

Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts
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Minutes of Meeting of December 10th, 2007

Present: Sylvain Létourneau (Director urbanism and environment, MVDM), Benoît Olivier (Inspector, MVDM), Henri Fournier (MRNF), Elizabeth Logue (Lake McGregor), Paul White (Lake McGregor), Linda Brière (Lake McArthur), Patrick Fredette (Coordinator – Federation), Carole St-Pierre (Lake Clair), Claude Mondoux (Lake St-Pierre), Michel Francoeur (Lake St-Pierre), Andrew Henderson (Lake Brassard), Normand Faulkner (Lake Grand), Bob Neville (Lakes Girard and McGlashan), Claude Bergeron (PSLL – Lake Maskinongé)

ACTIONS	WHO (Who is responsible)	WHEN (Anticipated completion date)	STATUS
<p>Board Administration:</p> <p>1. Federation Board meeting schedule is as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. February 12th 2008 2. April 8th 2008 3. June 10th 2008 4. August 12th 2008 5. October 14th 2008 6. December 08 2007 **MONDAY NIGHT INSTEAD OF TUESDAY** 	Board	2008	Approved
<p>Public Affairs Committee:</p> <p>1 The blue-green algae action plan of Québec’s government will reduce phosphates in detergents at 0.5% by 2010 and will forbid the disposal of boat’s waste water directly in lakes and rivers. The MRNF will also distribute 400 000 trees to lakeshore dwellers in spring 2008, including 4 051 of them to the Federation of lakes of Val-des-Monts.</p> <p>2 The systematic inspection of every grey water system seems to be a complex task since information is lacking in the files of some older residences. When inspecting the septic tank, a visual inspection of the grey water system is done when it is visible from outside of the building. A thorough inspection of the grey water systems would reduce the annual number of visits to 150 instead of 500.</p> <p>3 A letter will be sent to MVDM mayor asking that the priority of 2008 inspections goes to Lake McMullin with, if possible, a complete inspection of the septic installations, including grey water.</p> <p>4 The goal of 2007 septic tank inspections were the sectors of lakes Twin, Perdrix, McGlashan and St-Antoine. Reports of 2006 and 2007 visits might be available to the public soon.</p> <p>5 The septic system draining program, managed by the municipality, will not start in 2008. MVDM does not have access to a proper treatment plant.</p> <p>6 The study group of the MVDM New Resident Welcome Package has found 6 documents relevant to the environment. However, the information is scattered. We will propose a simple and complete pamphlet explaining the stakes and actions relative to lake water quality.</p>	<p>Québec government</p> <p>MVDM B. Olivier</p> <p>Tom Barber</p> <p>B. Olivier</p> <p>MVDM</p> <p>M. Francoeur A. Anderson</p>	<p>Spring 2008</p> <p>December 2007</p> <p>2006-2007</p> <p>2008</p> <p>Winter 2008</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Adopted</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Approved</p>

7	We will check if Québec's notaries association could introduce the new residents / buyers to the bylaws that they have to respect.	Tom Barber C. Mondoux J. Lafrenière	Winter 2008	Ongoing
8	We have raised the issue of the management of complaints brought forward to MVDM. Complaints are compiled by municipal software. A report on the follow-up to various complaints (resolved, in suspense, in court...) would be interesting.	MVDM	Winter 2008	Ongoing
Environment Committee:				
1.	The project "Door to door for Lake St-Pierre" is a success so far and is not yet complete. Around 65 houses have been visited and around 50 participants ordered a total of more than 2 900 plants, shrubs and trees to be delivered in spring 2008.	Federation Lake St-Pierre	2007	Ongoing
2.	We will try to get a similar EcoAction grant in 2008 to take on the same project at Lake McGregor. If MVDM grant allows it, we will expand the project to every lake in MVDM.	Federation Lake McGregor	2008	Approved
3.	A report will be written on factors that could lead to a thorough analysis of the Total Phosphorus concentration and the estimated costs to do it. A simpler study of the usages in the watershed could bring a lot of information and at a lower cost.	Federation Patrick	Winter 2008	Approved
4.	The Federation will send a letter asking MVDM to consider having a bylaw regarding the prohibition of lawn mowing along the shoreline.	Tom Barber	Winter 2008	Adopted
5.	With the new law on Municipalities, the MRC has the obligation of intervening when a waterway is obstructed.	S. Létourneau		Ongoing
6.	There is almost no follow-up on cyanobacterias blooms. The Québec government labs can test the toxicity of water samples, but at a very high cost (around 450\$)	Federation MDDEP		
Membership & Finance Committee:				
1.	GeoConnections grant for lake carrying capacity models of the MRC should be available this winter to start the project. We are waiting for a decree number from Québec's government approving this federal grant.	Federation	Winter 2008	Ongoing
2.	MVDM 2008 budget will be revealed on December 11 th 2008 at 8pm.	MVDM	December 2008	
Communications Committee:				
1.	The translated document « La gestion des lacs au cœur du développement de Val-des-Monts » is available in both paper and electronic version.	Patrick	December 2007	Approved
2.	The next issue of the Federation's newsletter will be published in winter 2008. This edition's theme will be the blue-green algae.	Federation	Winter 2008	Approved
Other Items:				
1.	Elections for the Federation's officers will be held at the next meeting.	Federation	February 12 th 2008	Coming
2.	PSLL rose the issue of what impacts on lake environment might be caused by fish enrichment. Henri Fournier explained the MRNF procedures and indicated that there are few risks of problems developed in our ecosystems by such activities.	PSLL Mr. Fournier	December 2007	Done

NEXT FEDERATION BOARD MEETINGS:

February 12th 2008 @ 6pm at the municipality