

**MCGREGOR LAKE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 14 2021 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT & BUSINESS ARISING FROM 2020 AGM

Peter Barton Chaired the meeting. He acknowledged those attending who were not yet members and welcomed them to the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the agenda was adopted.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS / PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Peter Barton thanked Association Board members and volunteers for their support over the past year.

He indicated that water testing resulted in some unusually high levels in places not normally known to have a strong presence of e-coli so further retesting would be conducted in the coming weeks.

The milfoil project continues this year, but efforts will be focused on placing larger information buoys in the worst affected areas on the lake while the continue to await other marker buoys that are on back order.

He provided an update on the Federation des lacs de Val-des-Monts (FDLVDM or the Federation) which continues to rethink its role now that the Municipality has ended funded and hired staff in house to fulfil some of the functions previously taken on my the federation. In his view there is value in continuing the have an association that support greater coordination among the lake associations in the area.

3. APPROVAL OF 2021 AGM MINUTES

On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the minutes were adopted.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Deborah Morrison presented the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2020.

She gave a brief explanation of the major variances in the budget from prior years Revenues were up because an investment came due and was held in the bank account as we determined needs for the Milfoil project. Expenses were down since there was no Regatta held due to the pandemic, however as noted already there are continuing expenses for the education and water markers related to Milfoil.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the financial report was accepted.

5. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

FEDERATION DES LACS

Gary Anka and Bob LaFleur were invited to comment on discussions with the FDLVDM and the Municipality with respect to the Water Management Plan. Gary did not have much to report on the

FDLVDM however he did discuss the recent Urban Planning Consultation the Municipality held recently and expressed concerns that the plan was very focused on aiding in further urbanization of the lake areas, without regard to climate change issues. Of greater concern was that there was little mention, nor coordination in the Water Action Plan process running in parallel to the urban planning process.

WATER QUALITY - LA QUALITÉ D'EAU

Peter Barton reported on the activities of the water quality committee and outlined plans to mark off areas of the lake significantly affected by Milfoil. Deena Ryan led Information sessions via zoom last Fall with residents of those targeted areas to get their input on placement, and support for the initiative.

A discussion was had about other strategies to combat Milfoil such as jute application recently featured in a recent news report as a successful pilot on Lac St. Pierre. Peter thanked everyone for their suggestions and said that the Association board was continuing to explore options and jute was a strategy mentioned in last year's ABV7 Study of the problem but so far was proving to be cost prohibitive for the Association to take on without grant support.

MEMBERSHIP

Mary Carman reported that there had been a slight decline in memberships this year, possibly as a result of COVID and fewer opportunities to connect with residents as an Association.

WAKE BOAT PILOT PROJECT

Stephane Grenier spoke to the group about the work he had been doing to meet with the owners of the 15 wake boats now on the lake. They had created a map of recommended wake boat areas and encouraged owners to respect no wake boat areas proposed to minimize safety and environmental concerns. He said this is a challenging role, as there are no legal constraints. He reminded the group that wake boats were not the only problem on the lake and that water safety and environmental issues were everyone's responsibility.

He said it would be helpful if the information sheet he developed could be distributed at the board launch and believed the Association should work cooperatively with the municipality to make this happen.

7. NOMINATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bob Kerr reported that current board members willing to stand in nomination this year included:

Gary Anka	Elisabeth Logue
Peter Barton (President)	Deb Morrison (Treasurer)
Mary Carman (Membership)	Stephane Grenier
Bob Kerr (past President)	Deena Ryan
Bob LaFleur	Helene Valin

The floor was opened for further nominations. It was noted that members may wish to get more information about roles and opportunities with the association after the meeting. No further nominations were presented.

On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the nominations for members to the board of directors were elected.

8. WORD FROM THE VDM MAYOR & COUNCILORS

Mayoralty Candidates Michel Gauthier (also a current councillor) and Jules Dagenais attended the meeting along with current Mayor Jacques Laurin and Councillor Claude Bergeron who is seeking re-election. Regrets were received from Councillor Joelle Gauthier who is also seeking re-election.

Jacques Laurin provided brief remarks to express thanks to the association for their work over the years. He appreciated working with the association as both their representative and as a resident in the community. He confirmed he would not be seeing another term in office but was proud of his achievement, noting the development of Pelissier boat launch and park area, and securing funding for the repairs on Sauvé road as two recent enhancements for lake residents.

Both Mayoralty candidates then had an opportunity to speak to the meeting outlining their platforms and key priorities. Councillor Bergeron also spoke reporting on efforts he had undertaken in the past year to explore the possibility of having cadets train on the lake to bolster water patrolling on the lake.

After the presentations the meeting was invited to ask questions or share comments. Salient topics during the presentations and question period included:

- monitoring development around the lake, need for long term plan and greater enforcement of by-laws
- short term rentals and AirbnBs
- water safety and policing on the water at peak times
- funding and opportunities to partner with the Municipality to combat Milfoil
- status of the boat wash station

9. NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business items.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business and a public health requirement to limit the gathering to two hours, the meeting was terminated at 12:00 pm.