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# ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thank you to our members for your very solid support over the past year. Membership numbers are strong in comparison to past years, and we trust that this is in recognition of the work that all our volunteers have been able to deliver on a consistent basis.

As I write this, water testing for phosphorus is being conducted in concert with the Municipality and our own volunteers will be testing for *e-coli* later this summer. The consolidated results from last year's testing are on our website and I am happy to report that there are no significant anomalies or problems that have appeared. Thanks to Richard Bourassa and his team for their efforts.

Your Association's focus continues to be on the environment and the overall quality of life within our community. To that end we were successful in having the Municipality agree to our request for a three-way stop at the intersection of chemins Blackburn and Bataille. As we grow, traffic grows as well so this is an important improvement to the roadways we all use. This request for a three-way stop came from the floor at last year's AGM and is a concrete example of why attendance at our AGM is so important. If you are not there, you cannot readily meet your elected representatives, nor can you vote on key matters that crop up.

As was the case last year, our Councillor, Mr. Claude Bergeron, and our newly elected Mayor, Mr. Jules Dagenais, are expected to be in attendance at the upcoming AGM. You will have the opportunity to question them on matters such as high-speed Internet coming to our area and on the potential for increased public access to two of our lakes (Bataille and Rhéaume, because they are connected). In his Councillor's message in this newsletter, Mr. Bergeron presents an update on steps to bring high-speed Internet to our area, and I have presented an article about the various land exchanges that have taken place such that the Municipality now owns property that may be developed into a public park in the future, with an access strip on lac Bataille for the public use, including the launching of small watercraft. Given concerns about invasive species and fishing on the lake, which is stocked through the Association and private contributions, this is an important development, so please consider attending this year's AGM on July 17 at the lac Bataille beach. While the directives about masks and gatherings have been significantly eased, Covid-19 is still among us and your Association feels that an outdoor gathering is still more prudent than a crowded interior setting. We are planning this AGM as a social event as well, our first "official" one since the advent of Covid-19, and we will be offering snacks and refreshments after the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

In closing, I want to thank PSLI's Board members, plus those individuals who have taken on the responsibilities of Treasurer (Jeff Hannah), Fish Stocking (Andre Cossette), PSLI News Editor (Cynthia Hamady), Property Holdings and Roads Committee (Luc Fournier and John Smith), Environment (Chris Hemmingway), Water Testing (Richard Bourassa), and our many volunteers. Let's have another great year! – **Constance Hudak, PSLI President**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR PSLI'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, JULY 17,  
9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM AT LAC BATAILLE BEACH. SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS.**

## 2021 - 2022 BOARD COMMITTEES

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**Constance Hudak** | **Chris Hemmingway**, Alternate

## MESSAGE FROM OUR MUNICIPAL COUNCILLOR



Dear fellow citizens of Perkins-sur-le-lac,

First of all, I would like to thank the PSLL members who supported me in September 2021 when I submitted my candidacy for the November 7, 2021 elections. Your financial support and your votes helped me to re-election. I thank you warmly for your confidence in me and I will do my best to represent you well on City Council.

I would like to share with you here the priorities that primarily affect our area. The first issue that is of paramount importance to most people is the budget. The 2022 budget was adopted with a 1.5% increase to allow the Municipality to achieve the objectives set out in the three-year capital plan. These projects include, among others, the construction of the new Fire Department fire station, the rehabilitation of the old Déziel and Oakley-Carey municipal garages, and the replacement of the culvert on chemin du Chêne-Rouge. Plans and specifications for this last project will be prepared this year and submitted for approval to the Department of Public Safety, which is subsidizing the culvert rehabilitation and is scheduled for 2023.

When I went door to door during the election campaign, one of the topics that was often raised by constituents in my district was high-speed Internet. Earlier this year, Mayor Jules Dagenais and I met with Bell Canada's Director of Rights of Way and Municipal Relations, who informed us that Bell had obtained the contract from the Quebec government for the district of St.-Pierre-de-Wakefield but not for the district east of McGregor Lake and Blackburn Road. We then met with Cogeco, who informed us that the area in question had not yet been awarded to an ISP, but that they had submitted a bid to obtain it. A week later, a representative from Cogeco informed us that their company had not been awarded the contract.

The Mayor and I then advised the Provincial Deputy of Gatineau, Mr. Robert Bussière, that our district, as well as other sectors of Val-des-Monts, had been overlooked. I followed up several times with the political attaché of the MNA, Mr. Stéphane Mougeot, who informed me that an "interactive map on the accessibility to high-speed Internet" could very soon be consulted by all the population of Quebec within the framework of the Canada-Quebec High Speed Program. (*Editor's Note: for more information go to [quebec.ca/gouvernement/politiques-orientations/internet-haute-vitesse-etat-situation?type=adresse&value=&code=](http://quebec.ca/gouvernement/politiques-orientations/internet-haute-vitesse-etat-situation?type=adresse&value=&code=)*)

Following the publication of this interactive map, I received several calls from citizens in the district who were very unhappy with the results and who complained that their current providers were not offering adequate service at 50 Mbps. I also exchanged several emails with Ms. Marie-Lou Gagnon, Partner Relations Advisor, Communications Branch, Ministry of the Executive Council and Treasury Board Secretariat, who is working on the Lightning project. On April 4, 2022, Ms. Gagnon informed me that chemin Blackburn was part of one of their projects that had not yet been announced, but would be completed by September 30, 2022.

On April 6, 2022, Ms. Gagnon advised Mr. Mougeot that the district was being served by Digicom and Airfib, which provide fixed wireless service to a large portion of the territory, including service with speeds of 50 Mbps. The High Speed Internet Secretariat is actively working to upgrade some of this service with fiber optic services to ensure that everyone has access to adequate 50 Mbps service. A project may be announced shortly.

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## PSLL LOGO WEAR: WARDROBE STAPLES THAT MAKE A STATEMENT!



**Show your support  
of Association PSLL  
with stylish logo  
T-shirts and caps in  
your choice of colours:**

Classic, practical 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 the AGM or by contacting Jens Urban by phone at 613 986-9569 or 819 671-8660, or by email at [info@psll.ca](mailto:info@psll.ca). To see available colours, go to the Association's website, [psll.ca/new-blog-1/2015/3/15/t-shirts-et-casquettes-t-shirts-and-ball-caps](http://psll.ca/new-blog-1/2015/3/15/t-shirts-et-casquettes-t-shirts-and-ball-caps).

## MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

(continued from page 2)

In early May 2022, the Quebec government confirmed a \$50 million agreement with U.S. giant SpaceX and its subsidiary Starlink to complete high-speed Internet connections for nearly 100% of the province's homes, including 1,900 in the Outaouais. Gilles Bélanger, MNA for Orford and Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier (High Speed Internet), confirmed the information at a press conference on June 6, 2022. The agreement with the American company, founded by billionaire Elon Musk, will allow for the service of some 10,000 "orphaned homes."

On June 3, 2022, I sent Ms. Gagnon a list of unserved homes and she replied that she had notified the project manager, who contacted Digicom. It was confirmed that the homes are indeed unserved, so they will be tipped as eligible on the map. Note that the new Digicom projects in the Outaouais are with fiber optics. I am following the file very closely.

Being dissatisfied with the Quebec government's response, I have submitted a complaint to the office of Deputy Robert Bussière to request that fiber optics be installed in our area, as is the case in the lac St. Pierre area, in order to provide equitable service to all our citizens. I have not yet received a response in this regard.

I am also focusing on several other issues including cell phone coverage in the district. I have contacted Bell Canada and they have confirmed that they have no plans to invest in Val-des-Monts.

Currently, my other duties include: president of the Private Roads Committee, member of the Transcollines Board of Directors, member of the Human Resources Committee and of the Rapide-O-Web des Collines Committee. The Municipal Council supports the high school file through the Local Development Committee. I also sometimes serve as Acting Mayor.

Please be assured that I remain at your disposal to serve you and answer your questions.

Yours sincerely,

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

## MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR



Dear fellow citizens of Perkins-sur-le-lac,

I would like to thank you for the confidence you have shown in me during the November 7, 2021 elections. I am honoured to represent you as Mayor of our beautiful Municipality, and proud to share with you here some projects that are close to my heart and that will have a direct impact on your environment and quality of life. These actions are in line with the Municipality's vision of promoting and supporting sustainable and eco-responsible development in order to stimulate a pleasant and dynamic living environment in harmony with the richness and diverse elements of the Val-des-Monts domain.

Following the advent of the MRC des Collines de l'Outaouais' revised land use and development plan (LDS) on February 6, 2020, the Municipality of Val-des-Monts has undertaken the revision of its plan and its urban planning by-laws. The purpose of the revision is to modernize environmental and urban planning standards while taking into account the best practices in environmental protection, construction, architecture and land use planning, in order to improve the quality of the living environment and to respond to the issues and needs of our population. It is an excellent opportunity to adapt the bylaws to the new realities of the environment, to re-evaluate the urban planning and land management tools, and even to correct various problems encountered in recent years with the current bylaws. A consultation was held during the summer of 2021 and, since then, the Environment and Urban Planning Department has been working on revising the texts based on the comments received. City Council will present the results of this new revision to you in 2022, with a further public consultation to follow. City Council will invite citizens, associations, business people and other stakeholders to express their opinions before the revisions are adopted. Short-term rental accommodations will be addressed as part of this consultation, allowing fine-tuning to better meet the community's needs.

