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# ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC



#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Much like my message of last year, "life at our lakes" has been peaceful and without environmental challenge, and for this we are very grateful. However, Association PSLL has been sorely challenged. Our treasurer, David Hodgkin, contracted a serious illness and had to step away from his duties for several months. Thankfully he is on the road to recovery, and we hope he will be able to return to our community, but it will be sometime

yet. So what does this mean? Association PSLL has a strong core of volunteers, and in addition to working with David to capture a "snapshot" of where we are in terms of membership payments and accounts, this core has been actively searching for a new volunteer willing to take on the formidable task of maintaining our books and mailing/membership lists. Fortunately, Jeff Hannah from Lac Bataille has stepped forward and you will have the opportunity to meet him at our upcoming AGM. He will stand for election to this position.

Despite the fact that we are playing "catch-up" with our accounts, we expect no surprises. We work in a steady state of membership with revenue in and expenditures out for repetitive items such as the costs for this newsletter, fish stocking, water testing, and tent rental and refreshments for various events. Water testing after "ice out" for phosphorus and transparency already took place – the latest date ever, given our long winter! (See Richard Legault's "Ice Out" report in this newsletter.) And plans are well underway for the AGM, our Annual Regatta and Pig/Beef Roast on August 4, and the Corn Roast on September 1. These two events are always well attended and enjoyable but they don't happen without effort – we need volunteers! This is never "work" – it's fun and can be as simple as loaning a paddleboat or kayak and setting up some chairs. If you can help, please contact Jens Urban at 819 671-8660 or info@psll.ca.

At our AGM, Val-des-Monts Mayor Jacques Laurin and Councillor (and fellow PSLL member) Claude Bergeron will be in attendance to brief us on local initiatives and growth, and will also answer questions relating to the new recycling initiative. I hope to see you there.

In closing, on behalf of Association PSLL, I wish you all a fabulous summer and lots of fun. Also, please support the local businesses that have placed advertising with us and let them know that you saw their ad in this newsletter. – *Constance Hudak* 

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, July 22, 2018 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.

You must be a PSLL member to vote! To help expedite membership registration and the receipt process, please either i) follow the online membership and payment process at <a href="https://www.psll.ca">www.psll.ca</a>, OR ii) return the completed membership form on page 18 with your cheque via Canada Post. You may also register on-site before the start of the meeting.

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#### MESSAGE FROM OUR MUNICIPAL COUNCILLOR



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

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for your tremendous support during the nomination period for the October 2017 municipal elections. In the space of two days, I collected more than 75 signatures; the

vast majority came from our sector.

This year, I will be discussing the collection of garbage and recyclables, as well as mandatory composting at home. Given Quebec's new waste management policy and the guidelines governing the revision of the Residual Materials Management Plan (RMMP) by the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change (MDDELCC), which calls on Quebec municipalities to reduce residual materials for landfills by 40 percent, City Council needed to take steps to meet the new standards imposed. These apply to all municipalities in Quebec.

The new regulations of the PGMR were adopted on February 6, 2018. Beginning in May, the municipality will deliver domestic compost bins to all dwellings in the territory that do not have them. Home composting will now be mandatory.

Garbage will be collected every two weeks, alternating with recyclables, throughout the year. This bylaw also governs the amount of garbage that can be collected per dwelling, as well as accepted garbage bin sizes.

Your wheeled bin should have a maximum capacity of 360 litres, and only one bin will be accepted per pick-up and per unit. It will be possible to purchase a 240 litre rolling bin from the municipality at a cost of \$80, taxes and delivery included. To order, phone 819 457-9400, ext. 2305.

Information sessions were planned for the months of May and June, and information is available online.\* A grace period will be granted until July 1, 2018. We are aware of the significant changes this initiative represents for our citizens, but they are essential in order to protect our environment.

