



ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC

MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, JULY 20, 1997 LAC BATAILLE BEACH

The President called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

1.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Several items were added to the agenda:

- 9.1 Bob Dawson, Director, Community Relations, MRC des Collines
- 9.2 Water Level on Bataille
- 9.3 Water Testing
- 9.4 PSLL Logo

Proposed by: Odette Surch
Seconded by: Simon Veilleux **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – MEETING OF JULY 21, 1996

Proposed by: André Fortier
Seconded by: Laurent Roy **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

3.0 PRESIDENT'S AND TREASURER'S REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

A moment of silence was held for Dr. Doug Waugh. From 1977 to 1988 Dr. Waugh held several positions on the Executive: President, Treasurer and Secretary. He was post humously thanked for keeping the Association running during difficult times.

3.1.1 Consultative Committee on Public Security

France Joncas was invited to sit on the Municipality's Consultative Committee. The Committee meets six times per year and is mandated to act as a liaison between the local police and the public. The next meeting is scheduled for September.

3.1.2 Municipality of Val-des-Monts Urban Planning and Development Workshop

In April 1997, France Joncas was invited to participate in a workshop to review the Municipality's projected twenty-year urban planning and development plans. Thirty citizens attended the workshop; developers, environmentalists and business sectors were represented. The Mayor, Municipal Staff and Councillors were also in attendance. Areas discussed included economic and recreational development as well as transport and telecommunications. Overall, the consultants hired to do the workshop were very impressed with the ideas put forward:

- ❖ The Municipality should embrace the differences between the villages of Perkins, St-Pierre and Poltimore and build upon those differences.
- ❖ The beauty of VDM'S environment is a definite advantage to attract tourists. Outdoor activities (canoeing, camping, rock climbing, windsurfing competitions, hiking), should be promoted.
- ❖ There is good potential for economic and recreational growth and development, e.g. festival featuring VDM's painters, sculptors, song writers, musicians, artisans and/or outdoor activities. Local community centres could be used to hold the event(s).
- ❖ By-Laws on residential, cottage and business development sites should be reviewed and mindful of the environment.

The Municipality faces one major stumbling block – **infrastructure**:

- ❖ Better roadways are required for business and tourist development.
- ❖ The telephone system needs upgrading.
- ❖ More B&Bs/motels/campsites are required to retain tourists longer than the current day-excursions.

3.2 Treasurer's Report

3.2.1 1996 Income Statement

David Hodgkin briefly reviewed the expenses and noted a \$649 deficit for the past fiscal year. As of December 1996 the Association had a balance of \$1,500.00 in cash and \$9,000 in term deposits.

Proposed by: André Chartrand
Seconded by: Gwen Roberts

THAT the 1996 PSSL Income Statement as of December 31, 1996 be accepted as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

3.2.2 1997 Projected Revenue and Expenses

David Hodgkin presented the 1997 projected revenues and expenses with a noted deficit of \$1,500.00. Increased costs for postage, as well as the translation of Ian White's paper have affected operating expenses. The Executive Committee has agreed to offset the deficit by cashing in a term deposit.

Proposed by: Jean Prieure
Seconded by: André Fortier

THAT the *Statement of Projected Revenue and Expenses for 1997* be accepted as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

4.0 MEMBERSHIP

The Association had a standing of 159 members out of a possible 485. Fees were reduced a few years back in hopes of attracting new members. One way to offset the deficit would be to increase membership. Ian White donated the paper he wrote, *The Nature of Perkins-sur-le-lac Under Our Feet* – documenting the rich and amusing history of PSL – as an incentive for new and renewing members. Ian was sincerely lauded and thanked for his generous gift.

5.0 WATER QUALITY OF OUR LAKES

5.1 Proposed Action Plan

David Kerluke thanked France Joncas for writing the summary in the *Newsletter* and presented an overview of the FAPEL study. A question and answer period followed.