In order to continue the fight against invasive species and to ensure the protection of the environment, the Municipality of Val-des-Monts proceeded, in April 2022, with the opening of its very first self-service boat and nautical equipment cleaning station, which is located on the site of the town hall at 1, route du Carrefour in Val-des-Monts. The use of this station is offered free of charge to all as a pilot project of indeterminate duration. I strongly encourage all boaters to use it before and after their visits on our waterways. The station was developed in accordance with the guiding principles of the Environmental Policy of the Municipality of Val-des-Monts, number EU-2011-002, and the final report of the watershed master plan of the West White River Watershed, which includes, among its orientations, the implementation of boat cleaning stations at strategic locations and the sensitization of users of public access as well as various stakeholders to the prevention of the introduction of invasive aquatic species. The water quality monitoring program resulting from the plan will continue this summer. This program consists of concrete actions aimed at obtaining a portrait of the state of health of our lakes, and developing recommendations and prioritization of actions to be implemented to preserve and improve our treasured water bodies. This summer, the Municipality will also hold an in-depth citizen consultation on water bodies. Its objective will be to better target the issues, concerns and expectations of the population on aspects related to our lakes and waterways, such as accessibility, protection, navigation, etc. Watch our website, [val-des-monts.net](http://val-des-monts.net), our Facebook page, [facebook.com/valdesmonts](https://facebook.com/valdesmonts), and your mail for details regarding this important consultation, which I encourage you to attend!

As always, I am available to answer your questions and to meet with you to discuss matters related to our Municipality.

**– Jules Dagenais, Mayor of the Municipality of Val-des-Monts**

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## CALENDAR OF 2022 - 2023 PSLL EVENTS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATION PSL

**SUNDAY, JULY 17 | 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (RAIN DATE JULY 18)**

**Lac Bataille beach, 604 chemin Blackburn, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 6E9**

See below for details.

### AUGUST LONG WEEKEND: MUSIC ON THE WATER

**SATURDAY, JULY 30 | 6:30 PM (RAIN DATE AUGUST 1) | Lac Bataille**

Live music on the water by Davina Pearl, tenor sax, and Gino Scaffidi, guitar. At the northeastern end of lac Bataille, across from the culvert leading to Lac Rhéaume. Attend by any type of watercraft. Donations appreciated; suggested contribution \$10 - \$20 per person. Details will be available on the Association website, [psll.ca](http://psll.ca), and by email to members.

### ANNUAL PSLL CORN ROAST

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 | 5:00 to 10:00 PM**

**Lac Bataille beach, 604 chemin Blackburn, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 6E9**

Free for all PSLL members. Corn roast, BBQ hot dogs (meat and veggie). Bring your own lawn chairs, drinks and snacks. Details will be available on the Association website, [psll.ca](http://psll.ca), and by email to members.



*Jeff Hannah, PSLL Treasurer, breaks down the budget at the 2021 PSLL AGM.*

## PSLL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

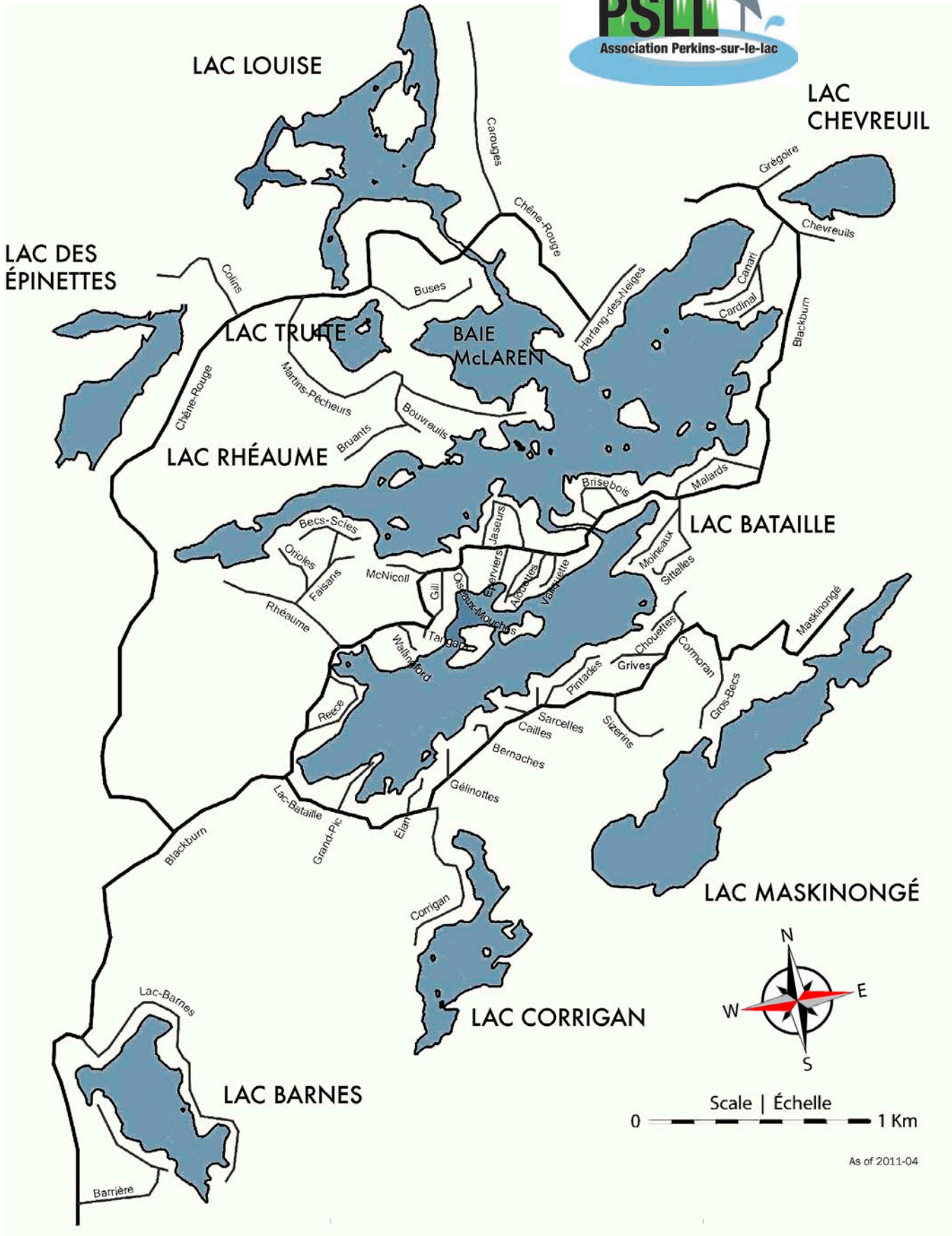
We are planning to conduct our AGM on July 17 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at lac Bataille beach. (Rain date: July 18, same time.)

Refreshments will be served after the meeting; we encourage you to linger to get to know your PSLL Board and socialize with your neighbours from the nine lakes in the PSLL domain.

**Remember:** you must be a PSLL member to vote! Many members register and pay for their membership at the AGM; we encourage everyone to send in their memberships online or by mail. Either i) follow the online membership and payment process at [psll.ca](http://psll.ca), OR ii) return the completed membership form on page 21 of this newsletter with your cheque via Canada Post or drop it off at the mailbox behind the info board at lac Bataille. Watch for email notifications and check the PSLL website for updated schedule details.

### PSLL MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENT OPTIONS:

In addition to cheque, credit card and PayPal options, members can now opt to pay annual dues by Interac e-transfer, or choose automatic renewal of yearly dues through PayPal. Go to the [psll](http://psll.ca) website, [psll.ca/adhesion-membership](http://psll.ca/adhesion-membership), for more information.



## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### ANIMALS / BIRDS

#### BEAVERS

- Michel Boucher (Trapping in season) .....819 210-9840
- MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais – Quentin Liautaud  
819 827-0516; 1 800 387-4146, ext. 229; (c) 819 712-7857

#### BIRDS

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

#### DOGS AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS

- Outaouais SPCA .....819 243-2004  
(For dog licenses, lost pets, adoptions and other services)
- Complaints regarding domestic animals .....819 205-2908

#### OTHER ANIMALS (BEARS, ETC.)

- Wildlife protection – MNR QC .....819 246-1910
- 24hr: MNR QC .....1 800 463-2191  
(For hunting and fishing permits and regulations;  
also to report poaching, dead birds or raccoons)

### FIRE

- **EMERGENCY** ..... **911**

### HEALTH SERVICES

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

#### CLINIC (open 24h/7 for emergencies)

- Centre de Santé Clinique de Val-des-Monts ....819 459-1112  
1884 route du Carrefour toll free 1 844 966-6633

#### HOSPITALS

- Gatineau .....819 966-6100
- Hull .....819 966-6200
- Wakefield .....819 459-1112  
toll free 1 877 459-1112

### LAC BATAILLE BOAT LAUNCH

#### GATE ACCESS

(24 hrs. notice required)

- David .....613 454-8241
- Elaine .....819 671-6756
- Jacques and Andrée:.....819 671-0971
- John .....819 671-1849
- Linda .....819 671-7417
- Mike.....819-360-0880