As part of my new mandate, the mayor has assigned me new functions, including that of acting Mayor and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Régie de Transport Intermunicipal des Collines (RITC), which manages public transit for the municipalities of Cantley, Chelsea, La Pêche and Val-des-Monts. The latest user survey revealed a satisfaction rate of nearly 85 percent. The organization and its Board are currently working on a strategic plan for the next five years.

I look forward to seeing you again at upcoming Association PSLL events.

### Claude Bergeron Councillor for District 3, Municipality of Val-des-Monts

\*Consult the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais Waste-Management Plan booklet online at www.val-des-monts.net/upload/userfiles/files/Guide%20%20PGMR %20-%20Final%20-%20Anglais%20-%20Web.pdf.

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.

## ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC ROADS MAP Association Perkins-sur-le-lac LAC LOUISE **LAC CHEVREUIL** Chevreuils LAC DES ÉPINETTES AC TRUME BAIE McLAREN LAC RHÉAUME LAC BATAILLE LAC MASKINONGÉ LAC CORRIGAN LAC BARNES Scale | Échelle 1 Km As of 2011-04

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GATE ACCESS         (24 hrs. notice required)         • Clayton       819 671-0672         • David       613 454-8241         • Elaine       819 671-6756         • Jens       819 671-8660         cell: 613 986-9569         • Mike       819 671-5031         • Paul       819 671-4090         • Thérèse and Denis       613 699-4023	Check the website for hours as they change according to the season  ELECTED OFFICIALS  • Mayor, Jacques Laurin			
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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.

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#### **CALENDAR OF 2018 PSLL EVENTS**

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATION PSLL SUNDAY, JULY 22 | 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. See details in this newsletter.

### 7TH ANNUAL REGATTA AND PIG ON A SPIT/BEEF ROAST SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 | 2:00 pm to 2:00 am (SUNDAY AUGUST 5)

Lac Bataille Beach, 604 Chemin Blackburn, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 6E9 Water races: swimming, paddleboat, kayak and canoe. Live music!

3:00 to 4:00 pm: Swimming and Paddleboat Races

4:30 to 5:30 pm: Canoe and Kayak Races

6:00 pm: Potluck Dinner

Dinner: pig on a spit or beef roast dinner – \$10 cash per person at the door. Bring your own lawn chairs, dishes, cutlery, drinks, side dishes and snacks. Sharing is encouraged! If possible please arrive by water. For more information contact Jens Urban, 819 671-8660, jensurban@gmail.com. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT! Contact Jens at 819 671-8660.

#### CORN ROAST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 | 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). Bring your own lawn chairs, drinks and snacks. For details see the Association website, www.psll.ca. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT! Contact Jens at 819 671-8660.

#### OTHER LOCAL EVENTS:

#### 2018 LAC BARNES CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 30 | All Day

72 Chemin du Lac Barnes, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 6E4 Rita Legault and Clayton Devine, Hosts

10:30 am: Floating Parade | Mid-afternoon: Music with DJ and Karaoke Sunset: Fireworks Display

Celebrate Canada's 151st with music, fireworks and general merriment. Bring your own lawn chairs, snacks and beverages. **Donations to offset costs appreciated. For details and further information contact Clayton and Rita at cwd12311@outlook.com**.

#### FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES AND CONCERTS

Various dates in JULY and AUGUST | 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 26, www.val-des-monts.net/en/7-val-des-monts-en-bref.

#### THE 63RD POLTIMORE FAIR AUGUST 10-12 | 2740 Rte. Principale

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

#### 2019 LAC BARNES CURLING TOURNAMENT

Date, Time TBA | 72 Chemin du Lac Barnes, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 6E4 Rita Legault and Clayton Devine, Hosts

For details and further information contact Clayton and Rita at cwd12311@outlook.com.

#### **RECAP: SOCIAL EVENTS 2017-2018**

Ever since we began hosting 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.

The 2017-2018 get-togethers were a great success once again, as our old and new members took the opportunity to

meet each other and share some fun times.

