

## Federation of Lakes of Val-Des-Monts

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### Minutes of Meeting of September 12, 2006

**Presents :** Tom Barber (President of Fédération and Grand Lake), Patrick Fredette (Coordinator of the Federation), Marc Carrière (Mayor, VDM), Carole St-Pierre (Association Clair Lake), Elizabeth Logue (Association McGregor Lake, Federation), Grant Walsh (Association St-Pierre Lake, Federation), Judith Stanfield (Association Brassard Lake), Duncan Campbell (Association St-Germain Lake), Bob Neville (Association McGlashan and Girard Lake), Dick Pickering (Association Perdrix Lake), Henri Fournier (MRNF), Hania Grabowski (Association McGregor Lake), Martin Munro (Association McFee Lake), Julien Croteau (Councilor, VDM).

| ACTIONS   | WHO<br>(who is responsible) | WHEN<br>(anticipated completion date) | STATUS   |
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| <b>Board Administration:</b>  |                             |                                       |          |
| 1. Federation Board meeting schedule is as follows; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>November 14</b> at 6pm at the Municipality</li> <li>• January 16/07, March 13, May 8, July 10, September 11</li> </ul>  | Board                       |                                       |          |
| 2. The Executive Committee was assigned the task of negotiating a long-term contractual arrangement with Patrick Fredette (biologist) and the MVDM. This will be reported at the next meeting.  | Executive                   | Nov 14                                |          |
| 3. Once the Federation has completed its long-term environmental plan which is expected by the end of 2006, the Board will revisit its Board committee structure with the goal of staffing the committees with interested members.  | Committee Chairs            | Jan 16/07                             |          |
| 4. A draft of the Federation bylaws will be tabled at the next meeting.   | Tom                         | Nov 14                                |          |
| <b>Public Affairs Committee</b>   |                             |                                       |          |
| <u><b>New Items:</b></u>  |                             |                                       |          |
| 1. A zoning issue was raised pertaining to 'Mud Bay' on lake McGregor. It was agreed that the Federation needed to develop a better understanding of how zoning changes, developments and bylaw adjustments are processed by the municipality and the region. Information on this broad topic will be gathered and made available on the Federation website.  | Board                       | ???                                   |          |
| 2. The Federation made a request to the MVDM if they would consider adding the Federation and any applicable lake to the list of 'notices' to be sent out or published in the local newspaper in the case of any zoning or bylaw adjustments affecting any of the Federation's members.   | Mayor                       | Nov 14                                |          |
| 3. The Federation is expecting to be kept informed of any new developments such as "Cite des Lacs" and any others.  | Mayor                       | Ongoing                               |          |
| 4. The Federation will need to make a formal request to the MVDM for funding for the fiscal year 2007.  | Board                       | Nov 14                                |          |
| 5. The Federation approved resubmitting to the MVDM its proposal on establishing an environmental tax in order to secure long-term funding for the Federation.  | Board                       | Sept 12                               | Approved |
| 6. Patrick Fredette (biologists) contracted by the Federation for the summer presented as part of his work plan a scientific model pertaining to the developmental capacity of lakes. The model will be field tested using data from two lakes and the results presented to the mayor and councilors for consideration. The objective is to have such a model incorporated into the regional and municipal development planning process. Patrick will produce a report outlining the benefits of the model and work with the mayor to expose the model to the regional and municipal politicians. | Mayor/Patrick               | Ongoing                               |          |
| 7. Patrick's report on the proposed model will be available on the Federation website.  | Patrick                     | Nov 14                                |          |

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| <p>8. The Board approved a media protocol whereby if any Federation Board member is contacted by the media with respect to Federation activities or issues impacted by the Federation, they will refer the media person to our President (Tom) who in turn will decide who is best to deal with the request.</p> <p><b><u>Carry Forward Items:</u></b></p> <p>1. Municipality is reviewing the benefits and costs of adopting a program of mandatory septic system emptying done by the municipality on a systematic basis (i.e., every 1-2 years).</p>   | Board  | Sept 12/06 | Approved |
| <p><b><u>Environment Committee:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>New Items:</u></b></p> <p>1. The Board was informed that its Federal grant submission (EcoAction) as well as the grant submission made by Lac St. Pierre (Invasive Species) was not approved for 2006 and that all efforts would be made to resubmit them based on the feedback received by the granting agencies for the 2007 year. The resubmissions are due in October 2006.</p> <p>The mayor will be informed as soon as the resubmissions are completed so that he can follow-up on the government front.</p> <p>2. The Board reported that the annual Water Quality Day held on July 8/06 at the Hotel sur le lac (Lake St. Pierre) was once again a success with over 70 participants and a lot of interesting presentations and discussion. The results of the water testing program presented once again by Henri Fournier (Government biologist) will be made available on the Federation website.</p> <p>3. Members of McGregor lake provided an update on the public ramp project indicating that the final data is being compiled by VDM and should be available at the next meeting.</p> <p>4. Lac St. Pierre will review the project results and prepare a proposal for its public access ramp for consideration by the MVDM for 2007.</p> <p>5. A water testing information session (training the water testers) will be developed for the next testing cycle.</p> <p>6. Concerns were raised about the Lake McGregor testing results and the members of Lake McGregor were provided with suggestions (i.e. more testing this year and more frequent testing overall) for which they will report back at the next meeting.</p> | Board  | Sept 12    |          |
| <p><b><u>Membership &amp; Finance Committee:</u></b></p> <p>1. A financial update will be provided at each of the Federation Board meetings.</p>  | Duncan | Ongoing    |          |
| <p><b><u>Communications Committee:</u></b></p> <p>The Federation's next newsletter is being planned for distribution in November 2006. The Federation needs to make arrangements with the MVDM to obtain an electronic copy or the newsletter mailing list to facilitate the distribution process and to reduce costs.</p> <p>The Federation's website continues to be a popular site and an important component of the Federation's ongoing education program.</p>   | Grant  | Nov 14/06  |          |
| <p><b><u>Other Items:</u></b></p> <p>1. There have been complaints reported to the Federation about Beavers and the damage they have done to some lake front properties. The Federation plans to publish information on how to manage the Beavers in the next edition of its newsletter.</p>  | Grant  | Nov/06     |          |

**NEXT FEDERATION BOARD MEETINGS:**

**November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at the municipality**