### NEWSPAPERS

- Ottawa Citizen (subscriptions) .....613 596-1950
- Le Droit .....613 562-0222
- Journal L'Envol .....819 671-1502

### ORGANIZATIONS

- Association Perkins-sur-le-lac  
See contact information on page 1 of this newsletter
- COBALI (*cobali.org*)  
471 Chasles Street, Mont-Laurier, QC J9L 3N6  
Telephone 819 440-2422 / Email [info@cobali.org](mailto:info@cobali.org)

### POLICE (MRC DES COLLINES)

- **EMERGENCY** ..... **911**
- Non-urgent calls .....1 819 459-9911  
toll-free: 1 888 459-9911
- Information .....1 819 459-2422  
toll-free: 1 877 459-2422

### POSTAL BOXES

- Canada Post .....1 866 607-6301

### ROADS

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

**PRIVATE** (Contact your local road committee representative):

- chemin du lac Barnes, Rita Legault .....873 688-5950
- chemin de la Barrière, Flamur Canaj .....613 823-6645
- chemins des Moineaux/des Sittelles.....vacant/TBD
- chemin Pintades, Jim McKeon .....819 858-9551
- chemin Rhéaume Nord, Daryl Neve .....819 671-1392
- chemin Rhéaume Ouest, John Smith .....819 671-1849

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#### HYDRO QUEBEC

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

#### DIGICOM

- Customer services .....418 668-9999  
toll free: 1-877 534-0666

#### TELEPHONE

- Quebec Bell customer services .....310-7070  
(For all services including disconnections, defective lines, etc.)

### MUNICIPALITY OF VAL-DES-MONTS

[val-des-monts.net](http://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

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email: [claudobergeron@val-des-monts.net](mailto:claudobergeron@val-des-monts.net) (c) 819 962-4638

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

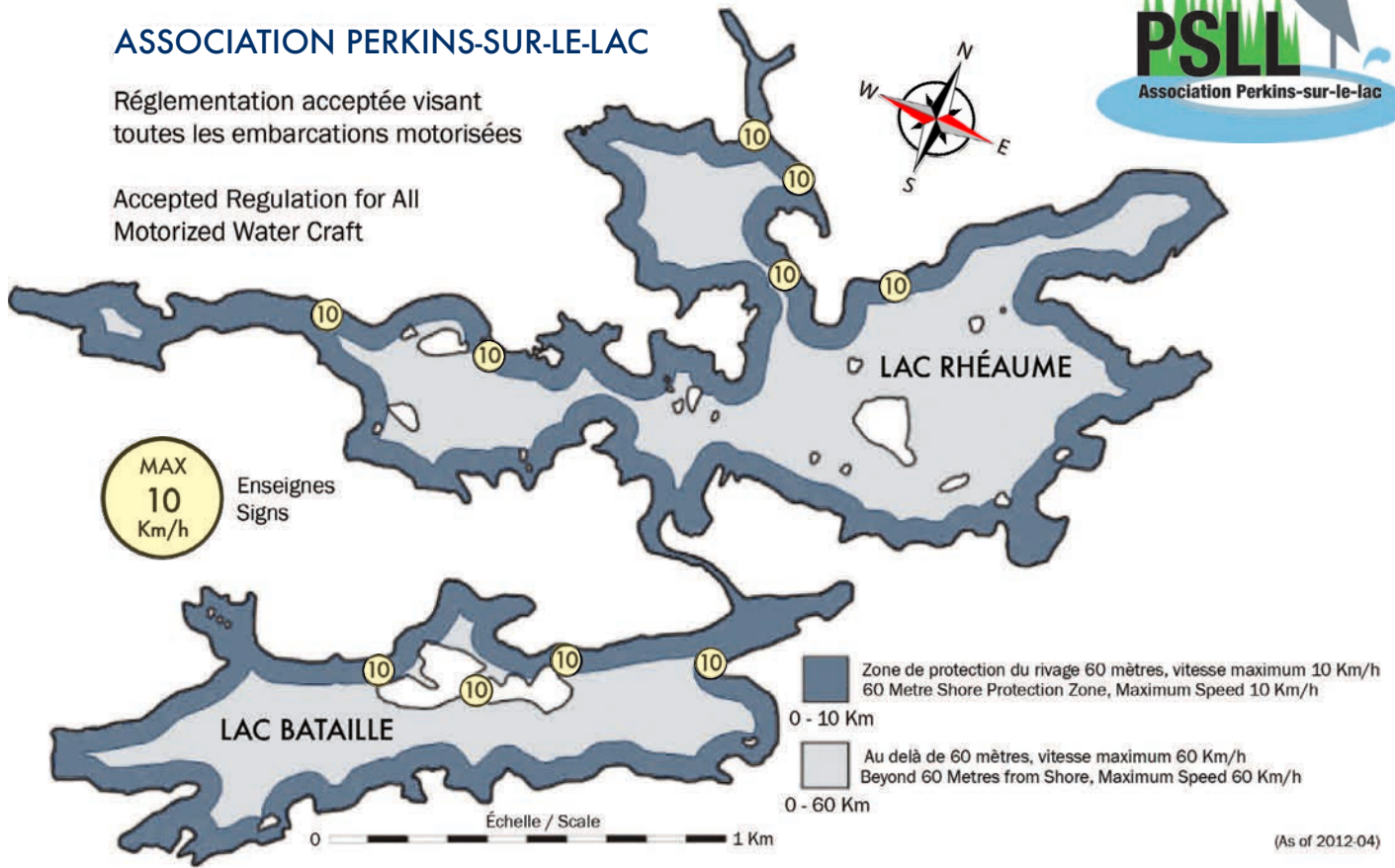
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garbage or animals; recycling or garbage pick-up info  
.....press 1
- Environment and urban planning .....press 2
- Public works .....press 3
- Finances .....press 4
- Community activities and sports events .....press 5
- Fire security .....press 6
- Administration .....press 7



## 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 22 to September 11, 2022. 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.
- The gate is locked from ice out in spring to the time ice forms on the lake in the winter.
- We now have 24-hour video surveillance of the boat launch from surrounding cottages.
- 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:

David: 613 454-8241 | Elaine: 819 671-6756 | Jacques and Andrée: 819 671-0971 | John: 819 671-1849  
Linda: 819 671-7417 | Mike: 819 360-0880

## ATTENTION BOATERS

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 paddle boarders. Please note that propeller-driven surfboard-type vessels are illegal in Canada [*Small Vessel Regulations, section 1006(b), Transport Canada*], with a \$350 fine every time you are caught using one.

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 [psll.ca/boating-safety](http://psll.ca/boating-safety).

## FISH TALES FROM ASSOCIATION PSLL

Fish stocking is an important service to our members and the funding for this is shared between the Association's budget allocation and private contributions from anglers from our lakes.

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.

In Quebec, different types of bait can be used to catch fish. However, there are some restrictions on the use and possession of certain types of bait. Live bait fish is prohibited throughout Quebec at all times. Earthworms, leeches and frogs are not considered to be bait fish, and their use as bait is therefore permitted unless otherwise indicated.

– **Chris Hemmingway, Chair, Environment Committee**

## FISH STOCKING 2021

Each of our lakes was once a fisher's paradise where an angler was sure to catch a limit of speckled trout and, at one time, even some arctic char. Yes, some of our lakes once had arctic char, a landlocked salmon species. What a way to start the day! Before the sun's rays turn the eastern sky from pink to bright blue, ghosts of light foggy mist escaping from shore and dissipating out onto the lake as you push out your boat, put on your favourite bait, and ever so quietly find that favourite fishing spot... the anticipation, then bang! – that ever-surprising strike as you slowly reel in and net a beautiful rainbow or speckled trout. Such a simple yet satisfying pleasure, and one that any member can enjoy on PSLL's lakes!

As in years past, the PSLL's fish stocking program received a high level of participation in 2021. Last year's dollar amount for fish stocking was \$7,070 – approximately \$2.40 per fish of 8 to 10 inches (20 to 25 cms) in size for a total of 2,946 fish of two trout species (Rainbow, approximately 2,378, and Speckled, approximately 568). The fish are loaded and distributed by weight or rough count so the number is approximate; some fish are bigger, some smaller so the number and size varies. The hatchery farmer applies inflation annually at roughly 2% per annum.

There were fewer expenses last year because of Covid-19 restrictions so the Board decided to increase its contribution. This contribution is distributed per lake *pro rata*, based on each lake's percentage of paid memberships. Of the dollar total, the Association's and members' 2021 contribution was again, as in 2020, \$2,500 rather than the usual \$1,500. The individuals donors' 2020 contributions totalled \$4,570. These contributions are distributed by the amount collected from each lake.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped on the chilly November 6, 2021 fish stocking day.

