

Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts
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Minutes of Meeting of October 9th, 2007

Present: Tom Barber (President – Federation, Lake Grand), Sylvain Létourneau (Director urbanism and environment, MVDM), Patrick Fredette (Coordinator – Federation), Carole St-Pierre (Lake Clair), Claude Mondoux (Lake St-Pierre), Michel Francoeur (Lake St-Pierre), Paul Strigner (PSLL), Bob Kerr (Lake McGregor), Thomas Scullion (Lake McGregor), Richard L’abbé (Lake Bois Franc), Diane Plouffe (Lake McMullin), Pierre Chénier (Lake McMullin), Joanne Mantha (Lake McMullin), Steve McIlroy (Lake McFee), Duncan Campbell (Lake St-Germain), Andrew Henderson (Lake Brassard), Paul Brennan (Lake Brassard), Suzanne Taschereau (Lake Brassard)

ACTIONS	WHO (Who is responsible)	WHEN (Anticipated completion date)	STATUS
Board Administration:			
1. Federation Board meeting schedule is as follows; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 10 2007 **MONDAY NIGHT INSTEAD OF TUESDAY** 	Board		Approved
2. The schedule for 2008 meetings will soon be available	Patrick	December 2007	
Public Affairs Committee:			
1 The blue-green algae action plan of Québec’s government will facilitate septic system draining programs of municipalities and MRCs.	MVDM	2007	Ongoing
2 The issue of how to inspect “grey water” was raised. We will ask B. Olivier, inspector in environment at MVDM, to participate to the next Federation’s meeting to explain the issue and report the 2006-2007 inspections. The inspection of every grey water system seems to be a heavy task for a single inspector.	Federation B. Olivier	December 2007	Approved
3 Information regarding conformity of septic systems is available at MVDM. Verification could be done to rapidly detect some non-complying installations.	S. Létourneau	December 2007	Ongoing
4 In a meeting with Mr. Fredette and Mr. Francoeur, the new director of urbanism and environment of VDM, Mr. Sylvain Létourneau, has been informed of the Federation’s mission and projects.	Federation MVDM	September 2007	Done
5 A study group has been created to review the welcome pack of MVDM to new residents and propose information regarding lake water quality and bylaws that they have to respect.	M. Francoeur A. Anderson	Winter 2008	Approved
6 We will check if Québec’s notaries association could introduce the new residents to the bylaws that they have to respect.	Tom Barber C. Mondoux J. Lafrenière	Winter 2008	Ongoing
7 We have raised the issue of the management of complaints expressed to MVDM. Anonymous complaints receive no follow-up, while written complaints receive a written follow-up. There is not necessarily a follow-up to each expressed complaint. A report on the follow-up of different complaints (resolved, in suspense, in court...) would be interesting.	MVDM	Winter 2008	Ongoing

<p>Environment Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project “Door to door for Lake St-Pierre” is as success so far and is not done yet. Around 60 houses have been visited and around 40 participants ordered a total of more than 2 700 plants, shrubs and trees. 2. We will try to get a similar EcoAction grant in 2008 to reproduce the same project at Lake McGregor. If MVDM grant allows it, we will expand the project to every lake in MVDM. 3. A simplified version of the bylaw pertaining to the use of fertilizers and pesticides has been adopted by MVDM. It should be explained in the next edition of <i>Echoes of our lakes</i>. 4. A report will be written on the situation of the lakes of VDM regarding the tests on Total Phosphorus. It will give the methodology for a thorough analysis of the Total Phosphorus concentration and the estimated costs to do it. 5. The Federation adopted a resolution asking MVDM to consider having a bylaw regarding the prohibition of lawn mowing on the shoreline. The Federation could do a survey of municipalities that has adopted a similar bylaw. 6. We raised the issue of damage responsibility in case of a dam breakage and the possibility to prevent them. MVDM will check the procedures in such event. 	<p>Federation Lake St-Pierre</p> <p>Federation Lake McGregor</p> <p>MVDM Federation</p> <p>Patrick</p> <p>Federation MVDM</p> <p>S. Létourneau</p>	<p>2007</p> <p>2008</p> <p>Fall 2007</p> <p>Winter 2008</p> <p>Winter 2008</p> <p>December 2007</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p></p> <p>Adopted</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Membership & Finance Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Federation has proposed again to MVDM to put in place an environmental tax that would support environmental initiatives and allow a proper reinforcement of the municipality’s bylaws. 2. 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. 	<p>Board</p> <p>Federation</p>	<p>September 2007</p> <p>Winter 2008</p>	<p>Adopted</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Communications Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The translation of the document « La gestion des lacs au cœur du développement de Val-des-Monts » is completed and both paper and electronic version will be available soon. 2. The next issue of the Federation’s newsletter will be published in the fall 2007 or at the beginning of 2008. 3. The minister of Environment (MDDEP), Mrs. Line Beauchamp, visited VDM on August 27th for her provincial consultation on blue-green algae. Around 40 persons showed up, including the Federation and a few lake associations. She has announced since then a 195 M\$ action plan of which 150 M\$ will be devoted to agriculture. 	<p>Patrick</p> <p>Federation</p> <p>Federation Associations MDDEP</p>	<p>December 2007</p> <p>Fall 2007</p> <p>August 2007</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p></p>
<p>Other Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adoption of MVDM budget 	<p>MVDM</p>	<p>December 4th 2007</p>	<p></p>

NEXT FEDERATION BOARD MEETINGS:

December 10th 2007 @ 6pm at the municipality *MONDAY*****