

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Lac Gauvreau Environmental Protection Association
l'Association pour la protection de l'environnement du Lac Gauvreau.
1000 hrs, 23 Oct 2021/le 23 oct 2021, VIA ZOOM

NOTE: A recording of this meeting can be found at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/113kPFFPwAoCfepoRkvYn1RD3LOCgij6yk8BLStbBQ2wR10Tk8ziyQrR6eKX3riW.GtMOEZb0S-tVsbwy> Passcode: 11R1+F&Q

Attendance list based on Zoom files:

Johanne Charbonneau
Ali Bowa
Anne Beaulieu
Chad Lawson
Maarten Derksen
Charles Khassam
Daniel Kobewka
Sebastien Beaulieu
Diane Houle + Ian Rutherford
Don Ellis
Douglas & Dixie Robbie
Earl Renton
Emma Doorly
Eric Loney
Ian and Suzanne Arnold
Jackie Turpin
Janice Price
Jill Dickson
John Shaughnessy
Justin Nicholson
Leanne Olson
Lesley Casteldine
Louise de Uynah
Manon Roux
Mike Perron
mlaurin
Monica
Phil Allen
Pierre leBel
Robert
Scott Smith
Steve Todd
Stuart Fraser
Thomas Wolstenholme
Laura Wesley
Tom and Tam Booth
Tom Thompson
Suzanne
John Long
Matt Belanger

1. Introduction

The chair introduced Laura Wesley at 10:03 who then explained the technical aspects of the meeting. Matt Belanger will manage the chat facility. The chair then formally opened the meeting and noted that the meeting was now being recorded. He also stated that the meeting was being held on traditional Algonquin territory and asked the meeting to nurture our relationship with our Indigenous members and neighbours. Motion to use the agenda previously distributed, moved by Phil Allen and seconded by Tom Thompson – approved.

2. La parole à nos invités/*Remarks from our Guests*

- Mayor Lamoureux – The Mayor indicated he would be present throughout our meeting and offered to speak at 11:00 instead of in the present time slot.

3. Compte rendu de l'Assemblée générale du 26 sep/ *Record of the General Meeting held 26 Sep 2020.*

- Acceptance of the minutes from 2020 (available on request) was moved by: Anne Beaulieu, seconded by: Charles Khazzam, Approved

4. Rapport annuel / *Annual Report* – See attached .pdf slides for greater detail.



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- ***l'Education/education:***

Some info distributed by mail, website revised (thanks from the Association to Stuart Fraser and our former webmaster Andrew Kerr for their efforts)
Municipality also helped with providing a distribution list

- ***Test de l'eau/Water testing***

RSVL – applied to join this group which processes data from member lakes in Quebec. Unfortunately, they had too many applicants. Nevertheless, we did the same tests as RSVL under the direction of the local lab in Gatineau. Results: E coli – all in excellent range and safe for swimming except Parent Creek; Phosphorous – the lake is in the Mesotrophic range; Parent Creek is in the Eutrophic range; Chlorophyll levels in the lake are good and in the oligotrophic range. All evidence suggests that the Parent Creek is a major source of nutrients and E Coli coming into the lake.

Date	Test	A	B	C	D	1	2	3	4	Remarks
5 Jul 2021	Total P					20	20	20	50	µgm/l (
"	Dissolved Organic Carbon					6.5	6.3	6.2	6.5	mg/l
"	Chl a					3.3	3.1	3.0	0.5	µgm/l (Loc. 4 seems anomalous)
"	E.coli	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	250	UFC/100/ml (

Statut trophique	Phosphore total (µg/L)	Chlorophylle a (µg/L)	Transparence (m)
<u>Ultra-oligotrophe</u>	< 5	< 2,5	> 6
<u>Oligotrophe</u>	5-10	< 8	> 3
<u>Mésotrophe</u>	10-30	8-25	3-1,5
<u>Eutrophe</u>	30-100	25-75	1,5-0,7
<u>Hypereutrophe</u>	> 100	> 75	< 0,7

Ann Beaulieu asked the question about whether we will reapply to be an RSVL member? The Chair stated that we have again applied to RSVL and that the application will be assessed in January. Charles Khazzam asked for clarification on what the biologist meant when she said she would not swim in the lake. The Chair replied that it was about the "pea soup" appearance of the water in the area where she was.