Good fishing – and don't forget your permit! – **André Cosette, Fish Stocking**

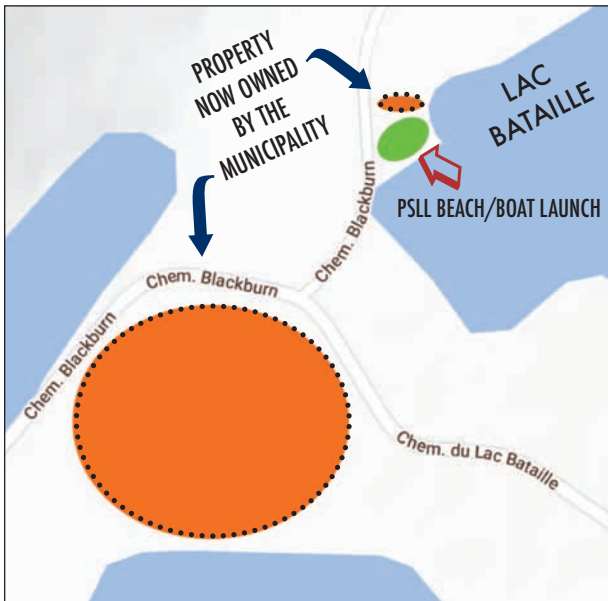
*Editor's Note:* To check current Quebec requirements for sport fishing in our area (Zone 10), go to [quebec.ca/en/tourism-and-recreation/sporting-and-outdoor-activities/sport-fishing/zones-periods/particular-rules/zone-10](http://quebec.ca/en/tourism-and-recreation/sporting-and-outdoor-activities/sport-fishing/zones-periods/particular-rules/zone-10). Where to buy a permit? See the list of Val-des-Monts businesses at [www3.mffp.gouv.qc.ca/english/wildlife/licence/liste.asp?region=07&codeGeo=82015](http://www3.mffp.gouv.qc.ca/english/wildlife/licence/liste.asp?region=07&codeGeo=82015).

Additional information may be found on the Association's website at [psll.ca/ensemencement-fish-stocking](http://psll.ca/ensemencement-fish-stocking).





## AN IMPORTANT ISSUE: PUBLIC ACCESS TO OUR LAKES



An issue that has concerned us all for many years is access to our lakes by non-owners and the public at large. This came up at last year's AGM and we now have more information. The Hall brothers have transferred ownership of land southwest of lac Bataille and on chemin Bataille to the Municipality, as well as a narrow strip of land between the Association's beach and boat launch and the northern property. The rumours last year were that the larger parcel of land would be converted to a municipal park. Upon investigation, our Councillor, Mr. Claude Bergeron, has advised that there are no current plans for park development and that he is on record for recommending that the Municipality invest in other parks. Regarding the narrow strip of land, Mr. Bergeron advises that it is "foot access only." Your Association did formally approach the Municipality to request to purchase this land and thus preserve access to the lake. Our request was rejected as not in keeping with the province's master plan *vis à vis* water and lakes, "*Stratégie Québécoise de l'eau 2018 - 2030*," which promotes water quality, climate change protection, tourism and public access.

Your Association is very concerned about such access because:

- to gain access, the public will have to park along the roads and too many cars will pose a dangerous situation at the three-way intersection;
- small boats could still be launched and/or carried in, boats that could introduce invasive species against which we have been successful in protecting our lakes to date;
- public fishers would be in effect "stealing" stocked fish that is funded by PSSL, its members and private contributions;
- sanitation would become a greater concern; nearby residents already advise of fecal residue being left by trespassers; and
- it is highly likely that users of the footpath will transgress to the beach areas owned by PSSL and negatively affect our owners and neighbours, resulting in increased calls to the MRC des Collines re: trespassing.



Ultimately, in the Association's view, there is a disconnect between all the focus on environmental protection and water quality promoted by the Municipality and the obvious impact of public access – the certainty of introduction of invasive species to our water, parking congestion, sanitation, and trespass on private property.

Mr. Bergeron has advised that Val-des-Monts will hold public consultations this summer concerning the use of the recently acquired Lac Bataille access. We will post information on our website and by email to members as it becomes available.

This issue underscores the importance of attending our AGM on July 17, where both our Mayor and Councillor will be in attendance. Please join us to make your voice heard on this potential development.

**FYI...** The SPCA de l'Outaouais (819 243-2004) will pick up the remains of pets and small wild animals on municipal roads. For animal remains on provincial roadways, call the Ministry of Transportation at 511. For wildlife remains on private property, contact Québec's Ministère de la Faune, des Forêts et des Parcs du Québec directly at 819 246-4827. Due to avian flu, wildlife rescue organizations are currently unable to take in injured birds. Questions re beaver trapping or dam dismantling must be addressed directly to the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais. Contact Mr. Quentin Liautaud, civil engineering technician – watercourse intervention, at 819 827-0516; 1 800 387-4146, ext. 229; cell: 819 712-7857; email: [qliautaud@mrcdescollines.com](mailto:qliautaud@mrcdescollines.com).

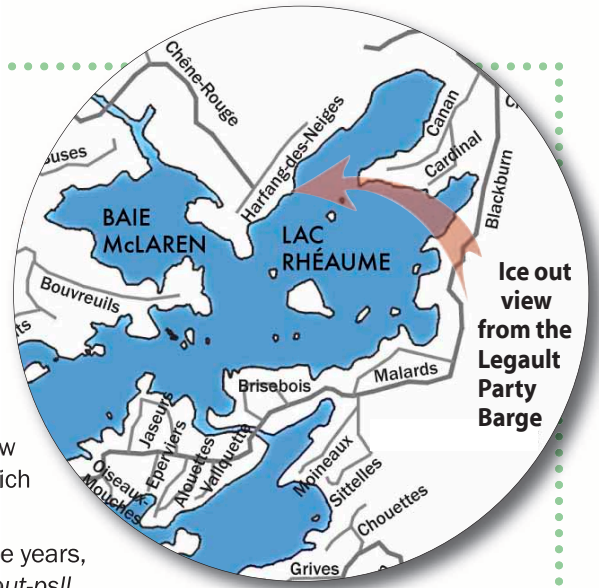
# Lac Rhéaume Ice-Out 2022

According to eyewitnesses Benoît Lelerc and Richard and Thérèse Murphy, the ice went out on Rhéaume North and MacLaren Bay on Tuesday, 19 April 2022. This is ten days later than 2021 and three days earlier than the average, which is April 22, accurate to within + or - 24 hours.

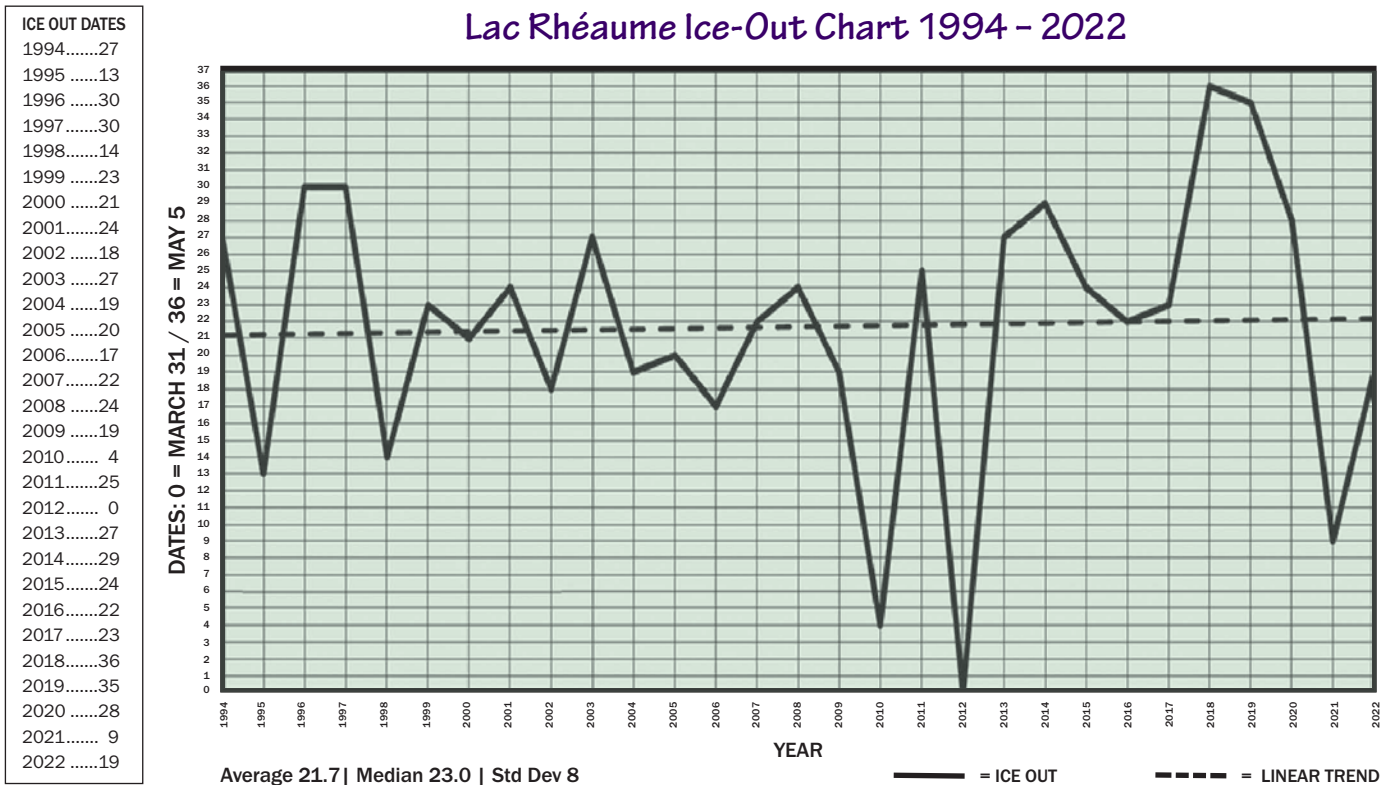
Our little data set from 1994 to 2022 is much too small and too local a sample to draw any planet-wide climate change conclusions. The revised long-term trend line is still tipping slightly upward toward later ice-out dates. While it remains to be seen whether this trend will continue into the future, if it is sustained, it would indicate cooling, not warming. The revised data now shows a standard deviation of eight days. This is an indicator of volatility which is fully consistent with the expectations of the best climate science.

