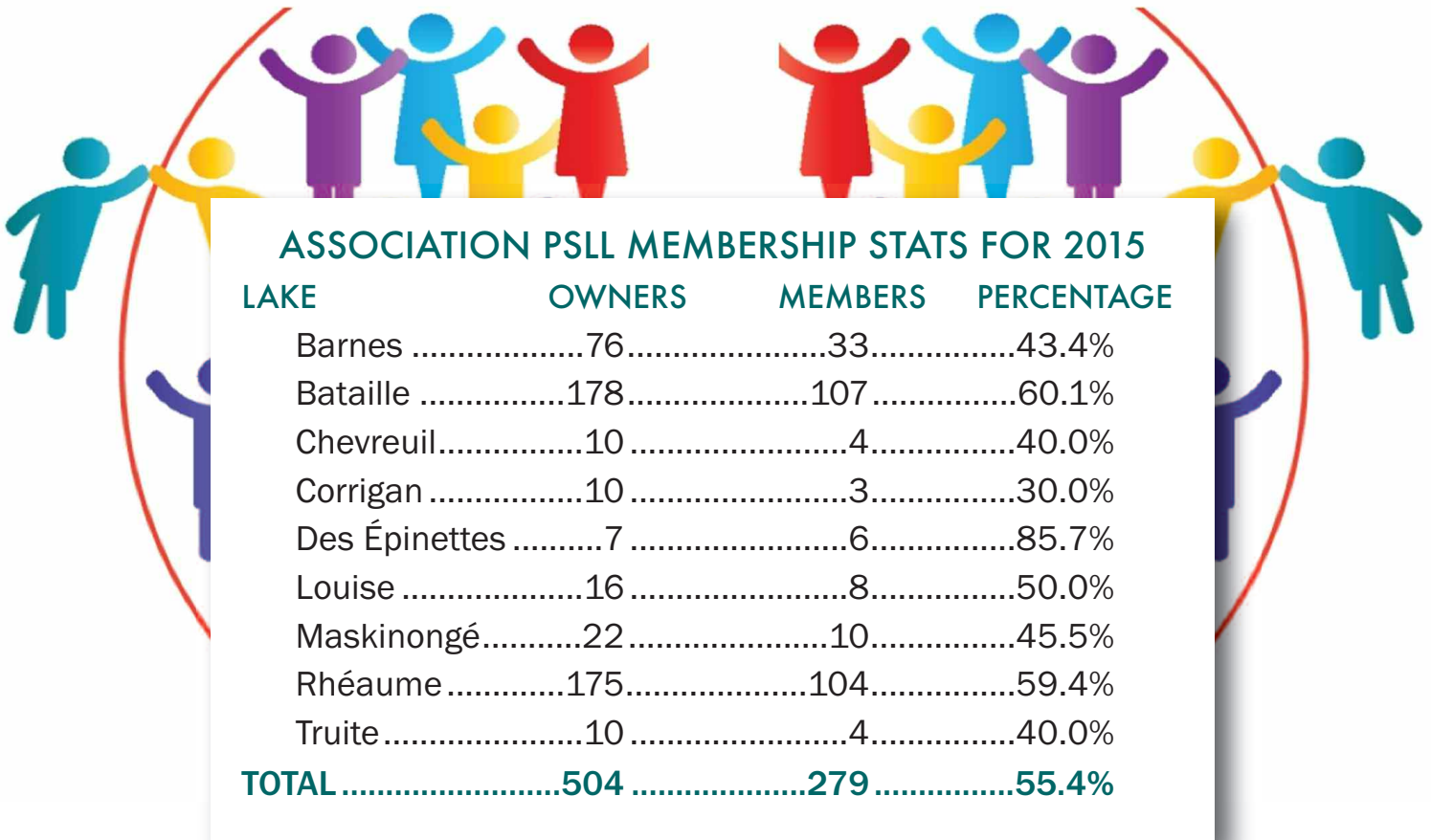
	2016 ACTUAL	2017 PROJECTED
REVENUES		
Membership dues (target for 2017 is 300 members)	\$12,628.89	\$13,500.00
Advertising in the newsletter	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Interest on term deposits and dividend.....	\$ 63.21	\$ 60.00
Proceeds re: chemin des Malards.....	\$ 1,500.43	
Events	\$ 1,162.35	\$ 2,500.00
Contributions for fish stocking.....	\$ 2,945.00	tbd
Sale of merchandise - T-Shirts and caps.....	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Carry forward - Fish stocking (credit)		\$ 4,445.00
Carry forward - Unused road grant (credit).....		\$ 219.96
Total Revenues	\$19,354.88	\$22,749.96
EXPENDITURES		
Fish stocking		\$ 4,445.00
Environment.....	\$ 1,768.24	\$ 2,600.00
Road improvement grants	\$ 1,580.04	\$ 2,019.96
Newsletter	\$ 1,883.44	\$ 2,000.00
Website.....	\$ 116.25	\$ 150.00
Events	\$ 2,431.80	\$ 2,500.00
AGM expenses	\$ 502.54	\$ 650.00
Memberships in organizations FLVDM	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
PSSL registration fees - Québec government.....	\$ 34.00	\$ 34.00
Bank charges	\$ 166.62	\$ 20.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 466.06	\$ 1,000.00
Merchandise - T-Shirts and caps	\$ 732.97	
Beach and road properties -Taxes	\$ 628.91	\$ 650.00
Insurance	\$ 3,017.86	\$ 3,100.00
Carry forward - Fish stocking (credit)	\$ 4,445.00	
Carry forward - Unused road grant (credit).....	\$ 219.96	
Total Expenditures.....	\$18,443.69	\$19,618.96
NET GAIN or (LOSS).....	\$ 911.19	\$ 3,131.00

