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# ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Last year when I was writing this message we were in the very early months of pandemic year one. There were many unknowns; those who reside in Ontario were unable to access their properties in Quebec and we did not know how the future would unfold. 2021 is now year two of the pandemic and things have improved. Many if not most of us have been at least partially vaccinated and are looking forward to our booster shots. Access to our properties has not been so much of an issue. Spring came early

and – most importantly – the black flies came and were gone by early June. The dragonflies have arrived. In many cultures dragonflies represent good luck and prosperity. Let us hope that this is the case for this and future seasons.

Plans are well underway for water testing. This year, for the first time, the testing for our lakes and others in our area is being coordinated with a biologist recently hired by the Municipality of Val-des-Monts. The cost of water testing for phosphorous will be covered by the municipality, but not for e. *coli* testing; the Association will continue to undertake and pay for those tests. Water testing requires coordination and commitment but it is important for ensuring the continuing health of our lakes. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have come forward to undertake these multiple tests over the summer. You will find more information on the new water testing program on page 13 of this newsletter.

Thanks are also directed to the volunteers who offered extra funding for fish stocking and to those who actually came on site in the cold fall to assist with getting the fish into the water. A total of \$6,265 worth of trout was introduced to our lakes; specific data may be found on page 8 of this issue.

PSLL's excellent fish stocking program, which is funded by and intended solely for use by our members, does have its downside: it is also attractive to outsiders. On several occasions in the winter and spring, non-members from outside of the PSLL area came to the beach at Bataille and other access points on our lakes to illegally launch boats and take advantage of our lakes' resources. To that end the Association has increased signage at the beach, stressing that it is private property for the exclusive use of members, and that persons who trespass are subject to fines. The MRC des Collines is well aware of our rights and position on this and have come on site both to warn and then fine repeat offenders. The pressure on this real estate will continue, especially as hot weather approaches, so I thank those members who politely patrol the beach area.

We would like to acknowledge our elected officials, with whom we have maintained good relations for many years. We will be losing Mr. Jacques Laurin as mayor, as he has decided to retire. PSLL wishes him all the best for the future and we look forward to building an equally strong relationship with our new mayor. Our councillor, Mr. Claude Bergeron, has indicated that he will run for re-election and we continue to offer him our support.

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR PSLL'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, JULY 25, 9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM, LOCATION TBA. SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS.

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Alain Mercier | Chris Hemmingway, Alternate COBALI

André Cossette

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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For many years PSLL has reported on the status of the lands owned by Lauzon Forestry, mostly to stress that these lands are private and leased to hunters, and thus dangerous for casual walks. Lauzon is now interested in selling large tracts of land for possible development so some concerned owners have formed a group, Conservation Perkinssur-le-lac, and are working to acquire some of this land and turn it into a conservation area. PSLL is supporting their initiative by providing a means of communication to all our members. PSLL itself is not in a financial position to contribute funding to this initiative. Our current membership rates allow for water testing, fish stocking, road maintenance, some recreation activities, newsletters, signage and other communication but not for land purchase. More information is available on page 10 of this issue. If you wish to contribute and/or work to acquire lands, please contact the group by email at conservation.perkins.sur.le.lac@gmail.com.

In conclusion I would like to thank all of the Association's many volunteers as well as the board members who represent and defend your interests. Please make plans to participate in our upcoming AGM on July 25; see information on page 5. I look forward to speaking to you then.

Enjoy 2021 – stay positive spirit-wise and negative COVID-wise!

### - Constance Hudak, PSLL President

# MESSAGE FROM OUR MUNICIPAL COUNCILLOR



Dear fellow citizens of Perkins-sur-le-lac,

The year 2021 has begun with the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, which continues to disrupt the world population. I encourage everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible so that we can enjoy our properties this summer.

The pandemic has also resulted in a shift of people from the cities to the countryside, and this trend is likely to continue for a long time. The number of permit applications for new homes and secondary buildings (garages and sheds) submitted to the environment and urban planning department has increased like never before. The pressure on this department is enormous and I ask people who intend to build or renovate to submit their applications as soon as possible and to be patient.

At the time of writing, the Outaouais region was still in Zone Orange, which requires City Council to meet by teleconference (Zoom). However, the public may submit questions to the mayor or myself or through the municipal website at administration@val-des-monts.net no later than 4:30 pm on the Monday before the meeting. Meeting dates are posted at *val-des-monts.net*.

At the December 2020 meeting for the adoption of the 2021 budget, I opposed the budget because I did not agree with the tax increase created by the update of property values by the MRC as well as the increase in expenses of the municipality. Unfortunately, I was the only councillor to oppose the budget because of the increases, which I felt were too high in a time of pandemic. However, I can assure you that the next budget will not contain such high increases as the municipality has received a \$3 million grant for the construction of the new fire station in the south district.

I would also like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the Lauzon Trust development project in our area. First, the Environment and Planning Department continues to review the Trust's preliminary design. I have contacted the Trust's planning department and they have informed me that the Trust will not be doing any development as currently described on their website. The Trust wants to sell the lots they own that border on municipal roads; they do not want to build roads that meet municipal criteria. They also want to sell the remaining land – large lots of hundreds of acres or more and currently leased by hunters – to developers.

