



**ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC  
MINUTES  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1998  
BATTLE LAKE BEACH**

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

**1.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Several items were added to the agenda:

- 10.1 Water Patrol, MRC des Collines
- 10.2 Engraving of Household Goods Program
- 10.3 Roads
- 10.4 Road Side Advertising
- 10.5 Branch Collection

**Proposed by:** Odette Surch  
**Seconded by:** Jim Dale

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**2.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – MEETING OF JULY 20, 1997**

**Proposed by:** Larry Surch  
**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 Émile Beaudry, the former gate keeper, who passed away a few months ago.

France Joncas thanked Larry Surch for translating Ian White’s paper on the history of Perkins-sur-le-lac — 9,000 words were translated. Odette Surch was also thanked for her diligent assistance in proof reading the document in both official languages.

It was noted that volunteers were selling tickets as a fundraiser for the Association. Gwen Roberts had generously donated “Weekender” gift certificates towards the cause.

### **3.1.1 Consultative Committee on Public Security (Municipal)**

The Consultative Committee had been extremely active over the past year — six meetings were held. To date, a pamphlet has been developed to explain the role and function of the Committee.

The main thrust of the Committee is to offset youth crime and vandalism, advertising the 9-1-1 emergency service telephone number (many cottagers and the elderly are unaware of the 9-1-1 service), drinking and driving (a billboard has been proposed), and setting up neighbourhood watch programs throughout Val-des-Monts.

Several activities were organised with École Équipage and were held in conjunction with the Winter Carnival.

The Committee hopes to launch a web site — willing and qualified volunteers are dearly needed — although the Committee sees this as a hard sell to the Municipality.

### **3.1.2 Ice Storm**

During the ice storm, the Municipality realised that their Emergency Preparedness Plan had deficiencies and a Committee was struck. France Joncas was invited to sit on the Emergency Prepared Plan Committee. The Mayor and the Fire Chief were also participants. The Committee met four times in May.

The Association put forward many suggestions to improve the Municipal Emergency Preparedness Plan (Appendix A). The Municipality adopted many of the ideas put forward.

- (i) To create a database of permanent residents.
- (ii) To create a list of key contact people throughout the Municipality. Certain individuals would be responsible for specific areas.
- (iii) To establish a local Municipal radio station to broadcast updates and disseminate emergency information, e.g. where to go for shelter, firewood, fuel, food, potable water, etc.
- (iv) Key Municipal staff are to be trained for any unlikely emergencies
- (v) Purchase a high-powered generator for City Hall. (During the ice storm, Municipal telephones, being electrical, were not functioning.)

## **3.2 Treasurer's Report**

### **3.2.1 1997 PSLL Revenues and Expenditures (Appendix B)**

David Hodgkin briefly reviewed the expenses and noted a \$698.18 surplus for the past fiscal year. The Treasurer did note that the Association has been carrying an expense for a map of the Domain (\$1,200.00 which was not paid out) and accounts for the excess over revenues rather than the projected deficit for the year.

As of December 31, 1997, the Association had a cash balance of \$2,193.26 as well as \$12,860.51 in term deposits.

**Proposed by:** Walter Rosenquist  
**Seconded by:** Irma Bigras

**THAT the 1997 PSSL Revenues and Expenditures Statement be accepted as presented.**

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

### **3.2.2 1998 PSSL Projected Revenues and Expenses (Appendix C)**

David Hodgkin presented the 1998 projected revenues and expenses with a noted deficit of \$1,667.25, due to an increase in postage and the carry over of the map of the Domain expense. If required, the Executive Committee agreed to offset the deficit by cashing in a term deposit.

**Proposed by:** Walter Rosenquist  
**Seconded by:** Irma Bigras

**THAT the Statement of Projected PSSL Revenue and Expenses for 1998 be accepted as presented.**

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

## **4.0 MEMBERSHIP FEES**

David Hodgkin reported that the Association had a standing of 189 members out of a possible 483. Several years ago, the Executive Committee had proposed lowering its membership fee in the hopes of attaining more members. Unfortunately, the reverse happened: membership decreased. Subsequently, the Association has been operating at a deficit (although last year was an exception).

A Committee was struck to increase membership and the following individuals volunteered: Irma Bigras, René Duhaime, Gwen Roberts, Laurent Roy, Marc Vincent and Tony Zeitoun.

The Executive Committee has proposed raising the current fee of \$25.00 to \$35.00 per year. The Committee noted that this could have a negative impact on revenues, i.e. less funding due to a decrease in membership. Discussion ensued.

Some members proposed that the extra money be spent on publishing a Fall newsletter. It was noted that the most important constraint in producing a second newsletter was due to time and not cost.

Others suggested that additional funding be made available for road grant or the lake stocking program.

**Proposed by:** David Hodgkin  
**Seconded by:** Bill Grayson

**THAT the Association increase its yearly fees to a maximum of \$35.00 per year.**

**A vote was called. 30 in Favour; 6 Against**

**CARRIED**

The Executive Committee is to monitor the impact of the fee increase on membership. A report is to be presented at the next Annual General Meeting.

## **5.0 WATER QUALITY OF OUR LAKES**

### **5.1 Environmental Committee**

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.

#### *FAPEL Recommendation 1 – Restore the Shorelines*

Water run off into the lakes is a major factor contributing to over fertilisation. Zoning regulations forbid the removal of all plants and vegetation from the first 10 metres of shoreline, where this run-off could be absorbed. Gross violations of this By-Law should be reported to the Municipality (457-9400 ext. 307). The Executive Committee is to forward a copy of the Municipal by-law to members.

#### *FAPEL Recommendation 2 – Manage the Roadway Drainage Systems*

Ron Malis and David Scrivens have agreed to undertake the survey of the worse roadway problems. Their suggestions will be presented to the Municipality.

#### *FAPEL Recommendation 3 – Restore Lac Bataille Beach*

David Kerluke reported that the material and labour costs were over \$5,000.00 for the proposed floating dock. Additional expenses, such as legal fees, permits and liability insurance to protect the Association against accidents, injuries and deaths, were deemed too prohibitive to pursue by the Environmental Committee. Participants agreed.

Members also agreed that the beach area should be allowed to return to its natural state.

#### *FAPEL Recommendation 4 – Educate New Arrivals*

Joe Larose and Dawn Lucas are leading this item. An information kit is to be developed outlining the regulations regarding shoreline vegetation. It was noted that the Municipality had agreed to consider forming an Ad-hoc Committee on Public Education in 1996 and that there had been no further activity at the Municipal level.

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

Bill Voller has agreed to review the surveys of the septic systems for Battle and Barnes Lakes, with a view to encouraging the Municipality to inspect offending systems and to undertake a similar survey for Rhéaume Lake.

## 6.0 CLEAR CUTTING

France Joncas reported that the By-Law changes had been approved by the Municipality and presented a brief overview.

Article 4.13.1 «Marge de retrait»

The boundary protection zone was set at 60 metres. The boundary protection zone was originally set at 100 metres. Intervenors had recommended 30 metres.

Article 5.14.3 «Végétation»

The first shoreline zone remains protected and no forest machines are allowed within this area. However, the limit for selective cutting within the second protected zone was increased to 33% (from 25%); the trees must be 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.

Article 5.20.2 «Autorisation obligatoire»

The maximum allowed was increased to 200 cords per year (from 100 cords); a cord has been defined as measuring 4' X 4' X 8'. Reforestation plans no longer are required.

Article 5.20.2.1 «Conditions d'obtention d'une autorisation d'abatage d'arbres»

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

Article 5.20.3 «Normes relatives à l'abatage d'arbres»

Overall of the By-Law remains intact although selective cutting has been increased to 40% from 30%; trees must be 15 cm or more in diameter. On the positive side, harvested sections are now separated by a strip of land of 50 metres. Again there is a ten-year period before the area can be logged again.

Article 5.20.4.1 «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 logging site is permitted and it must not exceed 10 metres in width (there were no access limits).

Article 50.20.6 «Nettoyage 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.

In the past, complaints have been filed with the Municipality. However, the legal rights of the offending party seem to stymie Municipal authority. By the time the Municipality can meet with a judge to get an injunction to cease the clear cutting, the damage has been done. However, the Municipality does oblige that a restoration plan, complete with time frames, be forwarded to them. Implementing the plan is another matter altogether.

## **7.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Simon Veilleux reported that the Neighbourhood Watch Committee had come to a standstill due to lack of participation. Unless members were willing to volunteer some of their time, the Association will not pursue this. Interested parties are to contact Mr. Veilleux. Registration forms are to be included in the next mail-out to members.

## **8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY TO THE EXECUTIVE**

Participants thanked the Executive for pursuing such matters on their behalf. The Committee will be following up on points raised during the meeting.

## **9.0 ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Odette Surch chaired the elections. The following vacancies were noted: two Representatives for Battle, three Representatives for Rhéaume, and Representatives for Barnes, Deer, Louise, and Maskinongé.

The following candidates were nominated:

Irma Bigras	Battle Lake Representative
Dawn Lucas	Rhéaume Lake Representative
Laurent Roy	Rhéaume Lake Representative

No other representatives were nominated for the remaining vacancies.

<b>Proposed by:</b>	Marc Vincent
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Denise Leblanc

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

**CARRIED**

## 10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

### 10.1 Water Patrol, MRC des Collines

Constables Belzile and Fournier presented a brief overview of the laws with respect to boating. They noted that MRC des Collines patrols over 300 lakes in the area.

Much discussion focused on the problems with personal water craft (“jetskis”). 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. Gatineau has adopted a get tough policy on personal water craft. Québec is also reviewing the issue and will be adopting province-wide regulations. In anticipation of this, Val-des-Monts and MRC des Collines are preparing proposals on personal water craft safety and conduct. Suggestions encompass a minimum age (16 years old) requirement, shore protection zone boundaries, speed limits, etc.

In the event of abuse, members should directly contact MRC des Collines at 1-888-459-9911.

### 10.2 Engraving of Household Goods Program

MRC des Collines has sponsored a youth program. Adolescents have been hired to engrave, free of charge, your valuable household contents (e.g. radios, televisions, VCRs, cameras, computers, etc.). An itemised list of your possessions is also provided. It was noted that some insurers reduce their rates if household contents are engraved and catalogued.

MRC will also be inputting the information in their database.

### 10.3 Private Roads

Again, the issue of private roads has arisen. The Municipality’s policy is as follows:

- If the road sign is **green** it is a Municipal road, and the Municipality is more than pleased to maintain it.
- On the other hand, if the road sign is **blue**, it is a private road and the maintenance costs are borne by the property owners.

The Municipality has clearly stated on numerous occasions that it is not willing to undertake the maintenance of private roads. This has been an ongoing issue with the private developers and property owners.

The Association budgets up to a \$1,000.00 towards road grants for members. Applications should be forwarded to a member of the Executive Committee. The funds dispersed are dependent on the number of applications.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- (i) Submissions must be received by May 31.
- (ii) Expenses must have been incurred during the **previous** year.
- (iii) A road must have a minimum of ten cottages.
- (iv) A minimum of 50% of the property owners must be Association members.
- (v) The grant covers 25% of the total allowable cost (keeping in mind the maximum of \$1,000.00).
- (vi) Allowable costs are defined as drainage pipes, sand, gravel, grading, etc.
- (vii) Allowable costs do not include such items as gas, oil, tires, or equipment repairs.
- (viii) The maximum payable amount is \$1,000.00 per year.

#### **10.4 Advertising Signs**

Emma Gregor mentioned that there were too many advertisements along Blackburn Road. The Association is aware that the Municipality has a signage by-law. Members asked that the Executive Committee follow-up with the Municipality.

#### **10.5 Municipal Branch Collection**

During the ice storm, the Province of Quebec had agreed to financially assist affected municipalities. In early March the Province told the Municipalities to cease and desist with their clean-up efforts and issued a warning that any additional expenses incurred would not be covered. By that time, the Municipality had incurred \$780,000 in expenditures and only one-third of Val-des-Monts had been cleaned.

By July, the Municipality still had not received any funds from the Province, nor any indication of how much and when the funds would be released. In addition, the contractors hired to assist with clean-up have sued the Municipality for non-payment. It appears that the Municipality is legally responsible and will have to pay the contractors even though there are still disagreements regarding overtime charges. It is expected that taxes will be increased to offset this additional expense.

In response to the problem, the Municipality passed an emergency motion to extend the time limit for a burning permit from ten to 30 days. A permit can be obtained by contacting the Fire Department. The cost of the permit remains \$10.00.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Mainwood and France Joncas