CASH IN BANK AS OF DECEMBER 31..... **\$20,196.49** **\$23,327.49**

TERM DEPOSITS

Issued February 12, 1992 in the amount of \$4,000	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Issued February 08, 2006 in the amount of \$2,000	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$26,196.49	\$29,327.49

ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



YOUR MEMBERSHIP COUNTS!

This time each year the Property Owners Association of Perkins-sur-le-lac asks for your continued support through an annual \$45 membership fee. ➡ PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT, OR YOU MAY FIND THE FORM AND PAY ONLINE AT THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE, www.psl.ca

Here is a list of some of the activities we will carry out on your behalf in the year ahead:

- Conduct water testing of our lakes (E. coli and phosphates) – dating back to 2002.
- Coordinate yearly fish stocking (since 1989).
- Actively participate in various environmental associations, such as the Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts, where regional and provincial issues and legislation are discussed and promoted.
- Provide subsidies to help maintain our private roads within the Domain (these roads access the majority of our residences).
- Promote shoreline and forestry management, actively monitoring and lobbying as necessary to protect the environment and property values.
- Promote safe boating and speed regulations.
- Maintain the Lac Bataille beach and manage the members' boat launch by controlling access and preventing the infiltration of harmful organisms.
- Ensure legal representation to protect our collective holdings.
- Organize social activities to promote fellowship among members.

PSLL is grateful for your continued support. All property owners enjoy the full range of benefits brought to you by your Association. Please encourage a neighbour or property owner who is not a member to join the growing number of those who help us continue our mission.

For more details see the Association website, www.psl.ca

David Hodgkin, Membership Committee



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MEMBERSHIP AND MAILING INFORMATION

Please fill out and return with payment to:
Association Perkins-sur-le-lac
46 Chemin des Orioles, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 6L8
Or go to www.pssl.ca for the form and online payment options

A. RESIDENCE (MAILING ADDRESS)

Last Name		First Name(s)	
Address			Telephone
City	Province	Postal Code	Email

B. SUMMER RESIDENCE

Civic N°, Street Name	Lake	Telephone
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MEMBERSHIP:

Sign me up! (\$45 cheque payable to Association PSSL)

No thanks! (Not at this time)

C. OTHER INFORMATION

I would like to receive the PSSL newsletter ONLY via email Je désire la correspondance en français

Please change my address as follows:

Last name		First Name(s)	
Address			Telephone
City	Province	Postal Code	Email

I would like to bring the following comment(s)/concern(s) to your attention: