



**APPROVED MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JULY 17 and 24, 2005
LAC BATAILLE BEACH**

Registration: 9:45 am.

Meeting was convened at 10:05 am.

Voluntary attendance sheet had 116 signatures, including 18 who signed as couples.

For ease of reference, the Minutes are presented in Agenda order.

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2005

The President, France Joncas, welcomed the members. She stated that Claude Létourneau would be the facilitator and chairperson for this meeting.

Objections were raised from the floor regarding the objectivity of the proposed chair and facilitator: his wife is a Board member, he is privy to inside information, and therefore cannot be neutral. The President explained that Claude Létourneau was knowledgeable on the rules and order of the *Code Morin*, which will be required today, and that it was also her prerogative to do so.

Claude Létourneau assumed the chair; he stated that in case of rain, the meeting would be adjourned and continued the following Sunday, July 24, at 10:00 am at Lac Bataille Beach.

1.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- PROPOSED BY:** *Diane Maheux*
- SECONDED BY:** *Paul Wilson*

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented. (DEFEATED; see page 2)

Fernand (Fern) Tremblay requested that the following items be added to the Agenda, under *Other Business*:

- 13.1 Condition of Private Roads**
- 13.2 Change of Name from “Executive Committee” to “Board of Directors”**
- 13.3 Availability of Agendas and Board of Directors’ Minutes**
- 13.4 Bataille Boat Launch**
- 13.5 Discussion on the Voting Package “Missive”**
- 13.6 Past-President Position on the Board of Directors**
- 13.7 Conflict of Interest of Chairperson / Facilitator**

PROPOSED BY: *Dawn Lucas*
SECONDED BY: *Blayne Chapman*

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

The vote was called.

In Favour: 37; Against: 34

CARRIED

In light of the adopted Agenda, the Chair noted that the meeting would be much longer than anticipated.

PROPOSED BY: *Alain Tremblay*
SECONDED BY: *Lynn Corney*

THAT the full Agenda be covered today, unless precluded by rain.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE JULY 18, 2004 MINUTES

France Joncas noted one error on page 12, item 10, *Elections of Board of Directors*, with regards to vacant Board positions, *Chevreuil* should be added.

PROPOSED BY: *Hélène Lemieux*
SECONDED BY: *Larry Surch*

THAT the Minutes of the July 18, 2004, Annual General Meeting be adopted as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

3.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.1 New Lake Representative for Bataille

France Joncas reported that the culvert survey process had proved a valuable learning experience. Research, based on recent Municipal data, revealed that there are approximately **117 constructed** lots and **83 vacant lots on Rhéaume** (total lots 200); and that there are also approximately **116 constructed** lots and **26 vacant lots on Bataille** (total lots 142). In light of these findings, the Board passed a motion to add a lake representative for Bataille:

MOVED BY *David Hodgkin* and **SECONDED BY** *Chris Hemmingway* that a recommendation to add a lake representative for Bataille be presented at the 2005 AGM.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

In the event that construction on Rhéaume increases, the number of lake representatives for that lake could be re-visited.

3.2 Chêne Rouge Road Committee

The President noted that a Road Committee had been struck to verbalise a portion of Chêne Rouge Road, i.e. to have the Municipality undertake its maintenance. An agreement in principle has been signed by the Road Committee and PSL Inc. The Association is supporting them in this work. It was noted that the Road Committee had also provided the Association with copies of their mandate, terms of reference, contact names and spokespersons.

4.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

All *Financial Statements* were forwarded to the members last June. Copies were also available at the meeting.

4.1 2004 Financial Statements

- PROPOSED BY:** *David Hodgkin*
- SECONDED BY:** *Jacques Levasseur*

THAT the Association's 2004 Financial Statements be approved as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

4.2 Projected 2005 Budget

- PROPOSED BY:** *David Hodgkin*
- SECONDED BY:** *Jacques Levasseur*

THAT the Association's Projected 2005 Budget be approved as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

5.0 UPDATE ON THE ASSOCIATION'S BY-LAWS

Hélène Lemieux, Chair of the By-Laws Committee, reported that the Committee had been mandated to research and review the Association's *By-Laws*. The Committee was comprised of five (5) members, four of which are current Board members. Due to personal illness, the work was delayed until April 2005.

Once the draft By-Laws are completed they will be presented in both official languages to the Board of Directors for approval. Following that presentation, the documents and a notice of meeting will be sent to all 2005 paid members prior to the Special General Meeting. Members will also be able to send their comments to the Association, prior to the Special General Meeting.

A Special General Meeting is planned for October 2, 2005, at 2:00 pm, at the J.A. Perkins Building (Perkins' Library), as was previously mentioned in the 2005 Newsletter. At this Special Meeting, the membership will be asked to approve the revised *By-Laws*.

Any comments, questions and concerns will be welcomed. Members will be asked to forward their enquiries to the Association prior to the Special General Meeting.

6.0 ASSOCIATION PROPERTY TRANSFERS AND SALES

6.1 Research on Association Property Holdings

France Joncas reported that the Association has not moved forward on any of the research of its property holdings and that this was due to the excessive workload caused by the Culvert Survey. As noted by our Treasurer, David Hodgkin, the monies allocated last year were carried forward into this year, and that an additional \$1,000 was budgeted from the money received in a property transfer completed in February 2005.

6.2 Property Transfers and Land Sales

Open File

- Gélinottes Road

Closed Files

- Malards Road – rejected
- Cardinal Road – approved

6.3 Ongoing Road Issues

Open Files

- Chêne Rouge Road (see 3.2 above)
- Alouettes Road (right-of-way)

Closed Files

- Melançon Road (right-of-way)

7.0 REPORT FROM LAKE REPRESENTATIVES

7.1 Paul Strigner, Lac Barnes

Barnes Lake cottagers support the work of Association PSLL, especially its activities on preserving lake water quality, stocking of lakes with trout, and participating in the FLVDM.

Cottagers on Barnes would like to have more details on how the Municipality plans on spending the proposed funds generated through a special tax levy – \$25 per property owner in Val-des-Monts – for environmental protection.

Property owners on Barrière and Melançon Roads would like the Association to clarify which sections of these roads that they own, as well as other types of existing agreements with other owners, that the Association may have in regards to usage and insurance coverage.

8.0 SURVEY RESULTS REGARDING THE CULVERT BETWEEN BATAILLE and RHÉAUME

Chris Hemmingway, Truite Lake Representative, reported that all the ballot envelopes were opened by Raymond Guénette, Louise Lake Representative, and himself. It was noted that the Secretary, the one responsible for receiving all the returned ballots, had provided the following statistics, which Chris proceeded to present:

351 ballots were mailed out to the property owners of Rhéaume and Bataille. (100%)

- 180 owners from Bataille received ballots (51.3%)
- 171 owners from Rhéaume received ballots (48.7%)

As of July 9, 2005, 233 ballots have been returned and were duly post marked on or before July 6. Details are as follows:

- 115 returned ballots were from Bataille (49.4%)
 - Returns from Bataille 115 / 180 = 63.9%
- 118 returned ballots were from Rhéaume (50.6%)
 - Returns from Rhéaume 118 / 171 = 69.0%
- The total response rate was 233 / 351 = 66.4%

The preliminary results of the vote were as follows:

- **32** ballots were **in favour** of modifying the culvert.
- **201** ballots were **against** modifying the culvert.
- The majority was against at a proportion of 86.3%.

As of July 17, four (4) additional ballots have been received and have yet to be opened. It was noted that these ballots would not significantly affect the results.

Chris Hemmingway then presented a proposal which had been adopted by the Board at its July 10 meeting:

MOVED BY *Chris Hemmingway* and SECONDED BY *Kim Courtney* THAT the Board of Directors recommend to the AGM that there be a ten (10) year moratorium on the issue of the culvert.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Strong objections were raised from the floor to withdraw this motion since discussions on the culvert issue had yet to be held (Agenda item 13.5) and that the members had received no prior notice that this type of resolution would be forthcoming. The Chairperson stated that this motion, at this particular point in time, is now the property of the general assembly and that a two-third (2/3) majority vote would be required to repeal it.

❑ **PROPOSED BY:** *André Sirois*
SECONDED BY: *Jim Dale*

THAT the motion proposed on the culvert moratorium be removed from the Agenda at this point in time.

The vote is called by *Laurent Roy* and seconded by *Constance Hudak*.

In Favour: 69; Against: 3

CARRIED

9.0 MUNICIPAL SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTION PROGRAM

France Joncas reported that all outstanding septic inspections on Lacs Rhéaume (9), Bataille (9), Maskinongé / Corrigan (2), Chevreuil (2), Louise (1), and Barnes (7) resumed this past Spring and that most of the work has been completed. Second notices have been sent to a few property owners that have not responded to the inspection request.

