



## Minutes of Lac St-Pierre Association Annual General Meeting August 12, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Attending: 71 persons in attendance.

### 1. Proceedings:

Bernard Lalonde, President welcomed everyone to the 2017 Annual General Meeting and briefly went through the agenda items.

Adoption of the agenda – approved, no changes or additions.

Adoption of the minutes of the 2016 meeting – approved

### 2. Mayor Jacques Laurin's Discourse:

- Garbage disposal
  - would like to bring down the amount of garbage by 40 percent
  - instituting 1,200 composters across the board
  - everyone to be provided with a composter bin
  - will also institute a large item garbage pickup system
- Agriculture
  - downsizing agricultural land so smaller families can be accommodated
- Water quality
  - looking at obtaining \$35,000-\$40,000 for water basin studies
  - Mme Vallée (MNA) and Mr. Amos (MP) are very interested in this project

### 3. Questions for the Mayor:

- Looking into **measuring septic systems**, if they do not need to be emptied they will not be. The municipality is now paying \$800,000 and this should reduce the amount to \$150,000. Taxes should be reduced.
- **Road maintenance for winter**– the municipality is instituting a road maintenance program for all private roads. Must fill out a request form before the end of August to request maintenance.
- **Policing of lake** – Mayor is now on the police board and reminded us that this is a unionized group. Asking to police the lake from Wednesdays to Sundays. He has a meeting on August 14, 2017.



- **Bridge-** the Mayor was advised that the bridge will be asphalted in 2018.
- **Development of Lac St. Pierre** – has reached its limit. A study was incorporated 6 years ago. Will adopt zone classification within the year.
- **Income from boats utilizing ramp** – the municipality is not making money from the use of the ramp. It does not even pay for the person who works there.

#### 4. Water Quality: Teresa Martin

- The Association is supporting the creation of the PDE Committee
- Key documents and initiatives for all lakes
- One blue, green algae bloom was sent to the Ministry
- We have had 3 blooms in the last 15 years
- Phosphate sampling has been initiated
- Short and long term priority of myriophyllum
  
- Phosphate testing
  - Sampling has been initiated in 6 locations
  - Water level was extremely high this year
  - Results were 15.8 micrograms per litre
  - A slight increase in the last 10 years
  - Humans have a large impact on the aging of the lake
  - Phosphates speeds up this eutrophication of the lake
  
- Myriophyllum
  - have a characterization done on our lake by ABV7
  - nitrogen is a large factor that helps the myriophyllum grow
  - Jute project – has been derailed by the province due to the sandbag issue and environmental concerns
  - \$175,000 was spent on a project in Sudbury and it did not work
  - Laurentians and Adirondacks have used a process to remove plants using divers but this process is extremely expensive.
  - longer term option include establishing a task force to understand the compilation of all the results which will be available by spring 2018 and develop comprehensive response, Michel Francoeur and Bernard Lamontagne agreed to participate in this panel
  - if you see blue and green algae please report it to Teresa



## 5. Federation of Lakes: Mireille Brazeau and Rene Parent

### Mireille Brazeau:

- Federation of Lakes have done a study of all lakes in the area
- An Association of 7 basins and 4 rivers have been implemented
- An action plan will be put in place this fall followed by a public consultation in the spring
- 1,500 page report being worked on and a synthesis of this report will be made available to all who are interested

### Rene Parent:

- Stephanie Milot has been hired to replace Melanie Renaud
- A biology student will also be hired
- 2 new members have been appointed
- A sub-committee has been initiated to ask for more money, communication and foreign activities, and to augment the number of associations to join the Federation of Lakes
- A follow-up of 15 lakes has shown some abnormalities
- Lac St-Pierre is one of these lakes – a report will be sent out to all members
- New data from 2013 shows the stratification of the lake is not good
- The transparency of the lake is less than 4 years ago
- Distributed 600 trees
- Requested \$10,000 to the municipality to detect zebra mussels
- New initiative – exploring a new way to measure the quality of the lake
- Joining the water ranger group in Ontario and to work with them

## 6. Navigation Coalition: Allen Emond

- Formed 4 years ago mostly in the Eastern townships
- Decided the Canada Shipping Act does not give the Municipalities the power to enforce laws with regards to navigation
- Three objectives of the Coalition:
  - Creating a Pan Canadian organization
  - change the mind of government
  - present and write legislation
- The coalition came up with a number of scientific items- relating to the reduction of destruction of shorelines and fewer boats on lakes that are detrimental to achievement of objectives, including:
  - Tested waves – 300 m wake impact on each side of boat
  - Effect of churning water on bottom of lakes to a depth of 5 meters
- Will continue measuring the propulsion of waves and its effects
- They have now presented this scientific report to the Ministry of Transport
- They also developed an ad hoc committee represented by three MPs requesting to change the shipping act to allow municipalities to apply their own laws



- They are not an anti-boating coalition rather a coalition to allow municipalities to implement laws to sustain the health of our lakes
  - Members can join the Coalition for \$30 a year
  - Lac Poisson Blanc has initiated a no wake sign and this can also be purchased in the amount of \$59. – 2 ft. X 2ft.
  - This can be displayed out front of your waterfront
7. Bay Captains: Susan Martin
- An initiative has been put in place by the executive to place white and yellow buoys in all areas affected by myriophyllum.
  - A 10 km sign has also been placed in the narrows.
  - This will hopefully deter boats from driving in these areas and spreading the weed
  - A donation is welcomed to help purchase the buoys
  - It costs \$450 for the white buoys and \$25 for the yellow ones
  - If there is anyone interested in volunteering or donating for this initiative please contact Susan Martin
8. Memberships: Bernard Lalonde
- 111 active members to date, 47 will expire this year, 55 next year
  - You can apply a one, 2 and 10 year membership
  - We have improved from last year
9. Social Activity: Joanne Watson
- the dinner and dance for this year was cancelled due to conflicting dates – see you next year
10. Finances: Marcel Pronovost
- See attached document
11. Reaffirmation of Board Members: Bernard Lalonde
- Existing members were reaffirmed and new member was added.
  - The Board members are:
    - Marie Louise Beauchamp
    - Geoff Bickerton
    - Gordon Boal
    - Allen Emond
    - Bernard Lalonde
    - Teresa Martin
    - Susan Martin Bush
    - Marcel Pronovost



- Russel Reiger
- Dave Vandevenne
- Joanne Watson
- See contacts on the website: <http://www.lacstpierre.ca/association/bod.shtml>

## 12. Other topics

- The website is well done and is appreciated
- Website additions to be considered by the BOD include:
  - Member feedback
  - Status of lake fish stocking
  - Alerts of Blue algae or other infestations
  - Classified buy and sell

## 13. Meeting adjourned 12:20 August 12, 2017