



AMIS du LAC
FRIENDS of the LAKE

**Annual General Meeting
July 10, 2015
Municipal Hall
Lac des Seize Iles**

The tenth annual general meeting of Friends/Amis was called to order at 7:10 P.M. Bill Clelland, President, introduced the members of the Board. He also thanked Chris Campbell as Past President. He welcomed the Mayor, Yves Baillargeon (and later in the meeting several other municipal councillors). There were approximately 35 members in attendance.

Secretary: Cathy Mavriplis

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were accepted as read. Proposed by Suzanne Causse and seconded by Elise Latour.

Committee Reports

Membership : Mary Campbell

Our membership numbers are still strong and even increased last year to approx. 102 members. At meeting time we already had 75 members for 2015 + 4 new members which is a strong start for so early in the season.

Financial: Jacques Causse

The financial status is good with a healthy increase this past year due mostly to the calendar sales, increased membership and the classic boat and car show.

Moved by Suzanne Causse and seconded by Pieter Folmer, the financial report was accepted.

Urban Plan: David Logan

David Logan and Chris Campbell met with municipal councilor David Estall to discuss the urban plan. A survey has been developed based heavily on one from Barkmere. The survey was given to Dave Estall in hopes that it will help in the development of the urban plan.

Environment : Bill Clelland

- a) Bill reported on his activities as a member of the CCE (new environmental committee – ‘comité consultatif sur l’environnement’). He named the members: Denis Charlebois (who served on the last municipal council for the environment), André-Philippe Hébert (President of Lac Laurel lake association), Corina Lupu and Lucie Robillard (municipal councilors). Bill reports that the committee is active and moving fast.
- b) Batteries. Diver Jean-Louis Courteau has found many old batteries (from over 60 years ago) in the lake off docks of older cottages and estimates there might be thousands in the whole lake. Acknowledging that moving them might cause more sediment disruption than leaving them alone, Bill says we will probably not be removing them.

- c) Cathy Mavriplis spoke briefly about the landslide model she is undertaking to study at University of Ottawa with a colleague in Civil Engineering. The modeling exercise is mostly for intellectual curiosity (i.e. not for any legal action) but it will be interesting to see the results. At this time, the topography including bathymetry has been used to create a physical model. The calculations of the ice fracture and wave patterns have not started yet, as funds are being sought to carry out the study.
- d) Code of Ethics: Bill Clelland, his wife Penny, Marie-Eve Bonneville, Louise Lorange and Tim Boswell put together a simple code of ethics that has been printed up for the meeting. Bill noted that the code of ethics was intended as simple guidelines rather than a set of rules.
- e) Loons: Bill Clelland mentioned the existence of three loon families with babies in Hammond's Bay, near the foot and around Blueberry Island. A poster made by William Renaud at the municipality has been made, and posted at key locations so that people be advised to slow down in these areas as high waves, wakes and speed are dangerous for the babies and the nests. William was also introduced as a summer municipal employee for environmental issues.

Calendars: Mary Campbell reporting for Penny Love (absent)

The calendars arrived and are again being sold for \$15.00. We will have 250 calendars to sell as well as a few tote bags. Many thanks to Tim Boswell for putting together a fabulous product. Last year the calendars made \$3,836. The calendars will be sold at the Arts and Culture Day. Chris Campbell asked for baby loon and moose photos to be sent to Tim Boswell for next year's calendar.

Municipal Affairs: Bill Clelland

- a) The Amis du Lac board voted to fund environmental activities of the municipality to a level of approx. \$5,000. These funds will serve for the design, development and production of 2 or 3 signs indicating a map, speed zones, sensitive habitat area, rules and portions of the code of ethics.
- b) Bill attended three municipal meetings over the last six months. He reports that the municipal council has been working well as a team, as evidenced by several unanimous votes and a more respectful audience interaction. He acknowledged the good work of the mayor and all the councillors in this regard.
- c) Mayor Yves Baillargeon recognized the Sixteen Island Lake Fishing Club and Amis du Lac as great organizations to partner with. He reported that so far, from his one and half years as mayor, all the councillors have been working very hard and he recounted the events of the landslide of April 15, 2014 and the subsequent outpouring of generosity from residents and outsiders alike. He mentioned that the last debris in the lake from the landslide would be removed. He said no one believed they could clean up from the landslide in one year but that they did – noting that all the councillors take the environment to heart.
- d) Councillor Corina Lupu gave an update on municipal affairs:
 - The council has been asked why trees are not being planted in the landslide area: the investigation into the event is still ongoing and probably will be for another one and a half years. Nothing can be done during this time.
 - New regulations on boat parking at the village docks have been distributed to cottages in French. Corina has asked if these could be translated to English since many lake residents affected by these regulations are English speaking. Bill 101 prevents municipalities from transmitting information in English. The information is however available at the town hall. She suggested that Amis du Lac could take care of distribution. She also mentioned that the website can be in English provided the leading page is in French. The website is being revamped.

- New public toilets have been installed or made accessible in the municipal building, replacing the portable toilet in the parking lot. Corina thanked councillor David Estall for his work on this project. The toilets are open 6am-10pm.
- Marina rules: some new rules have been implemented as part of a greater plan to manage boats on the lake. Briefly: boat slip renters must use their slips rather than the other docks. The municipality is considering implementing a sticker system and registration of boats to fund the docks. Eventually, this would help with access of outside boats to the lake, boat washing and fees. Corina also reports some younger residents asking her about limiting horsepower on the lake.
- Administration report:
 - Municipal employees are now unionized
 - Cadastral reform: this will happen in 5-10 years, but surveyors are currently going through all properties.
 - Director General Diane Taillon has been working hard and well despite some human resources issues. The municipality has created a sizeable reserve fund of \$175,000 assuring financial stability for small projects.
- Aerobic corridor: all issues have been resolved with the property owners. The remaining work to be done is with the government. Pressure is being applied to get it finalized.
- Dam: the ownership of the dam is still in question.
- Environment: The CCE was created last February and has pushed for an Environmental Direction Plan (“plan directeur en environnement”), distributed at this meeting. This was passed unanimously in June. It defines regulations on one hand, and how to develop environmental concepts on another, to contribute to an urban plan that takes environmental concerns into account. Having the Biofilia report done several years ago saves at least two years by Corina’s estimation. She thanked Amis du Lac for their foresight in this regard. Corina also reported that councillor David Estall was working with Amis du Lac through David Logan with the survey to contribute to the urban plan in terms of how we use the environment.
- e) Mayor Yves Baillargeon added a few comments:
 - the \$175,000 fund accumulated was made possible by the cleanup being paid by the government.
 - also, 80% of the modifications to the municipal building were funded by a government grant.
- f) Councillor David Estall acknowledged it was the mayor’s hard work and knowledge of dealing with the government that made these last two points possible.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm: moved by Bill Clelland and seconded by Lenny Folmer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Cathy Mavriplis
 Secretary