If you want to see more details of how we have done Ice-out tracking over the years, look up the prior years' PSL News on the Association's website, [psll.ca/about-psll](http://psll.ca/about-psll).

- Richard and Lynn Legault, 26 April 2022



Lac Rhéaume Ice-Out Chart 1994 - 2022



## UPDATE ON VAL-DES-MONTS' MANDATORY COMPOSTING PROGRAM

We urge everyone to continue composting in order to further reduce what is sent to the landfill. To help in your efforts, you will find lots of useful tips on the Municipality's website, [val-des-monts.net/en/citizens/compost](http://val-des-monts.net/en/citizens/compost), including a downloadable guide on year-round composting (currently available only in French) plus information on the Green Cone, a "biodigester" that allows you to add meat, fish, bones and dairy products to your traditional composting mix. This amazing Canadian invention is available from the Municipality for \$80, taxes and delivery included. To order, either stop by the VDM municipal offices at 1, route du Carrefour, call them at 819 457-9400, ext. 2315, or write to [andreturcotte@val-des-monts.net](mailto:andreturcotte@val-des-monts.net).

The Municipality of Val-des-Monts is also pleased to offer a household composter, a kitchen bin and a mixer for the low price of \$50, available at the municipal offices. Call before stopping by to confirm availability of all items.





## Conservation Perkins-sur-le-lac: A Local Group Working to Preserve our Environment

*Editor's Note:* In the winter 2020, a group of PSL owners formed a local conservation group named Conservation Perkins-sur-le-lac (CPSLL). The objective of the group is to create a framework where PSL residents and owners could join forces to acquire and protect surrounding lands currently owned by Lauzon Forestry. This update details some of their recent activities. A full account may be found at [conservationperkins-sur-le-lac.ca](http://conservationperkins-sur-le-lac.ca).

### NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA (NCC) VISIT

On April 27, 2022, with permission from Lauzon Forestry, Board members Justine Akman, Isabelle Foley and Colette Labrecque-Riel, along with Francisco Retamal Diaz and Milaine Saumur (consultant biologist) from the NCC, conducted a four-hour walking tour of Lauzon-owned property down Ruisseau Carroll from its beginning on Chêne-Rouge, up the "ridge" leading to the private part of Blackburn (parallel to the logging road off of Harfang-des-Neiges) and to the wetland directly west of lac Chevreuil (Lauzon Lots 1 and 3). They also walked the land between lac des Épinettes and lac Louise (Lauzon Lots 25, 26, 27). The NCC was in search of endangered, at-risk and of-interest species. Despite challenging weather conditions, they did find one plant with status, the *American Conopholis*, and another of interest, the *Downy Rattlesnake Plantain*. In addition, they confirmed signs of the area being a good host for other species of interest.



An *American Conopholis*.  
Photo: [projectnoah.org](http://projectnoah.org)

Members of the CPSLL were also able to share with them a recording of a whippoorwill from the area, and spoke to them about ginseng and wild garlic viewings, along with many turtles, snakes, wolves and other species which are indications of a healthy, yet fragile, environment. Following this visit, the NCC confirmed that while they were not currently in a position to proceed with a purchase of land in our area as we are not part of their five-year plan, they would continue with their analysis based on information received.

Moving forward, it will be important both for our relationship with the NCC and for other fundraising efforts to monitor plant and wildlife in our area. We are working to develop a website feature onto which people could easily upload information about species with status in the PSL region, including metadata (date, time, GPS location, etc.). Please let us know if you have any evidence of species with status in the region by sending photographs and/or information by email to [conservation.perkins.sur.le.lac@gmail.com](mailto:conservation.perkins.sur.le.lac@gmail.com). In particular, look for evidence of the existence of Blanding turtle, wild garlic, ginseng, black maple tree and northern maidenhair fern.



Whippoorwill.  
Illustration: [kids.britannica.com](http://kids.britannica.com)

### RÉSEAU DES MILIEUX NATURELS PROTÉGÉS

We have obtained a one-year membership to Réseau des milieux naturels protégés ([rmnat.org](http://rmnat.org)), a network of like-minded organizations in Québec that has already provided us with valuable information. With this membership, Board members have access to training sessions, various tool kits and information concerning land conservation in Québec.

### LAND TRUST AND CHARITABLE STATUS

We continue to work toward establishing our group as a land trust and charitable entity. We plan to define ourselves as a land trust by adhering to the Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices (2019). The CRA has requested more information regarding our application for charitable status. We are currently preparing a response that will clarify how the group will protect ecosystems and biodiversity on a long-term basis (e.g., through educational initiatives). In addition to being a registered non-profit federally, CPSLL's registration in Quebec was completed on March 7, 2022. We have recently updated our Bylaws, which will become part of our update to the CRA for charitable status. These were passed by the Board of Directors through an electronic vote and will soon be posted on our website. We will also be adding a land acknowledgment to our website – an acknowledgment of the traditional territory of indigenous people, of which the land in the PSL region is a part.

### NEXT STEPS

**FUNDRAISING:** Some efforts will be made over the summer to collect pledges for purchase of Lauzon land in anticipation of receiving our charitable status in the fall. **PLANNING:** Two members of the Executive will endeavor to meet with Lauzon representatives for a second time to update them on our efforts and to request further details regarding Lauzon's plans for the land in our area. Work will also be done to establish a conservation/species with status section on our website.

**New members and volunteers to assist in our efforts are welcome! Visit [conservationperkins-sur-le-lac.ca](http://conservationperkins-sur-le-lac.ca) for information, email us at [conservation.perkins.sur.le.lac@gmail.com](mailto:conservation.perkins.sur.le.lac@gmail.com) if you have questions, or meet with us at the PSL AGM on July 17.**



## Freshwater Jellyfish at Perkins-sur-le-lac?? Who Knew?

On Sunday, October 5, 2021, as Joy and I were taking out the boat on lac Louise, I noticed something I have never seen before – heard of, but never seen... *freshwater jellyfish!*

Yes, freshwater jellyfish (*Craspedacusta sowerbyi*), slowly going by my dock, driven by the gentle waves and inevitably toward the culvert to lac Rhéaume, Baie McLaren and Carroll Creek. I picked a few out on the end of a finger and nothing, no sting – harmless, it would appear. I saw several dozens bobbing along at a speed of approximately a foot per minute in the slightly windblown current.

I advised the Val-des-Monts biologist, Samantha Rhains, as well as our friends at the La Lievre River Watershed Committee (COBALI). The replies I received from both were encouraging and comforting. Nothing to panic about – the jellyfish are not harmful to humans and are only about 2 to 2.5 cms fully grown, so 3/4 to 1 inch, but ugh! These translucent little critters were about the size of a nickel with tiny tendrils maybe 1.25 inch/3 cms long.

This is another invasive import, this one apparently from a faraway Asian locale; they have been in Canada/Great Lakes since the early 1960s, apparently. Who knew?

These, like many invasive species, were brought into our lakes by boats that weren't washed! PLEASE remember to always thoroughly wash all boats/canoes/paddle boards when going lake to lake. As mentioned in the Message from our Mayor on page 3 of this newsletter, there is now a self-service boat and nautical equipment cleaning station located on the site of the Municipal town hall at 1, route du Carrefour in Val-des-Monts, which is free to use for all residents. – **André Cosette**

## Possible Heritage Designation for Saint-Antoine-de-Padoue Church

Saint-Antoine-de-Padoue, the venerable church in the Village of Perkins within the Municipality of Val-des-Monts, closed its doors in May of this year until it can raise the funds it needs for repairs, which may require a change in ownership and possible heritage status.



Designed by Gatineau architect Charles Brodeur and built in 1906, the Saint-Antoine-de-Padoue Church replaced a chapel first erected in 1857. It's a landmark, visible from afar with its tall brick structure and silver steeple perched high above Perkins.

President of the parish council Louise Plouffe said there has been structural damage to the church over the years, posing a danger to those who use it.

Costs for repairs are projected to exceed one million dollars. The pandemic drained the parish's resources and the number of churchgoers has declined sharply in the last few years, so it will take time to raise the necessary funds.

The church is talking to the Municipality about the idea of transferring ownership of the building. The Municipality is looking at officially recognizing the building's heritage value, which would mean it can apply for cultural funding from the province to help with the church's restoration. Plouffe expects the rest of the money would come from community fundraising. Once the project is finalized, the town would own the building and it would be used both as a gathering space for worship on Sundays and to host community activities. For now, the parish will continue to gather at the elementary school in Perkins.