The EC put forth an action plan proposing that an Environmental Committee be struck and mandated to carry out the five recommendations set out by FAPEL. The Committee is to also report to the Association members annually.

FAPEL Recommendation 1 – Restore the Shorelines

- (i) Determine the exact nature of the applicable regulations for shoreline vegetation removal around our lakes.
- (ii) Inform all property owners of these regulations.
- (iii) Encourage all property owners to not cut vegetation within the shoreline zone.
- (iv) Report gross violations to the relevant authorities.

FAPEL Recommendation 2 – Manage the Roadway Drainage Systems

- (i) Identify the sources of roadway drainage into our lakes.
- (ii) Where necessary discuss with the Municipality and owners of private roads ways to improve the situation.

FAPEL Recommendation 3 – Restore Lac Bataille Beach

- (i) Request that the owner of Lac Bataille Beach (Guy Audette) refrains from cutting the grass and vegetation within 10 meters of the shore.

- (ii) Prepare estimates for options for a floating dock at the Beach, for review by the Association Executive.

FAPEL Recommendation 4 – Educate New Arrivals

- (i) Find a way to identify new arrivals, e.g. through annual review of land transfers within the Domain.
- (ii) Prepare an information kit for new arrivals and contact them soon after their arrival to answer questions.

FAPEL Recommendation 5 – Encourage the Municipality to Adopt Effective By-Laws

- (i) Identify the specific by-laws that apply to our lakes regarding shoreline vegetation removal; the distance from the shoreline for new buildings; and the current and future revision process.
- (ii) Petition the appropriate authorities to adopt stricter by-laws or at least maintain the current by-laws.

An Environmental Committee was struck. Members are: David Kerluke (Chair), David Hodgkin (PSLL alternate), France Joncas (PSLL, ex-officio), Joe Larose, Ron Malis, Tim Naumitz, David Scrivens, Louise Tondreau and Bill Voller.

France Joncas reported that the Association had filed FAPEL's study with the Municipality last November, just after the elections. A request was made to allocate funds on for an environmental public education campaign. Stéphane Mougeot is the Municipal staff person handling the file. The Municipality is looking at forming an ad-hoc committee; members will include resource people, biologists and environmentalists. The Municipality wants to review the current By-Laws. PSLL has asked to sit on the Committee. Dawn Lucas agreed to act as liaison between the Association and the Municipality.

It was suggested that trees be planted on the Beach. The Association will enquire with FAPEL for reforestation plans, list of natural trees, available seedlings.

6.0 CLEAR CUTTING

France Joncas reported that the proposed By-Law changes are almost ready and that the Municipality has suspended its applications due to costs.

The following are some of the items raised during the special Municipal meeting that was held last September between the Municipality, environmentalists and foresters. Consensus was reached on several points.

- (i) *Article 4.13.1* «*Marge de retrait*»

The boundary protection is set at 100 metres. The boundary protection zone has now been reduced to 60 metres. The proposed change was to reduce it to 30 metres.

(ii) *Article 5.14.3* «Végétation»

Cutting is allowed within the first shoreline protection zone. Only selective cutting is allowed within the second protection zone and is limited to 25%.

The first shoreline zone is still protected and no forest machines are allowed within this area. However, the limit within the second zone was increased to 33%, although the trees within this boundary have to be in excess of 15 cm or more in diameter. The forester must now also conserve a minimum of 50% of the forest canopy cover and the area logged must not be touched again for ten years.

(iii) *Article 5.20.2* «Autorisation obligatoire»

Those who cut 100 cords of wood or more per year must obtain Municipal approval and provide plans for reforestation.

The maximum allowed was increased to 200 cords per year; a cord measuring 4' X 4' X 8'. No reforestation plans are required.

(iv) *Article 50.20.2.1* «Conditions d'obtention d'une autorisation d'abatages d'arbres»

A cadastrale description of land is now required. The forester must also declare that (s)he is aware of the By-Law and its obligations.

