



Minutes of meeting
Tuesday June 14,
Val-des-Monts City Hall

Presents: Michel Francoeur (President of the Federation, St-Pierre Lake), Jean Lafrenière (Mayor of VDM), Jacques Laurin (Councillor of VDM), André Turcotte (Director of MVDM), Claude Mondoux (Treasurer of the Federation, lake St-Pierre), Linda Brière (Director of Federation, lake McArthur), Claude Bergeron (Director of Federation, PSL), Denise Goulet (lake Achigan), Marc Caron (lake Dam), Pauline Kehoe (lake Dam), Dale Smith (Director of Federation, lake Grand), Éric Carignan (lake McGregor), a represent (lake de l'Aigle), Lynn Price (lake Mcfee), Carole St-Pierre (lake Clair), Allyson Domanski (Les Trois Lacs), Les White (Guest speaker, lake Tenpenny) and Mélanie Renaud (Coordinator of the Federation).

Board Administration

1. Future meetings of the Federation

Future meeting of the Federation on Tuesday October 11, 2011 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday December 14, 2011, Council Chamber Val-des-Mont City Hall

Who : (FLVDM) Council and Mélanie Renaud

When :2011

2. Welcome to the new Coordinator

Welcome to the new Coordinator Mélanie Renaud by the Mayor, the municipality of Val-des-Monts and the President of the FLVDM

Who : (FLVDM) Michel Francoeur

(MVDM) Jean Lafrenière, André Turcotte and Jacques Laurin

3. The Water Quality Day

Saturday, July 16, from 10am to noon at the Community Center Park Thibault (St-Pierre-de-Wakefield, sector)

Who : (FLVDM) Michel Francoeur, Linda Brière, Mélanie Renaud,

When :July 16, 2011

Statut :On-going

4. The presentation by Dr. White, geologist

A resident of VDM and geologist with LRG Geological Consulting, Mr. White made a summary around claims that can be found on our properties in Val-des-Monts but generally in all of the Outaouais. According to Mr. White, the two main elements searched are those based on metals and those rich in radioactive minerals. Shale gases are rarely or not present. You can find more information on the location of the claims on

the website of the Ministère des Ressources Naturelles et Faune, Division Mines. He also discussed the history of mining in our area including mica. The presentation ended with a question period.

Who : (Lake Tenpenny) Lee White

Public Affair committee

1. Regulations on lawn mowing

In 2010, the MVDM has taken steps to ensure the implementation of new regulations by residents of Lake St-Pierre and Girard. Indeed, over 1500 photos of shoreline residents have been taken by the MVDM in 2010. About 25% of residences did not comply with new regulations and MVDM sent numerous warning letters to property owners not in compliance. The MVDM intends to visit in 2011 the lake covered by the EcoAction project of the Federation, the McArthur and Dam Lakes. Also, the MVDM confirms that it will apply these rules after receiving formal complaints. At the meeting of February 8, Grant Walsh, of Lac St-Pierre, presented their new system of "Bay Captains" Fifteen residents of the Lake volunteered as captains and have been assigned to a couple of bays or parts of the lake, including Lake McMullin. Their role is to inform and educate residents of their respective bay on the challenges and solutions for water quality of lakes. More specifically, residents will learn about municipal laws, including rules prohibiting lawn mowing on the first five meters from the shore, and the importance of reforesting the banks, to use phosphate-free household products and ensure compliance of their septic tanks. When some residents are reluctant with regard to compliance, the Bay Captains will refer complaints to Russell Rieger (Lac St-Pierre) or MVDM. Bay Captains also mandated to inform residents on the detection of blue-green algae to facilitate the transmission of information to the Municipality and the Minister of the Environment for toxicity tests performed. They started visits mid-May to hand out comprehensive information packages. If this project proves effective, other associations will be encouraged to consider this model for their lakes.

Who : (Lake St-Pierre) Bay Captains

(Council) Jean Lafrenière, André Turcotte, Jacques Laurin

Status : On-going

2. The dam between McGregor and Brassard lake

The dam between McGregor and Brassard lakes is a major concern for the Federation and the residents of these lakes. However, the provincial authorities wrote to the Mayor to confirm that the province had no role to play since the dam is a private one. The mayor will continue his discussions with the elected authorities and the owners of the dam.

Who : (FLVDM) Michel Francoeur, Mélanie Renaud

(Council) Jean Lafrenière

Paul Brennan

When : Fall 2011

Status : On-going

3. Municipal launch ramp and winter pollution of Lake McGregor

To reduce the pollution associated with fishing on the ice at Lake McGregor, the MVDM adopted a regulation to better control access to Lake McGregor in winter by the ramp. In addition, the new regulation prevents access to the lake via the municipal ramp to "Wakeboats." Access is already banned for personal watercraft (seadoos). Both types of vessel have been targeted because of the size of the waves they generated and their contribution to bank erosion.

According to the feedback received, there were a lot of improvement and change. The goal is to empower people. The MVDM sent an article on this subject to the Federation for the July 2011 edition of the newsletter Echoes of our lakes.

*Who : (FLVDM) Elizabeth Logue, Mélanie Renaud
(Council) Jean Lafrenière, André Turcotte and Jacques Laurin*

When : 2011

Status : On-going

4. Municipal launch ramp of Lake St-Pierre

The Federation suggested that the MVDM on establish By-Law to prevent the entry of watercraft and "Wakeboats" in Lake St-Pierre by the municipal ramp because the denial of access to Lake McGregor for these boats has a direct effect on Lake St-Pierre (the only two municipal boat launch ramps in Val-des-Monts are on Lake St-Pierre and McGregor). The Federation has also suggested to impose the same standards to the ramp of Lake St-Pierre as these in place a McGregor, that is to say to use a locked gate to control the number of boats that have access to Lake St-Pierre by the municipal boat launch ramp, impose a quota on the number of boats that have lake access and require washing of boats that have access to the ramp. The Council adopted a By-Law prohibiting the use of the boat launch ramp of Lake St-Pierre for watercraft (seadoos) and "Wakeboats" and a sign will be installed shortly by the MVDM next to the ramp (in negotiations with the MTQ but it is possible to install it on the municipal road). In regard to the installation of a barrier to control entry of boats like in the same fashion as McGregor Lake, the Minister of Transport objects to any measure of traffic control because this could cause an overflow of vehicles and create road safety issues on Route 307 which is adjacent to the ramp. The MVDM however is looking for another location on Lake St-Pierre to the boat ramp, a bigger location with a barrier, parking areas, a picnic tables, etc.. and an employee MVDM who sees to the implementation of new regulations by controlling access to the ramp. Moreover, at the end of August the ramp will be extended and expanded to make it safer.

*Who : (FLVDM) Michel Francoeur, Mélanie Renaud
(Council) Jean Lafrenière, André Turcotte and Jacques Laurin*

When : 2011

Status : On-going

5. Replacement of the Coordinator of the Federation

A competition was launched to find a successor to Yann Gagnon to the position of Coordinator of the Federation. The new Coordinator, Melanie Renaud, began work Wednesday, April 27 after placing first in the competition. Many thanks to members of the selection committee, Claude Bergeron, Linda Brière and Grant Walsh.

Who : (FLVDM) Linda Brière, Claude Bergeron, Grant Walsh

When : Spring 2011

Status : Complete

Environment committee

1. EcoAction 2010

Spring visits of 2010 for evaluate the success of plantings were carried out by the coordinator. An summary of achievements were presented and the results will also be presented at the Water Quality Day. The final report will be sent to Environment Canada by the end of July. In addition, an article on EcoAction will be published in the July 2011 edition of the newsletter Echoes of our lakes.

Who : (FLVDM) Michel Francoeur, Mélanie Renaud

When : Spring 2011

Status : On-Going

2. EcoAction 2011

A request for funding was submitted to Environment Canada for the establishment of a reforestation project of the shoreline of the lakes McArthur and Dam in the summer of 2011. An Environment Canada's response is expected in late July 2011.

Who : (FLVDM) Michel Francoeur, Linda Brière (Lake McArthur), Mélanie Renaud

When : Fall 2011

Status : Upcoming

3. PPEEE

The Federation has applied for funding to Environment Canada under the Partnership Programme against Invasive Alien Species. This project aims to prevent and curb the spread of Eurasian 4atermilfoil in lakes of Val-des-Monts and within the framework of two components: the inventory of beds of Eurasian 4atermilfoil in Lake St-Pierre, McArthur, Grand and McGregor, and creating an action plan for early detection of Eurasian water-milfoil and management of invasive aquatic plants in the lakes of Val-des-Monts. We are still awaiting a response.

Who : (FLVDM) Michel Francoeur, Mélanie Renaud

When : Fall 2011

Status : Upcoming

4. Grant for fish stocking and "Fête de la Pêche" at Lake McGregor

An application for funding was submitted to the Department of Natural Resources and Wildlife of Quebec for the fish stocking as part of the "Fête de la Pêche" on June 11, 2011 at Lake McGregor (Pélissier beach). The application was accepted, as was the demand for 60 fishing rods and 60 fishing licenses for children with the participation of two elementary schools in Val-des-Monts. However, for various reasons, fish stocking and "Fête de la pêche" were canceled. This said, given the circumstances (Coordinator position vacant from February to late April) and the lack of volunteers, the chances of getting the same support next year are not reduced.

*Who : (FLVDM) Elizabeth Logue, Mélanie Renaud
(Council) André Turcotte*

When : June 2011

Status : Cancelled

5. Distribution of bottles for lakes water samples for phosphate

Those interested can receive the bottles for sampling the total phosphorus at the October meeting.

Who : (FLVDM) Mélanie Renaud

When : Fall 2011

Membership and Finance committee

1. Grant MVDM

MVDM confirmed the grant of \$ 65 000 to the Federation in 2011. An initial payment of \$ 10 000 and a second of 20 000\$ were made.

Who : (FLVDM) Michel Francoeur, Claude Mondoux

When : Summer 2011

Status : Approved

2. Membership and contributions of association

The Executive Committee of the Federation wishes to propose a new structure for annual membership for associations. The President of the Federation will communicate with all associations to update the number of member associations of the Federation and get information on the particularities of each. The possibility of a vote by e-mail in particular was raised. However, it was concluded that the usual rate will be charged for the year 2011.

Who : (FLVDM) Michel Francoeur and Executive Committee

When : 2012

Status : On-going

Communication committee

1. Echoes of our Lakes

The Spring 2011 edition will be published in July 2011. Mayor Jean Lafrenière has submitted an article and the Municipality also submitted an article on the new By-Laws of the launch ramps of Lake St-Pierre and Pélissier beach of Lake McGregor.

Who : (FLVDM) Michel Francoeur, Mélanie Renaud

When : Summer 2011

Status : On-going

2. Water Quality Day

A committee was formed to organize the WQD. The mayor will make a presentation on the projects of the municipality, followed by a question period. The Federation has begun the process to bring a representative of the MDDEP who could explain the right way to perform the control of invasive aquatic plants, including requests for certificate of authorization. Subsequently, the coordinator will present the test results and a summary of phosphorus results of EcoAction 2010. Several prizes will be drawn among the participants.

Who : (FLVDM) Michel Francoeur, Linda Brière, Mélanie Renaud

When : July, 16 2011

Status : On-going

- 3. Water Characterization Plan (PSLL)**
 The Association PSLL received a grant of nearly \$ 7,500 from the CREO to conduct a survey of Bataille and Rheaume Lakes (physical chemistry, streams, watershed, road, shoreline...) and identify problems. A recommendation report was produced thereafter. The project is in collaboration with the COBALI Conference of Elected Representatives and the Outaouais. A study of beaver management was also conducted by Odysse. A second Water Characterization Plan is awaiting approval for Lake Louise.
Who : (FLVDM) Claude Bergeron
When : Fall 2011
Status : On-going
- 4. Val-des-Monts Address**
 Following a discussion with Mr. André Turcotte from the Municipality, the costs for obtaining the list of address amounted to \$ 0.10 per tag (about \$ 1000 for 10,000 taxpayers) or 0,35\$ for a double-sided page.
Who : (FLVDM) Michel Francoeur, Mélanie Renaud
(Council) André Turcotte
When : Fall 2011
Status : On-going
- 5. Nesting boxes for ducks**
 It was proposed by the Coordinator to make duck nesting boxes and bat houses in order to overcome the lack of habitat and increase funding for the Federation. Nesting boxes will be part of the draw and others will be on sale at the WQD.
Who : (FLVDM) Mélanie Renaud
When : Summer 2011
Status : Upcoming
- 6. Insurance**
 The Executive Board wishes to propose an insurance policy for the Federation is achieved.
Who : (FLVDM) Michel Francoeur, Claude Mondoux
When : Summer 2011
Status : On-going
- 7. Financial Statements**
 The financial results for 2010-2011 was distributed and explained by Mr. Claude Mondoux.
Who : (FLVDM) Claude Mondoux
When : June 14 2011
Status : Completed
- 8. Varia**
 It was proposed to ask a resource person to come and make a presentation on the control of the beaver at the next meeting.
Who : (FLVDM) Mélanie Renaud
When : Fall 2011
Status : To be confirm

9. Mountain Equipment Coop

The final report on the use of canoe achieved through the grant from the MEC was sent and approved. A check for \$ 482.75 should be received shortly. In addition, the MEC invited the Federation to participate again for a second grant.

Who : (FLVDM) Michel Francoeur, Mélanie Renaud

When : June 2011

Status : Completed

NEXT MEETING OF THE FEDERATION
Tuesday October 11, 2011 at 6:30 pm
Val-des-Monts City Hall