



AMIS du LAC
FRIENDS of the LAKE

Annual General Meeting
July 13, 2012
Municipal Hall
Lac des Seize Iles

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. There were about 30 members in attendance. Kathy Hyde approved the adoption of the minutes of the last annual meeting and Pat Bourne seconded the motion. Carried.

Committee Reports

Membership

2011

Year ended with 100 memberships representing 183 people, about the same as 2010.

2012

As of July 13, we have 70 memberships (As of August 29 we have 90 memberships).

Our membership form was once again placed in the club packet along with an announcement for our Annual General meeting and our calendars.

Financial

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

30/06/12

<u>BALANCE</u>	30 June 2011		\$13746.28
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Members		2580.00	
Donations		475.00	
Sale Calendars		2909.00	
		<u>TOTAL REVENUES</u>	\$5964.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Bank Charges		52.72	
Administration			252.73
Professional Services			
Biofilia			1900.23
Service Legaux		313.17	
Translation			1298.57
Telephone Directory			61.75
Donations			100.00
		<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	\$3978.97
		<u>BALANCE (30/06/12)</u>	\$15731.31

¹Total Members 2011 – 100

Notes: Commitments

Administration	\$200.00
Translation	\$400.00
Balance after unpaid commitments	\$15130.00 (approx.)

Pieter Folmer, Treasurer

Louise Lorange moved that the financial report be adopted and Corina Lupu seconded the motion. Carried

Pieter Folmer was thanked for the great job he did as Treasurer since the founding of Friends/Amis. He will be replaced by Bill Clelland who is now our Treasurer.

Land Use Committee

Dave Logan spoke about the formation of the Sixteen Island Conservancy:

Our Vision

The 16 Island Conservancy will work to inspire all members of the community to embrace positive conservation values that will promote the protection and preservation of natural ecosystems for all generations.

Our Mission

The mission of the 16 Island Conservancy is the establishment, development, maintenance and management of nature reserves and programs within the Sixteen Island Lake watershed and elsewhere for the conservation and preservation of the natural ecosystems

History

Committee formed when Amis du Lac formed in 2007

Worked to have water front lot sizes increased – succeeded, currently need a little over 300’ of waterfront, old regulation was approximately 170’....second tier non lakefront lot sizes also increased

Promoted the concept of preservation, Land Trusts, servitudes in the attempt to conserve and protect the environment through mailing literature to the membership. No responses at the time

Researched ownership of large tracts of land within the municipality.....probably less than 8 parcels of land that would have a significant impact on the community if fully developed

One of the parcels was owned by John Bastian

Current Opportunity – John Bastian Land

John Bastian contacted Chris Campbell to inquire if Amis du Lac could help in selling, preserving the property, or some combination of both.

75 acres of land abuts lakefront homes on east side of lake from Drinkell Island south towards Green Bay.....25 acres on top of the mountain, 50 acres behind church point heading south to Cozy Corner, Father’s Point

Potential development for 50 plus homes, this is a guess, originally survey done for 80 plus homes.....will have better idea when we receive appraisal restrictions due to slope, 12% grade....mountain top development might limit build out

Denis Laurin and John Bastian severed ties years ago. Bastian ended up with the mountain top and all the land to the south.....75 acres.....Denis’s land, 25 acres on lower part of mountain, an extension of village where his home is located.

Cell tower is on the southern border of Laurin property, northern end of Bastian property

In my view, cell tower obtrusive on Laurin’s land, not so bad on Bastian land

The road to the top is in surprisingly good shape....this based on my hike to top of the mountain

Bastian had conversation with local realtor Alain Vaillancourt about value.....\$500,000 to \$600,000.....I think it is important emphasize this was not an official appraisal.

We had property appraised June 29 by a professional appraisal....cost \$1,400 which is being paid for by Amis du Lac

Bastian seems like a very good guy, wants to work with us, and seems genuine in his desire to preserve property in

some fashion. Don't believe he has marketed property to date.....had considered building home at top of mountain.....his phase in life would now preclude this activity

Municipal Activity

Municipality is currently considered a depressed area due to lack of population growth in the village (maybe declining population). Don't believe they considered development on the lake

Study undertaken to develop an urban plan to enhance growth and revenue into the community
Recommendation - higher density development on the lakefront and in the second tier of land surrounding the lake, with larger more expensive homes. This would increase tax revenue, moving community out of depressed state.

Current Activity

Established goal of raising \$275,000 to purchase the land and establish land trust....this based on John Bastian's asking price and additional funds for setting up trust

Subsequent to purchase of property place easement on property to limit development
Appraisal should be completed within the next week to establish current market value
Have identified and are talking with people we feel may have an interest in the project
Have a goal of obtaining commitments from this smaller group for 50% of \$275,000 goal
We believe this will establish if goal is feasible.....inflection point.....keep moving forward or suspend effort
Should have go or no go by the end of July

If you are interested or know of someone who might be please contact myself, Chris Campbell or Bill Meldrum.....we would love to hear from you and meet in person

We believe with the establishment of a land trust other property owners may have desire to place easements, servitudes on their properties

We have literature for you to take with you.

