

Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts

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Minutes of Meeting of February 10th 2009

Present: Jean Lafrenière (Acting Mayor, MVDM), Bernard Mailhot (Councillor, MVDM), Jules Dagenais (Councillor, MVDM), Sylvain Létourneau (Director urbanism and environment, 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), Sandy MacKay-Smith (lake Gilmour), Allyson Domanski (lake Gilmour).

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. April 14 2009 2. June 9 2009 3. August 11 2009 4. October 13 2009 5. December 8 2009 	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 2009.</p> <p>2. The Federation will pay 100% of the production and printing costs of the new pamphlet for the MVDM New Resident Welcome Package. MVDM will give one or two of its space 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. Andrew and Michel will work with Eskalad to give the pamphlets the same look as the new road signs.</p> <p>3. The new pamphlets will be sent to the Outaouais Notaries Association so that they give them to new residents. We also consider putting them in the environmental welcome kit that the Federation could send to new residents living on a lakeshore. MVDM would inform the Federation on the arrival of new residents and the Federation would then inform the concerned lake Association.</p> <p>4. MVDM will proceed with the hiring of an inspector/environmental technician to work on the septic system inspections and environmental compliance. MVDM and the Federation will work together on a protocol for grey water inspection. Patrick asked the MDDEP for such a protocol. He has also contacted the MRC des Laurentides and the Estrie Regional Council of Environment to ask about their approach. We will have more news in the spring.</p> <p>5. The MRC will hire an additional resource to work on MAMR's program to prevent blue-green algae bloom. It will help planning the enforcement of corrective measures for non-complying septic systems.</p> <p>6. 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.</p>	<p>P. Fredette</p> <p>M. Francoeur A. Henderson Eskalad</p> <p>P. Fredette A. Henderson M. Francoeur</p> <p>P. Fredette S. Létourneau</p> <p>MRC</p> <p>B. Olivier</p>	<p>Spring 2009</p> <p>Summer 2009</p> <p>2009</p> <p>Spring 2009</p> <p>2009</p> <p>Spring 2009</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Coming</p>

<p>7. A second report on the municipal complaints regarding the septic systems and the shoreline vegetation has been submitted. The follow-up and the conclusion of the complaints will be in the fall 2009 report.</p> <p>8. An interim control bylaw has been adopted by the Mayors Council of the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais in order to prohibit lawn mowing within the first 5 meters from the high water mark. The bylaw should be effective this summer.</p> <p>9. The dam between Lake Brassard and McGregor is in a bad shape. We are trying to find out who is the owner, who is responsible for the maintenance and what are the impacts on water quality. M. Lafrenière, MVDM acting Mayor, will create a working committee with the Federation and the Lake Brassard Association to help finding a solution.</p>	<p>S. Létourneau</p> <p>MRC</p> <p>J. Lafrenière A. Henderson M. Francoeur</p>	<p>Fall 2009</p> <p>Summer 2009</p> <p>2009</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Adopted</p>
Environment Committee:			
<p>1. The GeoConnections project has gathered almost all the necessary data on the MRC's lakes to start using the lake carrying capacity models. We will publish an article in the local newspaper to publicize the priorities of the project.</p> <p>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\$.</p> <p>3. An article on a fishing ethic code has been written by E. Logue. It has been revised and translated in French.</p> <p>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, you need a certificate of authorization.</p>	<p>P. Fredette</p> <p>P. Fredette</p> <p>P. Fredette E. Logue</p> <p>P. Fredette</p>	<p>Winter 2009</p> <p>2009</p> <p>Jan. 2009</p> <p>Jan. 2009</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Adopted</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p>
Membership & Finance Committee:			
<p>1. The Federation has received the first cheque of 12 700\$ from GeoConnections.</p>	<p>C. Mondoux</p>	<p>Jan. 2009</p>	<p>Done</p>
Communications Committee:			
<p>1. An editorial team will be created to head the edition of the newsletter "Echoes of our lakes".</p> <p>2. The Federation's website has been updated. MVDM is looking to have a link between their website and the Federation's. The Federation's 2008 activity report has been added to MVDM's website.</p> <p>3. Steve Young, of Eskalad communication consultants, has presented the two different models of road signs. The sign with a wheelbarrow was preferred by most of the participants. However, it is proposed to have both signs with a few modifications. The Executive will negotiate the additional costs with Eskalad for the modifications. We will present both new signs at the next Federation's meeting so that they can be installed in May or June.</p>	<p>P. Fredette G. Walsh</p> <p>P. Fredette MVDM</p> <p>M. Francoeur Eskalad</p>	<p>Winter 2009</p> <p>Winter 2009</p> <p>April 2009</p>	<p>Coming</p> <p>Coming</p> <p>Adopted</p>

NEXT FEDERATION BOARD MEETINGS:

April 14th 2009 @ 6pm at the municipality