On an unseasonably cool and rainy Canada Day, the Lac Barnes members invited us to celebrate the holiday with their spectacular, traditional beachside fireworks display, again hosted by Rita Legault and Clayton Devine at their Lac Barnes cottage. Despite the less-than-perfect weather, the show was amazing and everyone happily braved

the elements to celebrate our nation's 150th with friends and family.

Our biggest annual event, the day-long Regatta and Pig Roast, took place at Lac Bataille on the August long weekend. Once again,

approximately 150
residents from the PSLL area
participated in kayak, canoe and
paddleboat races, as well as swimming
contests for all ages. Enthusiastic
participants – both racers and their
cheering sections – had a great time

cheering sections – had a great time and made new acquaintances while

sharing a
"gourmet"
meal – a whole
roasted pig and
beef on a spit.
Everyone
seemed happy
to be there –

even the pig seemed to be enjoying the occasion! This year's event will probably be in the form of a potluck, since it is always a large event organized by few volunteers. The pig on a spit will be provided, though!

We closed out the summer season with a Corn Roast at the Lac Bataille beach. There was, naturally, lots of corn, but also hot dogs and a campfire. Many joined in the fun once again, and there

Photo Spotlight on PSLL's 2017 Regatta and Pig Roast: The medal winners weren't the only happy participants – even the roast pig looked like he was enjoying the spectacular event!

certainly wasn't much corn left by the end of the day!

The Lac Barnes Association took over the organization of the Curling Bonspiel this year, and on a beautiful February day, eight curling teams – and their devoted fans – descended on Rita and Clayton's

Lac Barnes home and rink (created for the occasion) to compete for trophies at the 2018 Lac Barnes Curling Bonspiel. The day was filled with lively games, and participants mingled on the porch with food and hot beverages.

Once again, thank you to all the volunteers who make the events possible. This year we

will scale down on the events due to fewer volunteers (hence the potluck Regatta and Roast). For this reason, new volunteers are always welcome! Contact Jens Urban at 819 671-8660 to help out at one or more events.

With the 2018 season already in full swing, be sure to check our activities

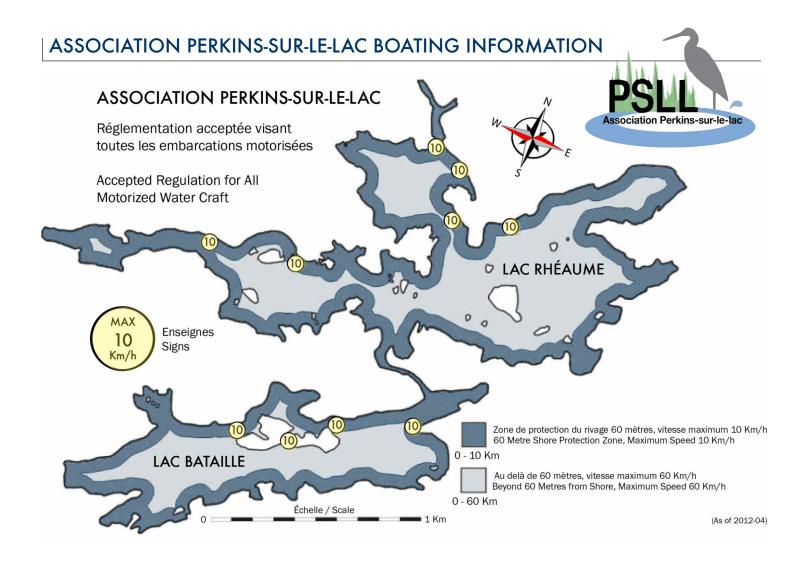
calendar in this newsletter for information on upcoming PSLL events as well as others of interest around our region. Details can also be found at www.psll.ca, on

the info boards, or by contacting Jens Urban at 819 671-8660.

See you there!

Photos of the 2017 Regatta by Jens Urban, Constance Hudak and Annie Crombie, courtesy of www.psll.ca.