## Parc Nakkertok Vals-des-Monts

A few years ago, the Municipality of Val-des-Monts purchased approximately 300 acres of land in the Saint-Pierre sector from the founders of the Nakkertok Ski Club. The land includes some of the Municipality's soccer fields plus an extensive, beautiful trail network that is maintained year round. In the winter, there are trails specifically for snowshoeing and classic cross-country skiing. In the summer, the trails are maintained for hiking and running (mountain bikes are not allowed). Anyone may use the trails free of charge in the summer. In the winter, access to the ski and snowshoe trails is also free for Val-des-Monts residents, including cottage owners.

The park is located at 62, route du Carrefour, near the municipal town hall. For updates on trail conditions and activities at the park, check their bilingual social media accounts: Facebook: [www.facebook.com/NakkertokVDM](https://www.facebook.com/NakkertokVDM), Instagram: @parcnakkertokvdm and Twitter: @NakkertokVDM. For more information and a downloadable bilingual brochure, go to [val-des-monts.net/loisirs-vie-culturelle-val-des-monts/parcs-et-centres-communautaires-val-des-monts/parc-nakkertok-val-des-monts](https://val-des-monts.net/loisirs-vie-culturelle-val-des-monts/parcs-et-centres-communautaires-val-des-monts/parc-nakkertok-val-des-monts).



## PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC: SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

*Editor's Note:* The residents of the PSL area have many stories to tell. Among them are two published authors, Richard J Legault of lac Rhéaume and Terry Milewski of lac Barnes. They are profiled in this issue as the first in a series of articles showcasing the diverse lives and talents of our neighbours. Each book described here is quite as interesting as its author. As Algonquin Round Table member Harold Ross famously wrote in a *New York Magazine* op-ed in 1947: "That piece is worth coming back to work for. It will turn out to be a memorable one, or I am a fish." No fish here, except in the lakes!



### RICHARD J LEGAULT

In 2009, I fell in love.

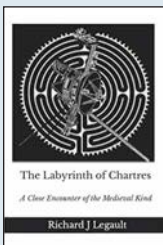
Not with my first love, my wife Lynn, nor my second, lac Rhéaume. In 2009, Lynn and I took a long-delayed honeymoon trip to France, where I fell in love with an older lady. She's a stone-faced old gal, hoary with age and wisdom, and from the moment I caught my first glimpse of the graceful curve of a rib and the firmness in the arc of a buttress, I was spellbound. When we got home, I began waking up in the middle of the night, the keyboard beckoning me to relay some of her deepest medieval wisdom.

Her full name is *Notre-Dame de Chartres*. She is one of the oldest and the best preserved of all the Gothic Cathedrals. If you want to know more about our sordid little affair and about her true vocation as a genius of medieval communication engineering, you'll just have to read my articles and books.

My life as a writer didn't really begin until 2013 at the age of 59, after stints in the military, as a financial management specialist at Transport Canada, and as a private consultant. That year I was welcomed as a member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) and they published my first feature-length articles in their *Journal (JRASC)*.<sup>1,2,3</sup> Since then, as a writer, I have been in the zone and happiest when I can tell a story at the intersection point of science and religion. In 2020, I was fortunate to have a popular piece on the Labyrinth of Chartres published in a British technical journal, *Caerdroia – the Journal of Mazes & Labyrinths*.<sup>4</sup> I had several bits and pieces of work in progress at that time on Chartres Cathedral and on the *Book of Job*. I was getting nowhere trying to get published in academic journals (I have enough rejection letters to paper a dining hall!) when I discovered Amazon's self-publishing facilities. And the rest, as they say, is history... and science, religion and wisdom, with perhaps a bit of entertainment in the mix.

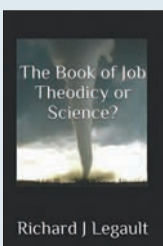
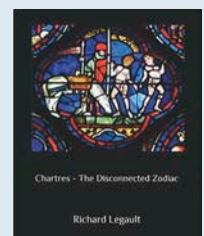
And while my latest career will never make me a rich man (with author royalties of \$42.96 earned in 2021), it is the happiest money I have ever made.

### BOOKS BY RICHARD J LEGAULT *(available on Amazon Canada)*



**The Labyrinth of Chartres – A Close Encounter of the Medieval Kind** The Labyrinth of Chartres Cathedral is an unsurpassed marvel of medieval message engineering. This close comparison of the medieval with the modern will leave your head spinning in admiration for the unsurpassed technological achievements of the priestly teachers of medieval Chartres. From a distance of some 800 years, they speak to us yet, through the floor slabs of their magnificent gothic monument.

**Chartres – The Disconnected Zodiac** The signs of the zodiac (Signs) paired with the labours of the months (Months) are common in medieval art. Countless variations appear in sculpture, illuminated manuscripts and stained glass. A clear understanding of the oddities of two particular variations at Chartres Cathedral has long been elusive and problematic. The variation in the Royal Portal and another in the Zodiac Window are peculiar for two reasons. First, the sculptures are bi-directional in their calendrical sequencing with a disconnected placement of Gemini and Pisces. Second, the otherwise conventional calendrical sequence in the window transposes the placement of the May/Gemini pair with the April/Taurus pair. Considering that the sculpture and the glass both have an anomalous treatment of Gemini, this redundancy may be approached as a deliberate design decision made with the intention of conveying specific deeper meaning that would otherwise not have been possible. The hypothesis is that it may be understood as a visual metaphor intended to designate a biblically estimated duration of the Old Testament period.



**The Book of Job – Theodicy or Science?** *The Book of Job* documents the teaching of the scientific method in antiquity from as early as circa 600 BCE. It pairs this teaching alongside the rejection or denial of a theodicy based on divine retributive justice, thus raising two challenges. First, any program of theodicy based on *Job* must either respond to this denial or be abandoned. Second, the antiquity of the scientific method and of science fiction, as a literary genre, must be extended to accommodate *Job*.

<sup>1</sup>Moon Loops and Dumbbells – *The Most Curious Moon of All*, JRASC, April 2013, [academia.edu/11264227/Moon\\_Loops](http://academia.edu/11264227/Moon_Loops); <sup>2</sup>Astronomers Kiss and Tell – *Imperfections Revealed*, JRASC, October 2013, [academia.edu/11265389/Astronomers\\_Kiss\\_and\\_Tell](http://academia.edu/11265389/Astronomers_Kiss_and_Tell); <sup>3</sup>The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (Book Review), JRASC, February 2014, [academia.edu/11266620/The\\_Little\\_Prince](http://academia.edu/11266620/The_Little_Prince); <sup>4</sup>The Celestial Spheres and the Labyrinth of Chartres, *Caerdroia – the Journal of Mazes & Labyrinths*, May 2020, p.28-35. [academia.edu/44723630/The\\_Celestial\\_Spheres\\_and\\_the\\_Labyrinth\\_of\\_Chartres](http://academia.edu/44723630/The_Celestial_Spheres_and_the_Labyrinth_of_Chartres). Other pieces in various stages of incompleteness are posted on the Academia.edu website at [independent.academia.edu/RichardLegault](http://independent.academia.edu/RichardLegault).

## PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC: SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS (continued from page 13)

*Editor's Note:* Full disclosure: The subject of this profile is the spouse of your PSLN newsletter editor. While he won't allow edits or additions to the story, it may be noted here that Terry is a long-time news correspondent who mostly retired in 2016 after 38 years with the CBC. He delights more these days in catching a candid photograph of a beaver chowing down on bushes by the lac Barnes shoreline than catching a politician in a lie.



### TERRY MILEWSKI

I've been writing briefly for more than fifty years. Briefly, because that's what the news business wants – and I did it for so long because writing doesn't pay well. It's keep scribbling, or starve.

In the process, I whizzed round the world enough to file stories from 52 countries. Only a few of those stories were what we called "long form" documentaries. Most were breathless TV News reports lasting less than three minutes – and editors rarely complained if your report came in "late, great and 2:48." Into this tiny box each night, I crammed whatever would fit on the topic of the day.

Those topics, as I tried to make my mark in the early days, were rarely of great geopolitical moment. Animal stories did well. "Maddened by toothache, grizzly kills tourist!" Or, "Tuffy, infertile gorilla, undergoes surgery but partner still not pregnant!"

Gradually, though, promotions led to bigger stuff: "Leader makes speech! Opposition appalled!" Of course, they always are. But the news gods must be fed. So I fed them Gorbachev and Thatcher, Arafat and Clinton, space shuttles, Nicaragua, Monica Lewinsky and – breaking! – a new computer thing called a "mouse."

Since I retired from daily reporting in 2016, though, I've finally written some longer pieces and even cranked out a book which was, inevitably, welcomed with catcalls and threats. That's because the book was about Canada's worst-ever mass murder and because a noisy network of extremists in Canada would rather see it swept under the rug. They're not alone. Publishers these days prefer recipes or gossip. But this was a story I could never fit into TV's little box, so it had to be written in full. It was the 1985 bombing of Air India – an Indian problem, as it seemed then, rather than Canada's. But it doesn't seem that way to me now, going on four decades after I was told to get to Ireland, fast, because a jumbo jet had been blown out of the sky.

It turned out that the bomb, which exploded off the Irish coast, was placed in Vancouver by a gang of holy fanatics fighting for an independent Sikh state. How on earth killing a planeload of Canadians was supposed to help that cause...well, the bombers didn't think about that. They just wanted to blow up something Indian. And, as if that story isn't bleak enough, the tale of Canada's response makes you hang your head.

