

**MCGREGOR LAKE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
June 10, 2023 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

On a motion made by Annie Perreault, seconded by Marc Violette, and carried unanimously, the agenda was adopted.

**2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Bob Kerr welcomed members, mentioned that the Mayor and Samantha Rhinds, Environmental consulting executive, would join the meeting and mentioned regrets from Councillor Joelle Gauthier and former Councillor Claude Bergeron who retired. Quorum is achieved.

**3. APPROVAL OF 2022 AGM RECORD OF DECISION**

Proposed by Peter Barton and seconded by Bob Lafleur, the 2022 AGM minutes are approved

**4. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM 2023 AGM**

Bob Kerr mentioned that the past year had been one of the busiest he had been involved with in his 20+ years- particularly as it relates to working hard to stay involved with the Municipalities decisions. Issues of interest:

- In response to MLA's subsequent letter to Hydro Quebec, HQ responded on Aug/26/22 with a service quality assessment of our area that led them to step-up their vegetation control program as well as put in place a targeted patrol of our specific area. All letters are on our website.
- VDM Public Consultation on the management of Bodies of Water. MLA presented a report and participated at the presentation and workshop. Following the consultants' Recommendations Report in November, MLA reviewed and submitted comments to each recommendation. VDM published its 3-year Action plan in April and MLA prepared an analysis of the action plan and its response to assess issues of concern and further involvement. There is some evidence that our suggestions were taken into account although its not clear how they will be managed. There are 16 "Actionable" items earmarked for 2023.
- MLA is collaborating with the Lac St-Pierre Association on common issues. A joint presentation to the VDM Council was scheduled in May but had to be delayed.
- The Municipality prepared an updated Boaters Safety Guide which incorporated MLA feedback.

- A new issue of Mining Right QC was raised by the not-for-profit group Coalition QLAIM and will require MLA attention and involvement

## 5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Deborah Morrison presented the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2022. Of note: \$3000 revenue from the Insurance demutualization; \$3,515 cost for new inventory t-shirts and sweaters, etc; and \$108 savings due to VDM paying for the phosphorous testing. In response to a question on bank fees, it was noted that the fees represent costs associated to payments of membership fees via Paypal.

On a motion made by Mary Carman and seconded by Nicole Lafleur, the financial report was accepted.

## 6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- **FDLVDM.** The Federation is currently lead by President Brian Davidson who is defining their new role in liaison with the new VDM structure that now incorporates an Environmental Consultant.
- **Water Quality.** Peter Barton reported that last year there was 1 water testing session only and that more are planned in 2023. Three teams are required for the e-coli testing, the milfoil identification and the VDM testing. Buoys for milfoil were installed and it was noticed that they had moved in the Fall. Several concerns were raised by members as to the number of boats and seadoos that enter the milfoil areas. Peter stated that education is key. In response to questions pertaining to removing the milfoil, Peter responded that we are not to pull out milfoil. A member stated that a new type of seaweed was seen and that a picture would be sent to Peter and Samantha who suggested that cards could be useful in identification. In response to a concern as to high e-coli numbers in Zurenski, Peter mentioned that he tests 1 week later to assess and if the numbers are still high, he sends to VDM to investigate. If there are concerns that blue green algae is present, members are asked to forward to VDM who will liaise with provincial authorities and forward message to residents as required. There has been no report of blue algae in the lake.

Samantha Rhinds provided an overview of the water quality and recommended that members let the Municipality know if they have concerns. It was noted that zebra mussels are not present nor is blue-green algae. Although some have mentioned its presence on the lake, there are no reports which verify this. If membres have pictures, they should forward them to the Municipality who will liaise with the Province who will follow up.

- **Membership**  
95 memberships to date. Volunteers will start delivering the 2023 stickers and Board members will be going door to door to discuss the advantages of joining the Association

in order to increase membership from 136 members last year which was lower than normal.

- **Lake Map Project**

Natalie Lavigne provided an update and presented timelines. As well, she indicated that steps would be undertaken as to the feasibility of putting the map on the MLA website. She mentioned that the directory would be for members only.

- **Safe Boating**

Stéphane Grenier continued to have regular contacts with wakeboard owners to ensure optimal safety and worked on the nautical guide,

## **7. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Peter Barton reported that Stéphane Grenier was stepping down as a Board member and thanked him for his past contribution. He added that current board members willing to stand in nomination this year included: Natalie Lavigne as President; Bob Kerr as Past-President; Mary Carman; David Caulfeild; Bob Lafleur; Elisabeth Logue; Deb Morrison, Hélène Valin, Marc Violette and himself.

Nomination of new Officers : Annie Perreault

Motion was presented by Brian Murphy and seconded by Hania Grabowski and was unanimously approved.

### **2023 Board Members**

Natalie Lavigne (*President*)

Bob Kerr (*Past-President*)

Deborah Morrison (*Treasurer*)

Peter Barton (*Water Quality Testing Coordinator*)

Mary Carman (*Memberships and Facebook*)

Robert Lafleur (*MLA Representative at Federal of Lakes of Val-des-Monts*)

Hélène Valin (*Secretary and Web administrator supported by Marie-Josée Lafleur*)

David Caulfeild

Elisabeth Logue

Marc Violette

Annie Perreault

## **8. WORD FROM THE VDM MAYOR AND BIOLOGIST**

The Mayor thanked the Association for the invitation and the volunteers for their hard work. He raised the following points.

- The recent developments with the private road owners which the former Councillor Claude Bergeron strongly supported (By-elections for a new Councillor to be held on August 13)

- Changes brought to best manage short-term rentals which reduced the number of complaints;
- Forest fires are putting an additional strain on the firefighters who responded to two recent events. He reminded everyone that there was a current ban.
- Fireworks: he mentioned that permits can be obtained from the fire department and that complaints can also be addressed to the fire department.
- In response to issues raised by members to lower the speed limit on routes 307 and 366 for added security on roads, the Mayor mentioned that several meetings had taken place but that these roads are under provincial jurisdiction.
- Updates were provided on the Urban plan which will be updated to include revisions to the by-laws to address deforestation;
- Samantha Rhainds mentioned that a recent review indicated that McGregor Lake presented a good level of water quality. In response to a question on lake capacity, she mentioned that there is no easy way to determine the acceptable level but that a pilot project could help develop a model. She also mentioned that there would be a requirement for more than one boat washing facility if it became mandatory and that McGregor lake could be a pilot for mandatory boat washing. She also added that she had brought with her trees that are available free of charge.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- Bob Lafleur raised two issues: that the Board consider a new category of membership to increase participation of younger members, at a reduced rate, and that a young person be invited to join Board meetings to provide perspective on issues.
- Brian Scott raised the issue of fireworks, and whether a permit could be required to purchase fireworks. He requested that the Board look into this and other ways to best manage fireworks.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Before adjournment, members thanked the Board members for their ongoing work and dedication. As there is no other business and the time allotted for the meeting is expired, the meeting was terminated at 12:10 pm.