#### **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 27 to September 16, 2018. 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: 613 454-8241 | Elaine: 819 671-6756 | Jens: 819 671-8660

Mike: 819 671-5031 | Paul: 819 671-4090 | Thérèse and Denis: 613 699-4023

#### 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 PSLL 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.psll.ca/boating-safety.

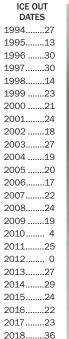
### Lac Rhéaume Ice-Out 2018

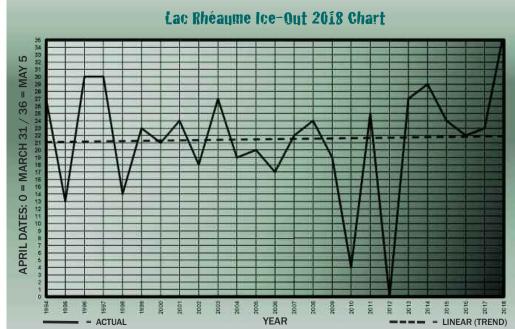
My wife Lynn and I have tracked ice-out dates on Rhéaume North since 1994. This year, it came late: Saturday, May 5. Remarkably, this is 14 days later than the April 21 average and it beats the previous 25-year record for the latest ice-out by five days. But that isn't the whole story.

The night before ice-out, there were exceptionally strong and gusty winds. CTV News reported that the intense wind storm knocked out power to thousands people across Ottawa and caused damage to buildings, trees and vehicles. At 11:00 pm, the Ottawa airport measured wind gusts at 97 km/h. About 45,000 Hydro Ottawa customers were without power. Part of an apartment building roof on Silver Street was blown off onto the street. On Lac Rhéaume, power was out until 2:00 am Friday morning. I think this violent wind storm had a lot to do with speeding the break-up of the ice sheet. Otherwise I think it could easily have been another several days later.

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Our little 25-year data set is much too small and too local a sample to draw any planet-wide climate change conclusions from it. Nevertheless, the revised trend line has reversed and now tips just a tiny bit toward later ice-out dates. While it remains to be seen whether this trend will continue into the future, if it is sustained, it would indicate cooling, not warming. However, the revised data now shows a standard deviation of 7.7 days, up from 7.3 days last year. This is an indicator of





Average 21.5 | Median 23.0 | Std Dev 7.7

increasing annual volatility which is fully consistent with the expectations of the best climate change science.

If you want to see more details on how we have done this tracking over the years, look up the 2017 PSLL newsletter on the PSLL website, www.psll.ca.

Richard and Lynn Legault, 6 June 2018

### What's in a Name?

In 1997, local resident Ian White put together a comprehensive publication entitled *The Nature of Perkins-sur-le-Lac – "Under Our Feet,"* detailing not only the history of the area but many other interesting facts as well. One section is "What's in a Name?". Have you ever wondered how your lake was named? Ian tells you here. (Sadly, Lakes Trout / Truite and Spruce / des Épinettes were not included in his research, perhaps because their names are self-evident.) The complete text may be found on the PSLL website.



#### Barnes

Edwards A. Barnes acquired Lot 14 of Range XI from the government on August 27, 1847, one of the first persons to buy government land in the area. Barnes Lake is in Lot 7 of Range XII, which is about two miles (three km) east of the parcel which Barnes purchased, but it is highly likely that the lake derived its name from him, although the exact circumstances are not known. In her excellent 1988 book, *Historic Walks – The Gatineau Park Story*, Katharine Fletcher talks about a Miles Barnes who lived as a hermit near Kingsmere Lake towards the end of the 19th century. Today in the Chelsea area, there is a Barnes Road and a Hermit Trail, both named after him. It seems likely that there is a family linkage between these two men, both with the name Barnes.

#### Battle (Bataille)

Battle Lake derives its name from a fight which took place between John Adams Perkin's lumbermen and those of Levi Bigelow over the limits of logging concessions. Perkins' men were the winners! The year in which the fight took place does not seem to be recorded. The name Battle Lake appears on a map drawn by George F. Austin in October 1861.