Property owners requiring an engineering / technological plan have been followed up. Most property owners have complied; those who have not will be taken to court.

10.0 WATER QUALITY UPDATE

Copies of the Spring test results were distributed at the meeting. David Hodgkin reported that the results from last April showed an increase in phosphorous and a decline in transparency again this year. The results were forwarded to Henri Fournier for inclusion in the provincial data base. Samples to detect the presence of E. coli were taken on Lacs Bataille, Rhéaume, Maskinongé and Barnes during the summer of 2004. Analysis showed very low levels of E. coli contamination, indicating that the lakes are in excellent condition for recreational activities. It was reiterated, however, that the water is not safe to drink.

There are presently 21 lakes working in conjunction with the Municipality and the Province of Quebec with regards to water testing. Municipal-wide results showed deterioration with the exception of four (4) lakes – none of which were within Perkins-sur-le-lac area.

Test results of nine (9) lakes have raised concerns, of which five (5) are within PSSL: Bataille, Rhéaume, Maskinongé, Barnes and Épinette. Phosphorous is the main culprit. Henri Fournier stated, at the Municipal Water Quality Day, that lakes are able to absorb a certain level of nutrients but cautioned that, at this point in time, it is unknown whether the lakes have stabilised in that a 10 to 20 year time frame is required to determine a trend.

To stabilise our water quality will require municipal zoning changes, including behavioural change by property owners. The Association will be working, in conjunction with the Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts, on these issues.

The President thanked David Hodgkin for coordinating the water testing on Lacs Rhéaume, Bataille, Épinette, and Maskinongé; his team of volunteers were also gratefully acknowledged. Don Stanley and Paul Strigner were also thanked for testing Barnes.

11.0 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Catherine Gander, from Bataille, recommended that there be follow-up work on the environment and regeneration of the lakes. She also recommended reviewing the by-laws of other lakes to see how they go about preserving their islands and, perhaps, including them for the islands within the Domain. Ms. Gander also mentioned that she would be interested in working with the Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts, as well as with the Board of Directors.

Having no other recommendations, the Chair advanced to the Elections.

12.0 ELECTIONS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Laurent Roy agreed to Chair the election process.

President

- *France Joncas* is nominated by *Kim Courtney* for a two-year term. **ACCLAIMED**
- *Laurent Roy* declares the nominations closed.

Secretary

- *Nancy Drouin* is nominated by *Alain Tremblay* for a two-year term.
- *Hélène Lemieux* is nominated by *Paul Wilson* for a two-year term.
- *Odette Surch* is nominated by *Lynn Corney* for a two-year term.
- *Laurent Roy* declares the nominations closed.

Odette Surch declines. *Hélène Lemieux* and *Nancy Drouin* accept the nomination. They both do a short presentation to the Assembly.

The vote is taken by a show of hand. *Hélène Lemieux* is duly **ELECTED** by a clear majority.

Lac Bataille Representatives (4 Positions)

The Election President mentioned that the candidates who get the highest number of votes will fill the two (2) two-year positions; the next two candidates with the highest votes will fill the one-year positions. The candidate with the least votes will be deemed defeated.

Two Positions for a Two-Year Term AND Two Positions for a One-Year Term:

- *Constance Hudak* is nominated by *Winsome Stafford*.
- *Diane Maheux* is nominated by *Gérard Mongeon*.
- *Nancy Drouin* is nominated by *Huguette Gravel-Drouin*.
- *Odette Surch* is nominated by *Kim Courtney*.
- *Jean Fournier* is nominated by *André Fortier*.
- *Louise Lemieux* is nominated by *Hélène Lemieux*.
- *Laurent Roy* declares the nominations closed.

All nominees accepted their nominations, as well as the terms and conditions of the election process. The candidates were asked to introduce themselves and do a short presentation. Due to a down pour of rain, not all candidates were able to present themselves.

The downpour also forced the Chair to postpone the rest of the AGM at 12:10 pm. The meeting was formally adjourned until 10:00 am, July 24, 2005, at Lac Bataille Beach, as announced at the start of the meeting.

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2005

Registration: 10:00 am.

Meeting was convened at 10:15 am.