(v) *Article 50.20.3* «Normes relatives à l'abatage d'arbres»

The current By-Law states that the forester must use a selective cutting technique; must conserve a 50% forest cover; and is not allowed to cut more than 40% of the trees that have 15 cm or more in diameter within a ten year period.

All of the By-Law remains intact although foresting sections are now separated by a minimum band of 50 metres where selective cuts of 30% are allowed and that the trees within this section must be 15 cm or more in diameter.

(vi) *Article 50.20.4.1* «Chemins publics»

The «marge de retrait» to protect trees along roads and property boundaries has been reduced from 100 metres to 20 metres. However, only one access to the cutting site is permitted and it must not exceed 10 metres in width.

(vii) *Article 50.20.6* «Nettoyages des aires de coupe»

This previous article was quite vague. It now states that all inorganic debris must be removed from the site once the de-forestation is completed.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY TO THE EXECUTIVE

Participants thanked the Executive for pursuing such matters on their behalf. They were surprised at the depth of the issues and files that the Association was dealing with.

8.0 ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Odette Surch chaired the elections. The following vacancies were noted: President, Secretary, Treasurer, one Lake Representative on Bataille, two Lake Representatives on Rhéaume, and one Lake Representative on Chevreuil.

The following candidates were nominated:

France Joncas	President
David Mainwood	Secretary
David Hodgkin	Treasurer
David Kerluke	Lac Bataille Representative
Jacques Marchand	Lac Rhéaume Representative
Jim Dale	Lac Rhéaume Representative

Proposed by: Jacques Levasseur
Seconded by: Simon Veilleux

THAT the slate of candidates be duly elected to the Association Executive Committee.

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9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Bob Dawson, Director, Community Relations, MRC des Collines

Bob Dawson commended the Safe Boaters Group and the Association for their initiative in setting boating guidelines and speed limits. He reported that MRC des Collines now had two boats to patrol the lakes and have set up a water patrol squad. Citizens were asked to report any dangerous driving of boats by calling 9-1-1. Participants were also reminded that 9-1-1 should be called for emergencies such as fire, ambulance and crime.

Much discussion focused on the problems with personal water craft ("seadoos"). At present there are no specific laws regulating personal water craft although current laws regarding water craft, as set out by Transport Canada, are technically in effect although some exceptions do exist. There are several municipalities (Gatineau) within the province of Québec preparing proposals on the use of personal water craft such as a minimum age of 16 years old, shore protection zone, speed limits, etc. Québec is also reviewing the issue and may adopt province-wide regulations. MRC des Collines is in the process of preparing guidelines/laws on personal water craft safety and conduct. Those interested in submitting their ideas were asked to contact Bob Dawson at 1-888-459-9940.

Bob Dawson outlined MRC des Collines' initiatives on the neighbourhood watch program. He stressed the effectiveness and importance of the program. Simon Veilleux volunteered to undertake the implementation of such a program within PSLL boundaries. Those interested to participate were asked to see Simon at the end of the meeting. MRC des Collines will provide the necessary information, documentation, etc., to set up a neighbourhood watch within our area.

9.2 Water Level on Bataille

Concern was raised on the level of water on Bataille. David Kerluke did note that the water was higher this year due to a record snow fall over the winter and that the water was dropping to normal levels.

9.3 Water Testing

France Joncas stated that members could have their water tested for a fee by a lab in Hull. The charges include the cost of a sterilised bottle: \$12.00 plus taxes to test the water for swimming and \$35.00 plus taxes to test the potability of water. Members should contact IASCHEM Laboratories Inc., 184 Freeman Road, Hull, Québec J8Z 2B5; tel: 778-0020; fax: 778-0659. The lab provides all instructions to properly collect water samples. Samples are not accepted on Fridays.

9.4 PSSL Logo

The Executive has been looking at changing the PSSL logo. Suggestions should be forwarded to France Joncas, 36 Wallingford Road, Val-des-Monts, Québec J8N 6L3. A contest could ensue depending on the number of ideas submitted.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

France Joncas