Final Thought

80 homes.....potential for 40 mastercrafts running up and down the lake.....4 homes.....2 mastercrafts
Dave Logan, Chair, Land Use Committee

Environment

Corina Lupu stated that the Biofilia study that was conceived and started by Friends/Amis and was subsequently taken over by the municipality and expanded, has been completed. There will be a meeting with the municipality, Biofilia and interested parties on Monday, July 16, to present and discuss the final study report.

Friends/Amis will receive a full printed copy of the report as well as a CD which can then be downloaded to the computer.

This study will be used to drive our new Urban Plan. There has been a conflicting study so we will have to see the future impact.

Lucie Barbeau reported on the OBVRR (Organisme bassin versant rivière rouge), an organization in which Lucie represents Friends/Amis:

(Organisme bassin versant rivière rouge)

Which is divided in three sectors:

Rivière au saumon

Rouge Nord

Rouge sud.

I represent Friends of the Lake by being the community chair in the Rouge sud sector, J

Achievements:

In 2010-2011 Shoreline revitalization. (a landscape specialist offered free consultation, project with the municipality)

In 2012-2013 The plan regarding the watershed is in the processed of being completed.

Main files:

-Water levels (beaver dams) a technical manual will soon be available online.

-Boat wake

In many areas of Rouge Nord, many lakes prohibit motorboats at the residents' request.

Conference planned for 2013:

Forestry issue.

The adoption of bill C - 38. (Federal)

ROBVQ

(Regroupement organisme bassin versant Québec)

which denounces:

the impacts this law change on fisheries will have on biodiversity.

Only serious damage to fish from commercial, recreational or native fishing will be prohibited.

Website

This bilingual site went live on the last week of June after almost two years of preparation and construction. So far, so good.

Contains:

Historical Data (AGM Minutes, Newsletters, Submissions to Municipal Council)

Topics of Issue which provides a brief unbiased description of current issues so members can eliminate the rumours and get the facts

Communiqués will post every so often to inform the membership of current issues, special meetings, or the fact the calendars are now on sale...whatever!

Website Links to a variety of sites: such as our own Municipal site, the MRC site, a site containing composting and recycling tips...and the list goes on.

Cost:

Site is maintained at a minimal cost. Approximately less than \$200.00 a year to maintain for hosting fees and security software.

More to Come:

We would like to build Photo Galleries using pictures from fellow members using themed pictures from yesterday and today.

We'd like to issue Communiqués with automatic notification to the members via email, as opposed to our manual method being used now.

Our Goal:

To keep it simple and easy to update. Yet if anyone has a good idea on what else the site can offer please submit a suggestion via our Contact Us link on the site.

Thanks:

I wish to thank Clea Mittag for taking the time to focus on this website during a time when she had twin baby girls to care for. It was a true sign of dedication to the association and the future of the lake, and she should be commended for this good natured sacrifice. In addition, I wish to thank Marie-Claude Michaud for all the paid translation services she provided, including the ones for free (Pro Bono). The turnaround times were amazing and greatly appreciated by both Clea and me.

The Site:

The site is a fresh new vehicle for the association itself, association members and municipal residents to help communicate, learn, act, participate and decide the future of our lake.

Thank you.

Geoff Cresswell

(Website Editor)

We would also like to thank Geoff for his incredible dedication and commitment to the site. It will be a great tool for Friends/Amis and the whole community!

Check it out: www.amisdulacdes16isles.org

Calendars

Our sales of 2012 calendars brought in almost \$3000. This is our only fundraiser and since Tim arranges to have them donated, it is very successful for the organization. Our 2013 calendars are in and are already proving very popular. Tim Boswell continues to do an amazing job for us, each year more spectacular than the one before. Tim needs lots of pictures for each calendar and his reserves are running low. He would appreciate donations of photographs from all our members. You can email him at:
tboswell@cdmworldagency.com

Municipal

Despite huge opposition from residents, the cell tower is up. George Calder has been working hard to see that the new landing docks are right for the people who use them. He says that tenders have come in, permits are in place and construction will begin on September 4. The docks will be funded with the excise tax money rather than our tax dollars. He says that no one outside the municipality should have a slip on the center dock. He also spoke on relocating the ramp from the original plan to cause less traffic congestion and the height of the docks is being considered. Our next municipal election will be in 2013. We hope for good representation from the Lake both with registered voters and candidates.

It was moved by Bill Clelland and seconded by Pieter Folmer that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Campbell
Secretary