

Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts
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Minutes of Meeting of April 16th, 2009

Present: Bernard Mailhot (Councillor, MVDM), Jules Dagenais (Councillor, MVDM), Michel Francoeur (Federation, lake St-Pierre), Claude Mondoux (Federation, lake St-Pierre), Elizabeth Logue (Federation, lake McGregor), Claude Bergeron (Federation, lake Maskinongé), Andrew Henderson (Federation, lake Brassard), Linda Brière (Federation, lake McArthur), Paul Brennan (lake Brassard), Carole St-Pierre (lake Clair), Richard Labbé (lake Bois Franc), Jean Leduc (lake McMullin), Allyson Domanski (lake Gilmour), Pierre Laurin (VDM), Benoit Olivier (VDM), Denis Paquette (Lac McGlasham), Suzanne Taschereau (Lac Brassard), Bob Neville (Lac Girard), JodiLynn Spearman (Lac Bois Franc), Andre Turcotte (VDM), Carol Sarazin (Lac McGregor), Lisette Tremblay (Lac Le Tourneau), Diane Plouffe (Lac McMullin), Celine Larabie (Lac Champeau), Grant Walsh (Federation, Lac St, Pierre).

Action	Who	When	Status
<p>Board Administration:</p> <p>1. Federation Board meeting schedule is as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . June 9 2009 . August 11 2009 . October 13 2009 . December 8 2009 <p>Note: Annual Water Quality Day – July 18 from 10-noon at Parc Thibeau</p>	Board	2009	Approved
<p>Public Affairs Committee:</p> <p>1. The Federation ordered 1 500 tree saplings of 9 different species from the MRNF in order to distribute them to VDM lake associations in the Spring of 2009.</p> <p>2. The MVDM New Resident Welcome Package is now translated and ready for printing and distribution. MVDM will give one or two of its spaces in the newspaper L'Envol in order to publicize the pamphlet. It will also be available in MVDM's brochure stand and in the Welcome Package. The new pamphlets will be sent to the Outaouais Notaries Association so that they give them to new residents. The pamphlets will be made available to all new lakeshore residence. VDM will inform the Federation of all new residents and the Federation will inform the appropriate lake association.</p> <p>3. MVDM has hired another inspector/environmental technician (Mr. Laurin) but this new person will not be working on developing a grey water protocol as was originally anticipated. As such, the Federation in collaboration with VDM will need to explore other avenues in developing a grey water protocol. Mr. Turcotte will forward the Quebec government protocol on septic inspections to the Federation for their information.</p>	<p>Federation</p> <p>M. Francoeur A. Henderson</p> <p>Federation A. Turcotte</p>	May/June	

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4. The MRC will hire an additional resource to work on MAMR's program (PAPA) to prevent blue-green algae blooms. It will help planning the enforcement of corrective measures for non-complying septic systems. At present MRC has one year of funding for this program which will be used to establish an inventory of properties of concern with respect to their septic systems. The estimated inventory is around 1400 properties with a focus on around 300 that would be of concern.	MRC	2009	
5. B. Olivier inspected around 400-450 septic systems of residences on the shores of St-Pierre, McMullin and Mud Bay in 2008. A detailed report of its inspected will be available in spring 2009.	B. Olivier	June/09	
6. The VDM complaints process with respect to septic systems and shoreline restorations will be made available to the Federation. It was suggested that each lake association provide a lead contact name to Andre Turcotte (who can be reached at 457-9400 – ext 2307) to facilitate the monitoring of the complaints.	A. Turcotte Lake Ass		
7. The proposed bylaw to restrict lawn cutting for the first 5 meters along the shoreline is still under review. Further information will be provided at the next Board meeting.	VDM	June/09	
8. The dam between Lake Brassard and McGregor is still a major concern to the Federation. The Board was informed that the interim mayor asked VDM staff to prepare an internal report to assist Council in assessing the situation which is expected to be tabled at Council in May for discussion. The Federation voiced its concern with the process since the Federation as well as the lakes implicated were not included or informed of this internal assessment. It would appear that there was a misunderstanding due to internal changes and that VDM still intends to involve all the appropriate parties in the discussion and decision making.	VDM + Federation	Ongoing	
Environment Committee:			
1. The GeoConnections project has gathered the necessary data on the MRC's lakes and has started the modeling process. An article in the local newspaper will be published to publicize the priorities of the project.	MRC	Ongoing	
2. We have not received the confirmation if the 2009 EcoAction project of home visits on public awareness and shoreline vegetation has been accepted or not. In 2008, the project has ordered more than 6 000 plants, shrubs and trees for a total cost of more than 45 000\$. The distribution will take place in late May early June.	Federation	June	
3. An article on a fishing ethic code has been written by E. Logue. It has been revised and translated in French and will be included in the next issue of Echoes of our Lakes.	Federation	Summer/09	
4. According to the MDDEP and MRNF, only the manual cut of aquatic plants is allowed in limited areas of a lake (docks, beaches, streams ...). For other methods of aquatic plants control,	Federation		

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<p>you need a certificate of authorization. Property owners on Lac St. Pierre are looking into the use of a mechanical harvester and will need to apply for the necessary authorizations and permits.</p> <p>5. The Federation executive are in the process of recruiting a replacement for Patrick Fredette (Federation Coordinator). They expect to be in a position to recommend a candidate by late May. The short list of candidates will be forwarded to Andre Turcotte for his review and feedback.</p> <p>6. The water testing bottles and protocol were distributed.</p>	<p>G. Walsh</p> <p>Federation</p>	<p>June</p> <p>April 16</p>	
<p>Membership & Finance Committee:</p> <p>1. The Federation is waiting for formal confirmation that its budget submission has been approved by VDM for 2009.</p>	Federation	Apr/May	
<p>Communications Committee:</p> <p>1. An editorial team has been established to assist with the Federation's newsletter "Echoes of our lakes".</p> <p>2. The two new highway signs (366 + 307) should be installed by the end of May.</p> <p>3. Mr. Sarazan from Lake McGregor talked to the Board about the debris that gathers on the lake and lake shore due to ice fishing. It was suggested that the access ramp should not be cleared of snow in the winter. It was also noted that some provinces require a fishing hut/shack license to help control the activity. Elizabeth Logue will head up a group to further explore the issue in collaboration with VDM.</p> <p>4. The Board thanked Patrick Fredette for his three years of service to the Federation as its first Coordinator.</p>	<p>G. Walsh</p> <p>Federation</p> <p>E. Logue</p> <p>Federation</p>		

**NEXT FEDERATION BOARD MEETINGS:
June 8, 2009 @ 6pm at the municipality**