#### Deer (Cherreuil)

When the new Municipality of Val-des-Monts was formed in 1975, it brought together pieces of several previous ones. It also found itself with three lakes, each called Chevreuil Lake. In 1995, after twenty years of confusion, its planning staff decided that henceforth the one in Perkins-sur-le-lac would be referred to as Chevreuil Lake to distinguish it from the others.

#### Corrigan

This is a good old Irish name and many of the earliest settlers in the area were Irish. No records have been found of the person who gave his/her name to Corrigan Lake. Maps produced up to and including 1891 did not even show this lake.

#### Louise

The name Louise Lake is fairly new. For over a hundred years, most official maps have referred to it as Sucker Lake and still do so today.

#### Maskinongé

This is an Algonkian word for "big fish," but in the French language today it is used in Quebec for the muskellunge (musky) species of fish.

#### Rhéaume

Rhéaume Lake is situated on Range XIII, Lots 2 to 6, and it had this name on an 1861 map. Jean-Baptiste Rhéaume's name is found in a document, dated 1862, as living at the edge of the lake. However, a census taken in 1861 shows the same name, and his wife Roberte, his son, also called Jean-Baptiste, his son's wife, and his son's two young children, Eustache and Léon, as having a farm on Range XIII, Lot 28, which is about three miles (five km) west of McGregor Lake. Historians do not know the exact story, but they are pretty sure that this family is the origin of the lake's name.

In La Belle Province, according to a provincial government listing, there are two Barnes Lakes, only one Battle Lake, 57 Chevreuil Lakes or variations of it, three Corrigan Lakes, 32 Louise Lakes, six Maskinongé Lakes, three Rhéaume Lakes, 68 Truite/Trout Lakes and three McLaren Bays. This listing does not include Chevreuil Lake, Corrigan Lake, Louise Lake and Trout Lake in Perkins-sur-le-lac.

The earliest detailed map of the area, published in 1825, shows our largest lakes, but no names are attached to them. George Austin's 1861 map shows and names Battle Lake, Rhéaume Lake, Maskinongé Lake and Barnes Lake. Chevreuil Lake is shown but not named and no other lakes are shown in Perkins-sur-le-lac. This pattern is repeated on many other maps until 1891, when the name McLaren's Bay appears, and Sucker Lake is also introduced. The early maps all show Battle Lake and Barnes Lake in English, Rhéaume Lake in French and Maskinongé sometimes in one language and sometimes in the other!



Find local celebrity Stryder at www.facebook.com/ Sécurité-Publique-MRC-des-Collines-de-l'Outaouais-125070014228066 (photo section). Photo: Association PSLL.

## STRYDER'S ADVICE FOR PSLL MEMBERS: PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM THIEVES!

Crime is on the rise in cottage country, so it pays to make sure your property and possessions are secure when you're not there. PSLL's own Stryder the Dog, featured on the MRC-des-Collines Facebook page, offers this sage advice:

No need to spend a fortune to protect your property!

- 1. Man's best friend still has a deterrent effect:
- 2. Have an entry mat saying neighbors have better things than you!

That's it! You have helped to reduce the crime rate!

Seriously, though, it pays to follow some basic, common-sense tips to minimize the risk of a break-in.

- Many older cabins and cottages have flimsy doors and simple windows that are easily forced open. Exterior doors should be fitted with solid dead bolts. Windows can be boarded up for the off season. Sliding doors should have a piece of wood placed in the track so they can't be opened.
- Inside the cottage, make sure expensive electronic items such as computers, tablets, flat screens and sound systems cannot easily be noticed through a window. Lock your cottage door and close the blinds when you leave the property, even for a short time.
- Take photos or a video of the inside of the cottage, and keep sales receipts and serial numbers. Engrave or mark your name, phone number and/or a specific personal identification number onto tools and equipment. This will warn off thieves and make it easier for someone to return the items to you if you misplace or lose them. This may also help the police if a stolen item is recovered.
- Avoid leaving valuable sporting or other equipment, tools and ladders outside in plain sight
  while you are away from the property, especially items that can be used to climb or break into
  the cottage.
- Install outdoor motion sensor lights and consider using automatic timers on indoor cottage lights to deter potential thieves if they are doing a drive-by in search of possible targets.
- An alarm system is great way to help protect your cottage from thieves but remember if you install one, you must have an alarm system permit from the MRC des Collines. The form is available online at <a href="https://f.mrcdescollines.com/alarmes">https://f.mrcdescollines.com/alarmes</a>.
- Keep your neighbours informed when your cottage will be unoccupied. Be sure to give them your up-to-date contact information so they can quickly reach you if necessary.