Slowly, we learned the truth: Canadian spies had the bombers under surveillance for months beforehand. They bugged their phones and even tailed them to a test blast, but still didn't figure out what was brewing. Then, the investigation was bungled, bogged down in turf wars and indifference while witnesses were threatened and murdered. Only one of the bombers was ever convicted and the ringleader of the plot, killed by Indian police thirty years ago, is still publicly honoured as a martyred hero by his admirers in Canada. Politicians rarely say a word about it. Not an uplifting story, then. But you write what you know. Next, maybe I'll write more about animals – although those stories can also be somewhat dark. "Lac Barnes loon chick eaten by snapping turtle!" Pretty grim – unless you're a turtle.



### BY TERRY MILEWSKI

**Blood for Blood: Fifty Years of the Global Khalistan Project**, HarperCollins India, 2021  
(Available on Amazon at [amazon.com/Blood-Fifty-Global-Khalistan-Project-ebook/dp/B095L368PY](https://amazon.com/Blood-Fifty-Global-Khalistan-Project-ebook/dp/B095L368PY))

Fifty years ago, the campaign for a sovereign Sikh state – Khalistan – went global, proclaiming the birth of the new nation with an advertisement in *The New York Times* on 12 October 1971. The ensuing decades saw a bloodbath in which thousands, mainly Sikhs, lost their lives. Today, the campaign has all but fizzled out in its homeland but overseas, a politically plugged-in band of hardcore separatists keeps the cause alive. In *Blood for Blood*, veteran Canadian journalist Terry Milewski takes a close look at the global Khalistan project, its hunger for revenge and the feeble response of India's Western allies. He traces the rise and fall of diaspora militants like Talwinder Singh Parmar, the Vancouver-based founder of the Babbar Khalsa terrorist group and the man behind the 1985 'Kanishka' bomb plot which killed 329 aboard Air India Flight 182. *Blood for Blood* brings new insights to a topic that continues to hold global interest decades after it first came to light. *(from the publisher)*

#### ARTICLES ONLINE

**Westward Ho! – India, China and Khalistan**, [chanakyaforum.com/westward-ho-india-china-and-khalistan](https://chanakyaforum.com/westward-ho-india-china-and-khalistan)

**Next Year in Simla: Thirty years After Its Defeat, the Khalistan Movement Fights on in Cyberspace**

[quillette.com/2022/01/26/next-year-in-simla-thirty-years-after-its-defeat-the-khalistan-movement-fights-on-in-cyberspace](https://quillette.com/2022/01/26/next-year-in-simla-thirty-years-after-its-defeat-the-khalistan-movement-fights-on-in-cyberspace)

# Rental Property Checklist for Owners and Guests



If you are a property owner who provides short-term accommodations, you must:

- Register for the GST and QST.  
[revenuquebec.ca/en/citizens/your-situation/short-term-accommodations/registering-for-the-gst-and-qst](https://revenuquebec.ca/en/citizens/your-situation/short-term-accommodations/registering-for-the-gst-and-qst)
- Register for the tax on lodging.  
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- Report income.  
[revenuquebec.ca/en/citizens/your-situation/short-term-accommodations/reporting-income](https://revenuquebec.ca/en/citizens/your-situation/short-term-accommodations/reporting-income)

**Remember that you must also obtain a classification certificate from Tourisme Québec, which you can find here:** [quebec.ca/tourisme-et-loisirs/hebergement-touristique-courte-duree](https://quebec.ca/tourisme-et-loisirs/hebergement-touristique-courte-duree)

**Please remind your guests of these rules:**

- Always DRIVE SLOWLY and pay close attention on our roads. Children, walkers, pets, hikers, runners, bikers, etc. – they're all out there, day and night.
- Respect all boating rules – and be careful. There are many children of all ages swimming, kayaking and playing on the lakes. Police regularly patrol the area and neighbours may report any dangerous situation to them (such as going faster than 10 km/h within 60 m of the shoreline).
- To prevent the spread of the invasive aquatic plant *Eurasian Watermilfoil*, ALWAYS thoroughly clean your boat, including the motor and trailer, when changing water bodies (using water above 40°C or under pressure, at least 250 psi), or allow it to dry for at least five days between uses. Visually inspect to manually remove all plant fragments.



- Be careful when refuelling.
- Respect fire bans. You may check the PSLL website, [psll.ca](https://psll.ca), daily for current status.
- Dispose properly of your garbage and don't leave it outside in plastic bags. Use the composter whenever possible.
- Respect the noise by-laws. Many of the people who live at the lake are full-time residents.
- Control your pets. We regularly have to call the SPCA to pick up lost dogs.
- Protect our environment: Avoid going on the islands and do not leave any garbage there or let your dog do its business there. It is generally not allowed to make fires or camp on the islands, and the less we go there, the more we encourage the loons and all the other wildlife we so love to see take up residence in our area.

Let's make sure everyone respects the rules so we can all enjoy our time at the lake. Have a great summer!

– Association PSLL

Photo: Todd Kowalik

## PSLL MEMBER STICKERS: COMING SOON TO A WINDSHIELD NEAR YOU...

In the works, soon to be available, these PSLL member stickers will identify vehicles of residents and owners who are members of Association Perkins-sur-le-lac. They will be available at the AGM, by contacting Jens Urban by phone at 613 986-9569 or 819 671-8660 or by email at [info@psll.ca](mailto:info@psll.ca), or from the key holders for the lac Bataille boat launch (listed on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter). The stickers are free of charge to members – another benefit of your participation in our Association!



## OTTERS AND MUSKRATS AND MINK, OH MY!

We've all seen beavers in our lakes, sometimes spotted with delight, and other times with gnashing of teeth as we survey the damage they've done. But other, very similar, creatures populate our area – North American River Otters, Muskrats and American Mink. They're all semi-aquatic mammals, and sometimes hard to tell apart. Here's a quick guide:



**RIVER OTTERS:** The river otter is a favourite of wildlife watchers – they're curious, cute and playful. How do you know you've seen an otter and not a mink? The river otter is considerably larger, reaching several feet in length. Its tail is furred but longer and more streamlined than a mink's. The otter's face is roundish, almost dog-like, with protruding ears. They have more of a curved form in the water, with most of the body and tail riding just beneath the surface. River otters are predators who love to feed on fish, and will eat insects, crustaceans, frogs and sometimes even small mammals and young waterfowl.



**MUSKRATS:** This furry creature is the one most often mistaken for a small beaver. Despite some superficial similarities, a close look can make identification easy. A muskrat's tail is rat-like; it lacks fur and is not a paddle. A muskrat is much smaller, weighing three or four pounds at most and measuring one to two feet long, while river otters are two to four times longer than a muskrat. Additionally, the tails of muskrats are small, slender, and can appear scaled from a distance, while otter tails are longer, thicker, and visibly furred. Muskrats are generally vegetarians and prefer to eat cattails over any other marsh food; however, they also eat a variety of other plants. They eat frogs, salamanders, crayfish, mussels and newts as well.



**MINK:** The mink is a member of the weasel family, and it's also a predator, like the otter, but prefers to hunt on land. It has a distinctly weasel-like shape, with a slender, stream-lined body and furred tail. While it's a good swimmer, it rarely swims for extended periods; it will swim from one bank of the stream to another and then go hunting along the edges. Because mink and otters are in the same family (*Mustelidae*), they highly resemble each other. To tell these two species apart, size is the most important factor: otters are large, almost four feet long, while mink are significantly smaller, measuring less than two feet in length. Additionally, the tails of mink are short and slightly bushy; whereas, otter tails are long, sleek and tapered.

*Photos taken at lac Barnes by Terry Milewski*

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**HEURES D'OUVERTURE**  
LUNDI AU VENDREDI: 9H À 20H  
SAMEDI: 9H À 17H  
DIMANCHE: 10H À 17H

Our long-time Councillor, Mr. Claude Bergeron, is a resident of lac Maskinongé and a former president of Association Perkins-sur-le-lac. Mr. Bergeron has also had more than 35 years of investigative experience with the RCMP at the Criminal and Administrative level, locally, nationally and internationally on Drugs, Organized Crime, Immigration, Corruption and others, plus 12 years of experience in public complaints, internal investigation, harassment complaints and public interest investigations with the RCMP and the Military Police Complaints Commission. Always available to answer your questions and hear your concerns, he can be reached by phone at 819 671-0501 (office) or 819-962-4638 (cell), or by email at claudebergeron@val-des-monts.net.



Famiprix, located in the heart of Perkins at 1797, route du Carrefour, is a full-service pharmacy that offers in-store shopping plus delivery (call for details) and curbside pickup. Open Monday to

Friday 9 am - 8 pm, Saturday 9 am - 5 pm and Sunday 10 am - 5 pm, with a knowledgeable staff and a wide variety of items for all your needs. Famiprix is a Covid-19 vaccine location; other services include flu vaccines, free covid screening tests and immunocompromised Covid-19 vaccines. Appointments are required; book online at [clients3.clicsante.ca/62748/take-appt](https://clients3.clicsante.ca/62748/take-appt) or call 819 671-7171.



