

FEDERATION OF LAKES OF VAL-DES-MONTS

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Minutes of meeting of October 13th 2009

Presents: Jean Lafrenière (Mayor, MVDM), Michel Francoeur (President of the Federation, lac St-Pierre) Grant Walsh (Vice-president of the Federation, lac St-Pierre), Elizabeth Logue (Second vice-president of the Federation, lac McGregor) Claude Mondoux (Treasurer of the Federation, lac St-Pierre), Claude Bergeron (Federation, lac Maskinongé), Linda Brière (Federation, lac McArthur), Suzanne Tachereau (lac Brassard), Robert Bessette (lac Brassard), André Turcotte (VDM), Normand Faulkner (Lac Grand), Gary Kohlruss (Trois-Lacs), Duncan Campbell (St-Germain), Bill Muirhead (lac Marbre), Denis Paquette (lac McGlashan), Carole St-Pierre (lac Clair), Daniel Brazeau (lac McFee), Michel B Gauthier (lac St-Pierre), Jacques Laurin (candidat to district 3), Michel Nadon (candidat to district 1), Gaétan Thibault (candidat to district 1), Roland Tremblay (candidat to district 6), Claude Lafleur (candidat to district 6), Gilles Béland, Jean-Guy Brelant, Yann Gagnon (Co-ordinator of the Federation).

ACTION	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
<p>Board Administration: Federation Board meeting schedule is as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 8 2009 • February 9 2010 • April 6 2010 <p>6PM, City Hall</p>	<p>Council And Yann Gagnon</p>	<p>2009-2010</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>Public Affair committee:</p> <p>1. The MVDM hasn't received a lot of complaints in regards to the new bylaw, restricting lawn cutting for the first 5 meters along the shoreline. The MVDM considers that this bylaw is now well known by the residents of VDM and beginning next year, financial fines will be distributed to offenders. The MVDM confirmed that they will send a bilingual reminder in the same envelope as the tax bill. The Federation wishes to support the MVDM and will publish an article explaining the bylaw on the front page of its Newsletter «Echoes of our Lakes». The Federation is still very satisfied by the arrival of this bylaw and firmly believe that this new legal measure is necessary to the development of a new "green" mentality in the VDM residents. Having said that, the Federation questions why the VDM public access beaches are still not respecting the provisions of the new bylaw adopted in May 2009. The Federation suggest creating a community project with the schools of the region in order to rejuvenate the shorelines of certain areas of the municipal beaches.</p> <p>2. The MRC (PAPA program) is currently inspecting an estimated 300 properties of concern with respect to their septic systems. The inspection campaign should be finished by the end of October 2009.</p>	<p>VDM A. Turcotte</p>	<p>Winter-Spring 2010</p>	<p>On-going</p>

<p>The Federation is disappointed with the quality of many of the inspections that were done "on surface", even though the inspectors were following a protocol approved by the MDDEP of Quebec. The Federation is waiting impatiently for the results from this campaign. Also, since that MRC founded program is ending in 2009 without follow up, the Federation wishes to know the future plans of VDM regarding septic installation inspections. The MVDM suggests to inspect and to measure the retaining tank level of around 6000 residence, with a rate of around 1000 per year. The Federation is still concerned by the non-existence of a grey water inspection protocol adapted to VDM residences and suggests developing one in partnership with VDM. More information will be available at the next Federation meeting.</p>	<p>VDM A. Turcotte Federation Y. Gagnon</p>	<p>December 2009</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>3. The dam between Lake Brassard and McGregor is still a major concern to the Federation. The MVDM assured the parties that they would guarantee to find the funding to pay for the technical assessments for the restoration of the dam before 2010. A resolution was adopted to that effect by the VDM Municipal Council on September 15th 2009. The MVDM recently demanded the Government of Quebec for financial support in order to restore the severely damaged dam. The MVDM is expecting a negative answer from the government to this issue because the dam is still considered by the Quebec Government to be privately owned by the Katimavik Group. A study conducted in 1994 on the safety of the dam concluded that a breach of the dam would lead to tremendous damages to properties, infrastructure and public safety. A disaster like that would lower Brassard Lake water level by around 4 meters, destroying the bridge of road 366 and flooding numerous properties on McGregor Lake. The MVDM is well aware that restoring the dam would cost a lot less than paying for all the damage resulting in the breach of the dam. But, the MVDM still do not want to own the dam if it is not restored and in good condition. The Federation is awaiting impatiently a breakthrough on this issue. Further information will be available on this subject at the next Federation meeting.</p>	<p>Association (Henderson) Federation (Francoeur) VDM (Mayor)</p>	<p>Winter 2010</p>	<p>On going</p>
<p>Environment committee:</p> <p>1. The Ecoaction project for Grand Lac 2009 is underway. This project offered 56 free home visits by a biologist to promote good environmental practices to the Grand Lake residents. Overall, 39 persons ordered plants to rejuvenate more than 4000 m² of grassed shorelines. The next plant distribution is going to be October 25th at VDM City Hall.</p> <p>2. The Ecoaction project for Val-des-Monts 2009 is finished. This</p>	<p>Federation Y. Gagnon T. Barber</p>	<p>Fall 2009</p>	<p>On-going</p>

<p>project consisted of offering free home visits to rejuvenate shorelines and to promote the new bylaw on grass cutting in the first 5 meters from the natural high water mark. In total, 60 visits were done to promote shoreline rejuvenation and more than 7000 m2 of shoreline were rejuvenated. The next plant distribution will be October 25 th.</p>	<p>Federation Y. Gagnon</p>	<p>Fall 2009</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>3. The Federation signed an agreement with the COMGA to receive additional funding for the Lakes that were affected by cyaobacterias blooms in 2009. The project targeted McMullin Lake because this lake has a very bad water quality and transfers it to several lakes of VDM. McMullin Lake is grassed to the water `edge and therefore has a lot of potential for such a project. In total, 88 letters were sent to Lake McMullin residents offering the project. On that, only 2 residents benefited from this project. This project applied also Lake St-Pierre so the funds (3800\$) were spent there in only 5 days. The plant distribution will be on May 29th and all the plantations will be supervised by Y. Gagnon.</p>	<p>Federation Y. Gagnon</p>	<p>Spring 2010</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>4. A financial support demand of 40 666\$ was made to Environment Canada for an Ecoaction project in 2010 targeting the domain of PSL and St-Pierre Lake (including McMullin).</p>	<p>Federation Y.Gagnon</p>	<p>November 1st 2009</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>5. Geoconnections: The Federation had a meeting with its partners in this project last September 10th to update the project on technical issues, such as the architecture of the web application program and the choice of the data to publish publicly. The next meeting is being held next November 18th and is inviting the MDDEP to participate in this project which wants to influence land development policies in lake side areas by taking into consideration the lake's capacity to intake new phosphorus sources.</p>	<p>Federation Y. Gagnon C. Bergeron</p>	<p>November 18th 2009</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>6. Some pollution problems were reported at the public lake access of McFee Lake and the Federation wishes to help find a solution to this problem. The McFee Lake Association suggested to MVDM that a gate should be installed at the entrance to the boat ramp in order to block access to the roundabout which is being used as a location for unwanted parties. The MVDM agrees and wants to improve the situation. The Federation will do a follow-up on this subject.</p>	<p>Federation D. Brazeau MVDM Mayor</p>	<p>Fall 2009</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>7. MVDM confirmed that that the access ramp to McGregor Lake would not be cleared of snow during this year's winter months in order to reduce the pollution linked to ice-fishing. The Federation will publish an article written by E. Logue explaining the good behaviors to have whilst ice-fishing. The Federation will do a follow-up on this subject.</p>	<p>Federation E. Logue MVDM Mayor</p>	<p>Fall 2009</p>	<p>On-going</p>

<p>Membership and Finance committee:</p> <p>1. The Federation presented its budget and projects for 2010 as well as the triennial objectives for 2010-2011-2012.</p>	<p>Federation Council and Y. Gagnon</p>	<p>Dec 2009</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>Communication committee:</p> <p>1. The next edition of "Echoes of our lakes" will soon be published.</p>	<p>Federation Henderson Y.Gagnon</p>	<p>November 2009</p>	<p>On-going</p>

NEXT MEETING OF THE FEDERATION

December 8th 2009 @ 6 PM , Council room in MVDM Town Hall