• When you plan to be away for long periods of time, consider taking expensive equipment home or store it in a protected facility in the local town near the cottage. Securely stow all outdoor items that may be taken, and always remove all firearms and alcohol when the cottage is closed for the winter. Post a note in a visible location that says all items have been marked and that all alcohol and firearms have been removed from the property. You may think this is a silly idea but it shows criminals you have thought about their activities. After seeing the sign, they may decide it will not be worth the trouble to break into the cottage.

This information and much more may be found online at www.cottagetips.com/tips/preventing-cottage-break-ins. 'Break and Enter' should always mean "take a 'Break' from the stresses of everyday life and 'Enter' the peaceful world of cottage living."

Take it from Stryder!

Illustration above adapted from The Colby Echo; at left, Ottawa Citizen.

## Po 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. PSLL 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 PSLL Lake Reps to get involved and solve the disturbance. This is not a PSLL responsibility! We are volunteers – not your watchdog or the police. When you witness or experience disturbances such as above, PSLL 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.

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

#### **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 \$1,450 in 2017 private contributions from anglers from our lakes. Unfortunately, with the recent health issues of our Treasurer, David Hodgkin, we have not been able to determine the exact breakdown of contributions by lake, with the exception of Lac Barnes, which was stocked last fall (\$200 from PSLL and \$600 in contributions). As a result, we will be holding off stocking this year until we can be sure of each lake's contribution amounts. We are working to determine this and will have more news by the AGM.

The Environment Committee continues 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. We stock our lakes in the spring instead of the fall, and we are always interested in hearing from you to know if this had a noticeable impact your fishing success.

#### ANNUAL WATER TESTING

The Environment Committee and other volunteers completed testing of phosphate levels in our lakes in May 2018. Testing for *E. coli* occurred in August 2017. 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, trees (saplings) were made available to lake associations via the Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts. Interested in receiving free trees for your lakefront property next year? Instructions will posted on our website, www.psll.ca. Availability of tree species may vary from year to year.

Good fishing - and don't forget your permit!

**Chris Hemmingway** 

Co-Chair, Environment Committee, info@psll.ca

#### RECYCLE / REDUCE / REUSE: QUEBEC'S NEW COMPOSTING PROGRAM



On July 1, all Quebec households will be required to use composting to reduce and recycle waste. Compost bins will have been delivered to all residents during the months of May and June, and information on how to use them has been posted on the municipality's website, www.val-des-monts.net.

Here are some basics, taken from greenactioncentre.ca/ reduce-your-waste/composting-basics-and-getting-started:

The ideal location for your bin is on grass or soil, in a sunny (or partly sunny) spot. Choose a location that is convenient to access all year-round, and leave enough room to be able to walk all the way around the bin.

There are two main types of organics that can be put into your compost bin, "greens" and "browns." "Greens" are wet materials rich in nitrogen while "browns" and generally dry and rich in carbon. You need both of these materials to make compost. See the abovementioned website for a complete list of acceptable – and unacceptable – items.

Start your pile with a generous layer of browns on the bottom. Alternate the layers of browns and greens. You should use two to three times as much browns as greens. The smaller the material, the faster it will break down. You do not have to distribute the layers evenly over the pile, however you should always cover the greens with a generous layer of browns to prevent odours and avoid attracting unwanted pests.