## AVIS DE CONVOCATION MEETING NOTICE

### ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE

Le dimanche 17 juillet 2022  
09h30 à 12h30  
plage du lac Bataille  
604 chemin Blackburn  
Val-des-Monts (QC)



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, July 17, 2022  
9:30 am to 12:30 pm  
lac Bataille beach  
604 chemin Blackburn  
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 25 juillet 2021
3. Rapport de la présidente et Recommandations
4. Rapport du trésorier
  - 4.1 Les états financiers 2021
  - 4.2 Le budget prévisionnel pour 2022
5. Rapports des comités
  - 5.1 Communications
  - 5.2 Titre de propriétés et litiges
  - 5.3 Environnement
  - 5.4 Adhésion
  - 5.5 Loisirs 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 25, 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes
3. President's Report and Recommendations
4. Treasurer's Report
  - 4.1 2021 Financial Statements
  - 4.2 Projected 2022 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 BRING THIS AGENDA TO THE MEETING

# ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION / BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022

## 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 ÉLECTION IN ELECTION	DÉBUT DU MANDAT START OF MANDATE
Présidente / President.....Constance Hudak		Juillet / July 2023
Vice-président / Vice-President .....Vacant	<b>X</b>	Juillet / July 2022
Secrétaire / Secretary .....Jens Urban		Juillet / July 2023
Trésorier / Treasurer.....Jeff Hannah	<b>X</b>	Juillet / July 2022

REPRÉSENTANT(E)S DES LACS LAKE REPRESENTATIVES	EN ÉLECTION IN ELECTION	DÉBUT DU MANDAT START OF MANDATE
<b>BATAILLE (1)</b>		
Jacques Bolduc	<b>X</b>	Juillet / July 2022
Elaine Carisse		Juillet / July 2023
Luc Fournier		Juillet / July 2023
John Smart		Juillet / July 2023
<b>RHÉAUME (1)</b>		
Harry Jones		Juillet / July 2023
Aileen Lamont	<b>X</b>	Juillet / July 2022
Benoît Leclerc		Juillet / July 2023
John Smith		Juillet / July 2023
<b>BARNES (1)</b>		
Flamur Canaj		Juillet / July 2023
Clayton Devine	<b>X</b>	Juillet / July 2022
<b>DES ÉPINETTES</b>		
Richard Bourassa		Juillet / July 2023
<b>TRUITE (1)</b>		
Chris Hemmingway	<b>X</b>	Juillet / July 2022
<b>LOUISE (1)</b>		
André Cossette	<b>X</b>	Juillet / July 2022
<b>MASKINONGÉ</b>		
Pierre Carmona		Juillet / July 2023
<b>CORRIGAN</b>		
Paul Chedore		Juillet / July 2023
<b>CHEVREUIL (1)</b>		
Vacant	<b>X</b>	Juillet / July 2023

## ASSOCIATION PSLI INCOME AND EXPENSES, JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2021 – 2022

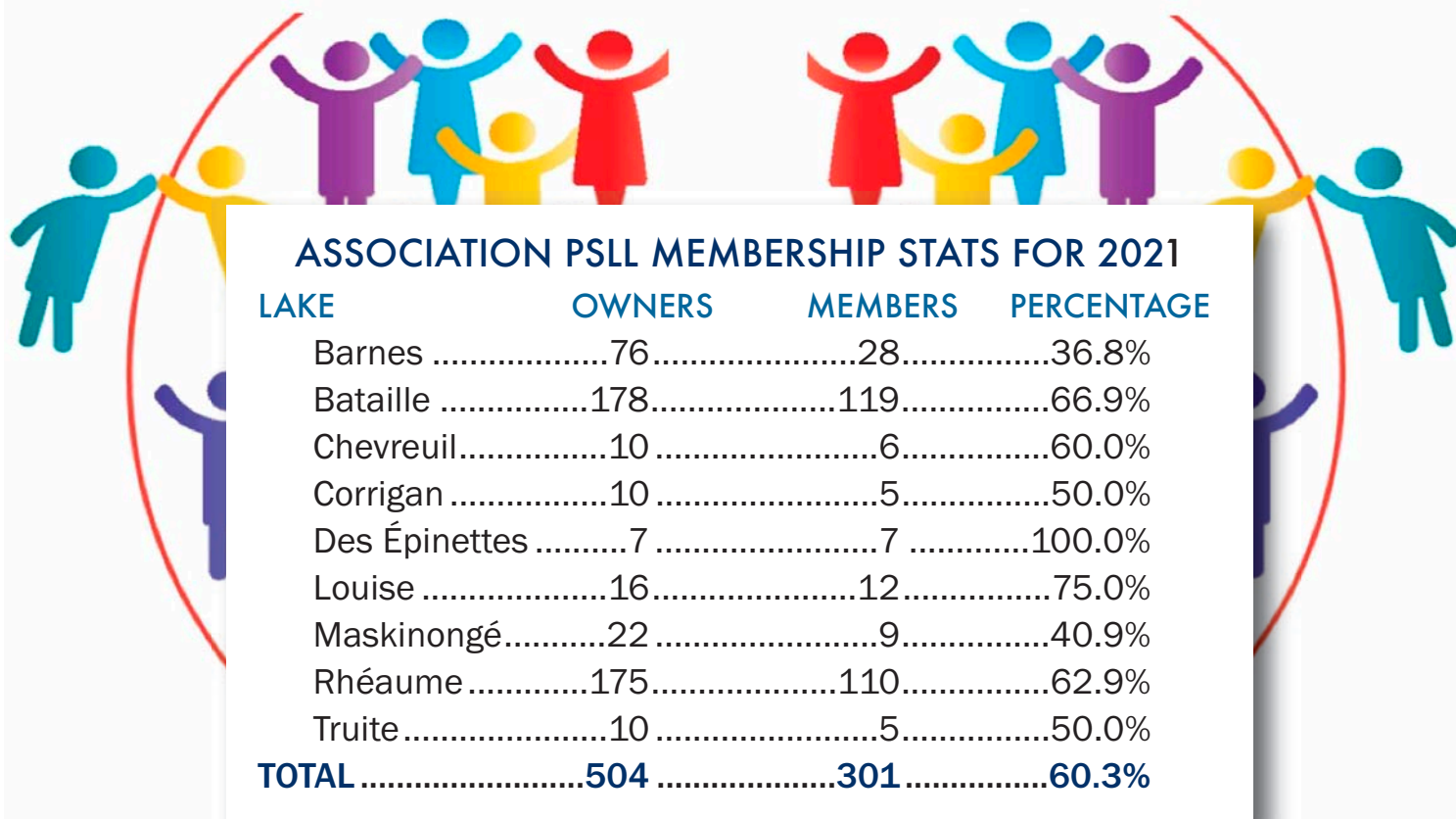
INCOME	2021	2022 TO DATE	2022 PROJECTED
<b>NON-PROFIT INCOME</b>			
Advertising in the newsletter .....	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Fish stocking contributions.....	\$ 4,775.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 4,000.00
Membership dues.....	\$ 14,670.00	\$ 5,895.00	\$ 14,625.00
Merchandise .....	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous non-profit income .....	\$ 21.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,100.00
<b>TOTAL NON-PROFIT INCOME .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 20,216.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,050.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 20,125.00</u></b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Interest earned .....	\$ 96.61	\$ 38.69	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b><u>\$20,312.61</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,088.69</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 20,225.00</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Bank charges .....	\$ 170.10	\$ 94.00	\$ 200.00
Event expenses .....	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance – liability .....	\$ 2,627.85	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00
Newsletter expenses .....	\$ 1,904.64	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Office expenses.....	\$ 1,760.06	\$ 15.40	\$ 1,500.00
PayPal fees.....	\$ 347.52	\$ 123.05	\$ 350.00
Repair and maintenance .....	\$ 1,835.25	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Roads.....	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00
Fish stocking .....	\$ 7,070.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00
Water testing.....	\$ 1,883.99	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Taxes and licenses.....	\$ 884.55	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 20,583.96</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 232.45</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 20,150.00</u></b>
<b>PROFIT / (LOSS) .....</b>	<b><u>\$ (271.35)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,856.24</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 75.00</u></b>

### ACCOUNT STATEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

Cash on hand.....	\$ 584.00
Chequing account.....	\$12,065.74
Savings account.....	\$ 5.00
Term deposit .....	\$ 2,000.00
Term deposit .....	\$ 4,000.00
PayPal clearing account .....	\$ 2,472.85
<b>TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT .....</b>	<b><u>\$21,127.59</u></b>

**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO THE MEETING**

## 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 PAGE 21 AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT, EITHER BY MAIL, BY DROPPING IT IN THE MAILBOX BEHIND THE INFO BOARD AT LAC BATAILLE, OR YOU MAY FIND THE FORM AND PAY ONLINE ON THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE, [psll.ca](http://psll.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, 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.

➡ *A note to owners of more than one dwelling who rent out the multiple or use for extended family: the marketability of your second dwelling is also due to the efforts of the Association in terms of water quality and vigilance. Please consider a membership for each dwelling.*

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’s website, [psll.ca](http://psll.ca).



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## MEMBERSHIP AND MAILING INFORMATION

Please fill out and return with payment to: Association Perkins-sur-le-lac  
604 chemin Blackburn, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 6K4

Or drop off your payment in the mailbox behind the info board at lac Bataille, or go to [psll.ca](http://psll.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 PSLL)

No thanks! (Not at this time)

### C. OTHER INFORMATION

I would like to receive the PSLL 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: