



AMIS du LAC
FRIENDS of the LAKE

**Minutes of the Amis du Lac Annual General Meeting of
July 17, 2016
Lac des Seize Îles Municipal Hall**

Present: Bill Clelland (president), Mary Campbell, Chris Campbell, Jacques Causse, Pieter Folmer, David Logan, Penny Love, Louise Pharand, Geoff Cresswell, Marie-Ève Bonneville, Marie-Claire Lorange, Ian Swan, Cathy Mavriplis (secretary) and 15 others

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:35pm.
2. President Bill Clelland introduced new board members, Marie-Claire Lorange and Ian Swan. Bill also thanked long standing members Penny Love, Pieter Folmer, Mary and Chris Campbell.
3. The mayor, Yves Baillargeon, gave an update on municipal affairs. He said the council was working well together. He thanked Corina Lupu for taking on the urban plan project and working with Urba+. He also discussed plans to hire staff through Human Resources specialists from the Fédération québécoise des municipalités. Finally, on the dam, Yves reported that it was determined that the dam was built on crown land and that a transfer of ownership to the Quebec government is in process, specifically ministère de l'environnement et administration hydrique.
4. Marie-Claire Lorange moved to accept the minutes of the 2015 AGM. Suzanne Causse seconded. All were in favour.
5. Membership report by Mary Campbell: Mary reported that the membership renewal email for returning three-year members has had good response so far with 25 paying their dues. Last year we had 106 members. Mary anticipates an increase in membership and influx of funds due to bulk renewal of three-year memberships.
6. Financial report by Jacques Causse: The association had \$22,000 in the bank at the end of the year. The net income was -\$2,932.11 due to some expected higher expenses. Louise Lorange moved to accept the financial report, Marie-Ève Bonneville seconded, all were in favour.

7. Urban Plan report by David Logan: David reminded us of our historical involvement with municipal efforts to create an urban plan (e.g. with the Biofilia report, examining Bark Lake's process, etc). Marie-Claire Lorange and Ian Swan will help to review the urban plan drafts of the municipality.

Municipal Councilor Corina Lupu updated us on the plan:

She has been working with Urba+ and the process has been open although a bit arduous. She has sent some versions to Amis du Lac cboard members, looking for feedback by August 6th, in time for August 9th workshop to work on the plan. August 19th is the date planned for an information session open to all. Municipal councilor David Estall reported that the buildings in the parking lot are not safe and will be torn down. Approval has been given to hire a planner to redesign the space and integrate into the urban plan. This includes garbage disposal, boat washing, a garage and perhaps an electric vehicle charging station.

On the milfoil issue, Corina reported that the burlap to lay in the bottom of Hammond's Bay has been purchased but installation has been delayed due to the ministry asking for justification. This will happen in the fall. Amis du Lac will make better signs to go with this. Corina also anticipates a modified boat access (based on suggestions from Laurel / Wentworth Nord) – she is working with some lake residents with help from Louise Pharand and Ian Swan. A new process should be in place by next year. The plan is to charge ~\$15 for a 9.9hp, more for larger boats, free for canoes and kayaks. This would be managed by Daniel (municipal worker).

8. Environmental report by Bill Clelland: Bill has been replaced by Louise Pharand on the Environmental Consultation Committee (CCE). Signs have been printed by Amis du Lac and installed at the head, foot and SILF club. There is a new no wake zone in front of the SILF club. Amis du Lac will be providing the signage for Hammond's Bay. On the landslide, a lawsuit is pending and studies have been done. We are waiting for an outcome.
9. Calendars: Penny Love reported that we have 300 calendars printed to sell at \$15 each. She asked for volunteers to sell them at the Arts and Culture Day.
10. SILF Club projects:
 - a. Cathy Mavriplis reported on several activities that were held in conjunction with the Fishing club for children: the scavenger hunt that Bill Clelland and Cathy M helped with; craft night that Alison Warner and Cathy M. helped with; and motorless day that Penny Love, Mary Campbell and Cathy M. helped with. Amis du Lac provided the funds for the lunch on motorless day.

b. loon survey: Marie-Ève Bonneville reported that she has our lake in the database for the loon survey and that 4 girls have helped with the reporting. Corina described what had happened to the loon that died due to a fishing lure being caught in its beak. She suggested we have a list of people who can be educated on how to handle birds in distress. There is a refuge close by. Chris Campbell mentioned that this is the 3rd loon in 3 years to be injured by fishing equipment and suggests we educate fishermen.

11. Louise Pharand reported on two wake studies performed by Quebec universities (UQAM and Laval). Parameters were deemed to be: engine type, speed, depth, boat and power. General recommendation is to leave shore in a direction perpendicular to the shore at slow speed and stay at 300m from shore at high speed (deeper than 5m) or when skiing or wakeboarding.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm (moved by Marie-Claire Lorange).