Water and oxygen are also needed. Ideally, your compost pile should have a moisture content of approximately 50 percent, and aeration speeds up the process and prevents odours.

The composting process can take a few months to a few years to complete. Generally the compost is ready to use when it is dark brown, smells like earth, and crumbles in your hand. The finished compost can then be used as a natural fertilizer for plants, completing the cycle. Congratulations for doing your part to recycle, reduce and reuse!

Illustration at top: www.letri.com/jetons-moins/composter/pourquoi-composter

#### **REFUSE COLLECTION - DO YOUR PART!**

**NEW MUNICIPAL BY-LAW 820-18** As of June 30, all residents must use a wheeled garbage bin with a maximum capacity of 360 litres (like the model shown at right), available at hardware stores. If you would like to purchase a 240-litre wheeled bin from the municipality for \$80.00, taxes and delivery included, call 819 457-9400, ext. 2305 to order. Garbage will be collected every other week, alternating with recyclables.

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, 819 983-2830. For the collection schedule, consult the latest edition of Val-des-Monts en Bref online at www.val-des-monts.net/en/7-val-des-monts-en-bref.

#### HIDDEN GEMS OF VAL-DES-MONTS....

We all know Val-des-Monts, the municipality where we spend much of our leisure time, as a land of idyllic lakes and forests, filled with the wonders of nature and amazing neighbours. However, there is another side to Val-des-Monts, one filled with incredible stories and history – and even some mysteries. Here is one example:

#### THE PHO DA SON MONASTERY



Did you know that there's a Vietnamese Buddhist monastery in Val-des-Monts? The Pho Da Son Monastery, located at 11 Chemin Katimavik, just off Route de Carrefour, welcomes visitors who wish to tour the grounds to view the many wonderful statues, monuments and art depicting the Buddhist tradition, and perhaps reflect by the koi pond in back of the main building. A monk is in residence full-time, and various events are held there each year. Stepping onto the grounds of this hidden gem feels like a visit to another world!



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SIDDHARTHA GAUTAMA!

Buddha's Birthday is known as Vesak, or, in Vietnamese, Phật Đẩn (Birthday of the Buddha), and is one of the major festivals of the year, usually celebrated on the first full moon day in May. This year Phật Đẩn was held on a beautiful, sunny Sunday at the beginning of June (just after the May 29 full moon, to accommodate those traveling to the event). Celebrants came from Toronto, Montreal and many other locations to participate first in a parade in Ottawa's Chinatown before gathering at the monastery in Val-des-Monts for a vegetarian feast, music,







prayers and a ceremony to honour the 2562nd anniversary of the birth of Buddha. The annual celebration is open to all.

Consider a visit to this exotic locale in the heart of our own Val-des-Monts! When visiting a monastery, it's important to follow proper etiquette and respect traditions:

- Dress appropriately: no beachwear! Ideally, shoulders and legs should be covered.
- Always remove your shoes indoors.
- Enter the shrine with your left foot first, and exit by leading with your right foot. This gesture symbolically represents a whole.



- Get permission before taking photos, but never do so during worship.
- Never touch, sit near, or climb on a Buddha statue or the raised platform.
- When exiting, back away from the Buddha before turning your back.
- Never point at people or things, which is considered extremely rude. To indicate something, use your right hand with the palm facing upwards.

When interacting with a monk:

- The traditional greeting for a monk is to place the hands together in a prayer-like gesture close to the forehead and give a slight bow.
- If a monk is sitting, show respect by sitting before starting a conversation. Avoid sitting higher than a monk. When sitting, never point your feet at any person or image of Buddha.
- Use only your right hand when giving or receiving something from a monk. Women should never touch or hand something to a monk; items should be handed to a man, who will then pass them to the monk.

 $Etiquette\ tips\ from\ www.tripsavvy.com/visiting-buddhist-temples-dos-and-donts-1629907.\ Photos:\ Cynthia\ Hamady\ and\ Terry\ Milewski,\ 3\ June\ 2018.$ 

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#### CLUTTERED COTTAGE? MAKE SPACE - DONATE!