Cyanobacteria – a different kind of bloom was seen after the August spell of hot weather – appeared to be similar to that seen in Lac Phillippe. Johanne Charbonneau noted that when we had the bloom, there was also a yellow slime. What was that, is it toxic? JL noted that we asked the Ministry of Environment and the Municipality as to how we could test but did not receive any helpful responses.

- **Assurance qualité et avis scientifique/Quality assurance and scientific advice**
We have used ABV des 7 for advice over the past few years. That is no longer available due to management changes and lack of staff. Our "go-to" Biologist also had to decline a private role due to ill health. The Chair noted that we will check out other agencies and asked membership for advice. Steve Todd suggested that the Quebec Govt. may keep a list of possible consultants. The Chair indicated that we will follow up on that suggestion.
- **Restauration du littoral/Shoreline restoration**
We have had a workshop and 5 consultations. There were 25 people at workshop run by Daniel Kobewka and Rink de Lange. An update has also been done on classification of the shoreline by ABV des 7 and their report is due October 31 and will be posted on the Association website.. The report will suggest priority areas for rehabilitation to natural state within the 5-metre buffer zone of the shore.

- **Le myriophyl /milfoil**

More buoys have been placed in areas of concern and better, more visible signs were installed around the lake. The regulations suggest we can remove up to 75 square meters of milfoil along lake shore properties using methods such as manual removal, rakes, and/or burlap. One rake product tested pulls out weeds by their roots.

A new milfoil committee was formed and will develop recommendations for release to members during the winter. This committee needs a couple of more volunteers Tom Booth volunteered. Ian Arnold noted that, based on studies over the years, Parent Creek may have a far worse impact in loading the lake with nutrients than any nutrients coming in from lake properties – shoreline, septic, etc. The chair responded that we will work with the municipality on this. Charles Khazzam suggested forming a group to set up a burlap covering company. The Chair suggested that the Board will take this up with Milfoil committee.

Thomas Wolstenholme asked for information on the rake. The Website is: <https://weedersdigest.com/lake-pond-rakes/> Eric Loney stated that the company in Minnesota and the name of the rake is the Weedripper. He noted that it worked very well when pulled gently across bottom and that the weeds were pulled out by the roots. The cost is \$129.00 U.S. and it comes with a 15-foot handle or it can be thrown out by rope. It is well-constructed.

Another question was asked by Louise. What can be done about a discharge pipe along Parent Creek? The Chair responded that this matter will be brought to the attention of the Municipality.

Science does support the contention that the size of wakes helps to spread Milfoil fragments. The responsible boaters group has asked for input from the board. The Board will hope to have position end of year

Action Plan: - follow link to https://www.lacgavreau.ca/Protect/Action_Plan/

5. Administration de L'Association/Association Administration

- Financial: John Shaughnessy reported on the attached statement (see slide deck) for 2020 and for the 2021 budget. A motion to accept the statement and approve the budget was made by Tom Wolstenholme and seconded by Phil Allen, Approved. John noted that some expenses are still outstanding for 2021, e.g.: for the shoreline workshop consultant and the shoreline report.
- Board of Directors members: !0 candidate nominations were received with good diversity and geographic representation. The Chair noted that the constitution allows for nominations from the floor and asked for further nominations. No hands were raised and there were no nominations noted in the chat. The Board nominees were acclaimed. 50 % Of board will stand for re-election each year. Term is two years. Phil Allen noted that the Board will also reach out for folks to serve on committees.



Acclaimed members
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6. *Divers/Other Business*

- Beaver Dam – we have been sent pictures by nearby residents and by Steve Todd. There is a need to assess the risk and then take action based on risk. Beaver baffle used on an incoming damn to allow water flow.

7. Motion to adjourn was made by Thomas Wolstenholme at 11:02 and nominees for local councillor and mayor were asked to speak briefly to the membership.



Candidates pour l'élection municipale/*Candidates for the Municipal Election*