Voluntary attendance sheet had 103 signatures, including 18 who signed as couples, as well as 1 non-member.

Claude Létourneau continued as Chair. Laurent Roy resumed his role as Election President.

The Election President mentioned that there are four (4) vacant positions on Bataille and asked all the candidates to present themselves again since those in attendance today were not necessarily the same members.

Nancy Drouin withdrew her nomination. All other candidates accepted.

Marc Vincent asked the candidates to express their position on the culvert issue as part of their introductions. The candidates agreed to do so.

PROPOSED BY: *Orland Matton*
SECONDED BY: *Lori Cavers*

THAT for the voting procedure for the Bataille Representatives be held by secret ballot.

The Chair informed the Assembly that five (5) members must agree for a secret ballot to be held.

Irma Bigras, George Lavack and Wayne Askin supported the call for a secret ballot.

CARRIED

Voting ballots were distributed; André Lavergne and Jane Askin act as the scrutineers, assisted by Odette Surch, Secretary.

The results are as follows:

Odette Surch 72, Jean Fournier 67, Constance Hudak 65, Louise Lemieux 52, Diane Maheux 36. *Surch* and *Fournier* are **ELECTED for a two-year term**; *Hudak* and *Lemieux* are **ELECTED for a one-year term**.

Lac Rhéaume Representatives (Two Positions)

- *Marc Mongeon* is nominated by *Marc Vincent*.
- *Alban Garon* is nominated by *Raymond Guénette*.
- *Jean-Marc Lamothe* is nominated by *Rick Legault*.
- *Laurent Roy* declares the nominations closed.

The vote is taken by a show of hands. *Marc Mongeon* and *Alban Garon* are duly **ELECTED**.

Lac Épinette Representative (One Position)

- *Doug Holden* is nominated by *David Hodgkin*. **ACCLAIMED**
- *Laurent Roy* declares the nominations closed.

Lac Maskinongé Representative (One Position)

- *Andy Roach* is nominated by *France Joncas*. **ACCLAIMED**
- *Laurent Roy* declares the nominations closed.

The following lakes remain without representation: Chevreuil and Corrigan.

George Lavack proposed to destroy the voting ballots. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

13.0 OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Conditions of Private Roads

- ❑ **PROPOSED BY:** *Fern Tremblay*
SECONDED BY: *Nancy Drouin*

THAT the Association undertake all necessary means so that the private roads that it owns are brought to the proper width, i.e. two lanes, to allow better access.

Laurent Roy, a former Association President, stated that he took part in the negotiations of purchasing Bataille Beach, which included most of the private roads in the *old* Domain. He explained that when the property titles were officially transferred from PSSL Inc. (Guy Audette) to the Association, the Board sought legal advice from Maître Carol Boucher with regards to road maintenance. Maître Boucher noted that the Association's responsibilities for the private roads were the same as that of PSSL Inc., i.e. the Association provides property owners access to their properties but that the maintenance and improvements of the private roads continued to be the responsibility of the property owners. Laurent noted that it was not financially feasible to have the Association maintain these roads. He also mentioned that there are road improvement grants available to property owners and that this information was available on the Association's web site (psll.ca).

The vote was called by a show of hands.

In Favour: 11; Against: 48

DEFEATED

13.2 Change of Name from "Executive Committee" to "Board of Directors"

Fern Tremblay wanted to know "why" and "when" the changes occurred.

Hélène Lemieux explained that the Association had evolved from its inception when there were only six (6) people on the Board, with no lake representatives. There are currently 14 sitting Board members, from a possible 18 positions. In addition, an executive committee is usually limited to a small cadre of people, e.g. president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary, and typically has signing authority. An executive committee is also part of the Board of Directors.

At present, the Lake Representatives are not part of the Executive Committee but are considered Board members. The new Association *By-Laws* will reflect these changes.

13.3 Availability of Agendas and Board of Directors' Minutes

Fern Tremblay asked whether it was possible to provide members with copies of the agenda and Board minutes.

Odette Surch, Secretary, stated that the Association has legal advice to that effect and that, at present, the Association is under no obligation to provide such documents although the Board is open to such requests. Raymond Guénette, Lac Louise Representative, supported this position.

France Joncas, President, agreed in principle. However, she cautioned the members that in the event that the Association receives frivolous requests, e.g. Board minutes for the past ten (10) years, the Association would not comply as the Board has more important matters to deal with.