Those unused, unwanted, outgrown items taking up space at your cottage can do much to make life better for others.

#### THE PERKINS THRIFT STORE

#### (La Friperie, 1 Chemin St.-Joseph, Perkins, 819 671-8224)

is located in the Curé-Amédée-Allard building, right next to the Saint-Antoine-de-Padoue church in the heart of Perkins.

Drop off items in the shed at the back of the church anytime, even at night (except furniture, due to lack of space). And stop in to check out our shop! Your donations and purchases will benefit the church's Community Resource Centre, a non-profit organization providing assistance for families in need. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 3 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. Please note that the shop will be closed from July 2 to July 15.

## AVIS DE CONVOCATION MEETING NOTICE

#### ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE

Le dimanche 22 juillet 2018 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 22, 2018 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 16 juillet 2017
- 3. Rapport de la présidente et Recommandations
- 4. Rapport du trésorier
  - 4.1 Les états financiers 2017
  - 4.2 Le budget provisoire 2018
- 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 16, 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes
- 3. President's Report and Recommendations
- 4. Treasurer's Report
  - 4.1 2017 Financial Statements
  - 4.2 Projected 2018 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

PLEASE NOTE: FINANCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE AGM AND ON THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE, www.psll.ca. / VEUILLEZ NOTER: L'INFORMATION FINANCIÈRE ET L'ADHÉSION SERONT DISPONIBLES À L'AGA ET SUR LE SITE WEB DE L'ASSOCIATION, www.psll.ca.

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 2018

#### 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 trèsorier(ière) l'année suivante. Tous les mandats peuvent être renouvelés à la fin du terme. Les postes en élection sont indiqués par un .

## 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 / PresidentConstance Hudak  Vice-président / Vice-PresidentAlain Mercier  Secrétaire / SecretaryJens Urban  Trésorier / TreasurerDavid Hodgkin		×	Juillet / July 2017  Juillet / July 2016  Juillet / July 2017  Juillet / July 2016	
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CORRIGAN	Paul Chedore		Juillet / July 2017	
CHEVREUIL (1)	Vacant (2 ans / years)	×	Juillet / July 2018	

#### **DOCKS AWAY!**

In the spring of 2017, several members on Lac Rhéaume and Lac Bataille advised us of old, abandoned docks floating around. Since those docks were in very bad shape and styrofoam pieces were seen floating nearby, we decided at that year's AGM that Association PSLL would organize the removal of those docks. Members with powerboats were asked to pull the docks to the beach, and we would take care of the rest.





Styrofoam littering the beach and debris pulled from the water was just the first phase of dealing with abandoned property.

By the end of July, two docks were brought to the beach and they were in horrible shape; a trail of styrofoam ran behind one of them. With the help of many neighbours, including Claude, Lucy, Jeff, Sylvie, Richard and my father, who was visiting from Europe, we started to take the docks apart. One of them was essentially its own ecosystem, floating on over 100 empty oil canisters and so much styrofoam! Bits and pieces floated all over the beach, and we tried to catch as many as possible. Luckily, the wind started to blow the right way and washed most of them to shore, where we could easily scoop them up. There was so much debris that we had to pay two for garbage containers and the Association spent \$1,600 on disposal. A few weeks later, Claude and I took apart another dock with, once again, tons of disintegrating styrofoam.

So please, take away your old docks before the styrofoam pollutes our lakes, and consider building any new dock without this nasty material!

Jens Urban





It took heavy equipment and many pairs of hands, plus lots of time, money and effort, to dispose of the derelict docks.

#### 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 PAGE 18 AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT, OR YOU MAY FIND THE FORM AND PAY ONLINE AT THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE, www.psil.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.psll.ca.



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#### MEMBERSHIP AND MAILING INFORMATION

Please fill out and return with payment to:
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