It was suggested that the Association post Board minutes or agendas on its web site. France Joncas stated that the posting of Board agendas / minutes is not the norm for associations and that this would be time consuming. Members were encouraged to contact their respective Lake Representative for this information.

- PROPOSED BY:** *Cindy Burke*
SECONDED BY: *David Keay*

THAT any paid up member, if they so desire, attend the Board of Directors' Meeting as an observer.

Kim Courtney, Rhéaume Lake Representative, mentioned that at the present time, meetings are held in a private home or cottage and that it would be impossible to accommodate observers without renting a hall. Kim also noted that there is not a set meeting schedule; Board meetings are held based on the availability of Board members for quorum and, that because of this, it would be difficult to notify the membership in a timely manner.

The vote was called.

In Favour: 18; Against: 41

DEFEATED

- PROPOSED BY:** *David Keay*
SECONDED BY: *John Westeinde*

THAT one (1) member be permitted to attend Board meetings as an observer with no right to speak or vote, unless asked to do so.

George Lavack stated that according to *Robert's Rule of Order*, board meetings are considered private and that the Association is under no obligation to open its meetings. Discussion ensued.

The vote was called.

In Favour: 18; Against: 41

DEFEATED

13.4 Bataille Lake Boat Launch

- ❑ **PROPOSED BY:** *Fern Tremblay*
SECONDED BY: *Denis Bergeron*

THAT the Association should assume responsibility and maintenance of the boat launch on Lac Bataille.

(WITHDRAWN; see below)

Kim Courtney explained that the Association does maintain and insure the boat launch, as well as the Beach, and that Board members police and control the entrance to the boat launch. Kim also mentioned that this is volunteer work and if people want to help they can always approach the Association.

Tim Naumetz stated that over the years the Association had looked into the environment of the Beach and reaffirmed its responsibility, citing Bataille Beach as an example – the section cleared is within provincial and municipal standards.

Fern Tremblay noted that what is written in the *Newsletter* seems to contradict what was just said and that if he had known this beforehand that he would not have proposed the above motion, which he subsequently **WITHDREW**.

13.5 Discussion of the Voting Package “Missive”

- ❑ **PROPOSED BY:** *Wayne Askin*
SECONDED BY: *Richard Murphy*

THAT the membership accepts the results of the survey on the culvert Between Bataille and Rhéaume, as presented at the AGM on July 17, 2005.

(CARRIED; see page 13)

Line Décarie, Lac Rhéaume, stated that the members on North Rhéaume Lake fully accept the results and feel that they have enough boats on Rhéaume and wish a moratorium on the issue, citing environmental concerns, i.e. water quality has declined, dead baby loons, etc.

John Westeinde, Culvert Ad-Hoc Committee member, expressed that he has been on Rhéaume since 1972 and that he could go through the culvert with his boat back then. He also said that the information provided by the Association was not accurate and had misinformed the members in that the culvert could easily be replaced for a lot less money than the Association quoted. John also noted that the majority of the Ad-Hoc Committee strongly felt that the Association had overstepped its bounds in providing cost estimates as the Committee felt that this was part of the “next steps in the event of a yes vote”.

Joseph De Koninck, Lac Bataille, mentioned that one very serious aspect which was not reflected in the Association’s background information is the security aspect of increased boat traffic. In addition, Joseph remarked that any increase in boat activity will likely increase the incidence of an accident around the culvert, citing that there are near misses almost every weekend.

Laurent Roy stated that when the wooden bridge was in place, there was only room for one (1) watercraft at a time. Laurent also asserted that there is currently bedrock under the culvert as he recently inspected it and found that one-third (1/3) of the culvert touches rock. He noted that even if the culvert is enlarged, the water will not be any deeper and that boaters will still be restricted due to low water levels in the channel. Laurent also questioned the wisdom of spending money to change a culvert that will not drastically improve access between both lakes.

Mark Mongeon remarked that our property deeds clearly state that there are current horsepower restrictions on Bataille and Rhéaume which are not being respected. What happened to that? Mark also reiterated that boaters cannot change low water levels, regardless of the size of the culvert/bridge.

Catherine Gander has been on Bataille since 1960 and mentioned that watercraft could go through although it is not black and white. Catherine stated that it was premature to vote on a motion and close the culvert issue. She stated that members need clear, objective facts to make a reasoned decision.

Mike Burke, Culvert Ad-Hoc Committee member (comprised of four (4) people of which three (3) are engineers and one (1) is a home inspector), confirmed that John Westeinde, David Kerluke and he had prepared and distributed the July 9 “missive” on the Association’s voting package. Mike reiterated that the culvert is a conflictual and controversial issue.

Mike Burke reported that the Ad-Hoc Committee had insisted that the Association present the facts only, which the majority of the Ad-Hoc Committee felt was not satisfactorily done. He noted that the Board had disregarded many of the Committee’s recommendations, citing the survey question as an example. Mike also stated that he thought the Board had not been transparent at its May meeting, which he had attended. In addition, Mike asserted that the inclusion of cost estimates had been premature at this point in time as the Ad-Hoc Committee felt that this work should only proceed in the event of a “yes” vote.

Paul Wilson, the dissenting Culvert Ad-Hoc Committee member, reported that the Ad-Hoc Committee met only once, face-to-face last November, and that all other communications were made by phone or e-mail. Paul stated that there was no transparency within the Ad-Hoc Committee and that the goal of the other three (3) members was to have the culvert modified, regardless of the environmental impact. In addition, the majority of the Committee cloaked the issue as a boat launch matter, which Paul strongly objected to.

Paul Wilson stated that the mandate of the Ad-Hoc Committee was to research the facts to modify the culvert, prepare the survey question, which was the question recommended by the Ad-Hoc Committee and presented in the survey, as well as finding an alternate boat launch site for Rhéaume; no site was found. Paul also reported that the Board had adopted the majority of the Ad-Hoc Committee’s recommendations, which were subsequently included in the survey package.

Paul Wilson confirmed that the Municipality’s position was that the culvert was not in any peril and that any modification to the culvert would be considered a “local improvement tax”. Paul also corroborated that the cost estimates for the process, which were part of the survey package,

were based on written cost estimates provided by the Director of Public Works. He also reiterated that the environmental impacts are a real concern as the culvert is a waterway and, because of this, the various surveys, engineering plans and environmental studies would definitely be required. He also noted that over 66% of property owners responded to the survey and that 86% of them concurred with the information provided and, that as far as he was concerned, the Association has more serious issues to deal with.

Monique Oaks, Lac Rhéaume, mentioned that she has owned a cottage for 45 years and that she is very concerned about the environmental impacts of replacing the culvert. Monique stated that the membership voted for the Board members and that she strongly supports the information provided. She also asserted that she supported the survey question and was confident that the survey question was the same question recommended by the Ad-Hoc Committee. Monique also stated that it is naïve to think that this work will not cost anything, citing that when you build a house, you seek estimates to determine how much it will cost; the same situation applies here and she believes that the Association has made every effort to provide the property owners with that information.

France Joncas, President, was the last to speak. She agreed with Paul Wilson's presentation. France remarked that other Board members, apart from the Ad-Hoc Committee, had spent 400 hours to prepare the package and that the Board of Directors stood firmly behind the information sent to the membership. She also stated that this had been one of the most difficult files to deal with. France also informed the members that she and Odette Surch, Secretary, had received extremely rude and derogatory emails through their personal accounts, rather than that of the Association (info@psll.ca) on the culvert issue.

The vote was called.

In Favour: 48; Against: 11

CARRIED

**☐ PROPOSED BY: *Rick Legault*
SECONDED BY: *Marc Vincent***

THAT there be a ten (10) year moratorium on the culvert issue, but if for any reason the culvert is in severe jeopardy, in danger of collapse, or requires repair, that the Association re-visit the matter.

The vote was called.

In Favour: 43; Against: 16

CARRIED

13.6 Past-President Position on the Board of Directors

No discussion.

13.7 Conflict of Interest of Chairperson / Facilitator

Marc Vincent noted that in his view, the Chair, Claude Létourneau, had been fair and neutral throughout the meeting and that, in his opinion, there had been no conflict of interest.

- ☐ **PROPOSED BY:** *Marc Vincent*
SECONDED BY: *Larry Surch*

THAT the Assembly re-affirms and accepts the work of Claude Létourneau in chairing this AGM.

The vote was called.

In Favour: 49; Against: 9

CARRIED

Marc Vincent congratulated the Board for the work it had done over the past year. Marc stressed that Board members are volunteers who are elected by us, the members. He also praised the Chair for staying the course on such controversial issues. The members applauded.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Odette Surch
Secretary