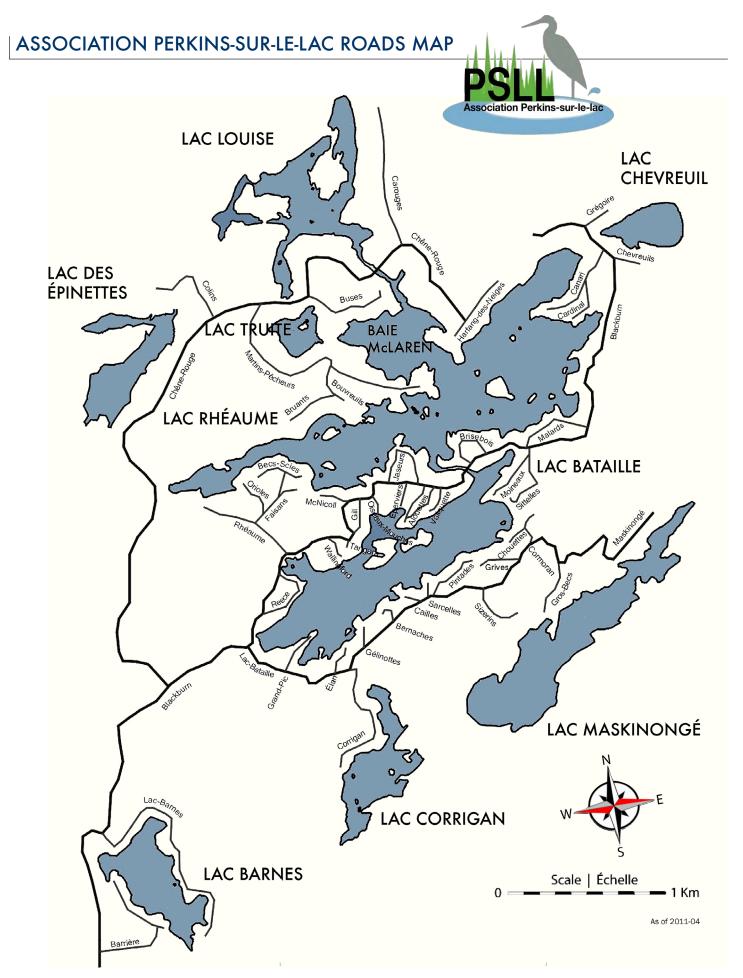
As to the conservation project initiated by some members of lakes within the PSLL area for the purchase of land from the Lauzon Trust, the group, through Ms. Justine Akman, submitted their concerns to the Municipal Council. The mayor responded to the group's concerns and questions in a letter signed on March 31 and emailed to Ms. Akman on June 2, 2021. On the same day, I forwarded this letter to Association PSLL's board members. The municipality's position is that this is a private project and that it does not intend to acquire another park as it already owns three others.

Finally, a reminder that the municipal election is scheduled for November 7. The mayor has decided not to seek re-election for another term. Some of you have asked me if I plan to run for the position of mayor, but for personal reasons, I do not intend to do so. I will, however, be seeking a third term as a councillor. I strongly encourage you to stay informed and to vote to show your interest in your local government.

Please be assured that I remain at your disposal to serve you and answer your questions. Yours sincerely,

- Claude Bergeron, Councillor for District 3, Municipality of Val-des-Monts

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# USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

## ANIMALS / BIRDS

### BEAVERS

### BIRDS

Wild Bird Care Centre.....613 828-2849

### DOGS AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS

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### OTHER ANIMALS (BEARS, ETC.)

- Wildlife protection MNR QC.....819 246-1910
- 24hr: MNR QC.....1 800 463-2191 (For hunting and fishing permits and regulations;
- also to report poaching, dead birds or raccoons)

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### **HEALTH SERVICES**

### CLINIC (open 24h/7 for emergencies)

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• Linda	
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- Le Droit ......613 562-0222

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- chemin Pintades, Jean Montgrain ......819 671-7545
- chemin Rhéaume Nord, Daryl Neve......819 671-1392
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## MUNICIPALITY OF VAL-DES-MONTS

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1 Route du Carrefour, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 4E9

Check the website for hours as they change according to the season

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

email: jacqueslaurin@val-des-monts.net ext. 2208 email: claudebergeron@val-des-monts.net (c) 819 962-4638 Reception/General information.....press 0 · Complaints regarding road conditions, environment, garbage or animals, or information on recycling or garbage pick up .....press 1 • Environment and urban planning.....press 2 Public works.....press 3 • Finances.....press 4 Community activities and sports events ......press 5 • Fire security.....press 6 Administration .....press 7

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# CALENDAR OF 2021-2022 PSLL EVENTS

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATION PSLL

## JULY 25 | 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM | LOCATION TBA

See below for details; updated schedule information will be available on the PSLL website, *psll.ca*, and by email to members.

### CORN ROAST (TENTATIVE) DATE, TIME TBA

### Lac Bataille beach, 604 chemin Blackburn, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 6E9

For all PSLL members. Scheduling depends on pandemic restrictions; more information will be available on the psll website, *psll.ca*, and by email to members.

# OTHER LOCAL EVENTS:

## MUNICIPALITY OF VAL-DES-MONTS DRIVE-IN MOVIES

### VARIOUS DATES IN JULY AND AUGUST

### Poltimore Fair Grounds, 2740 route Principale, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 2H7 and Ecole du Sommet, 2197 Montée Paiement, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 7C9 Note: You must stay in your car!

The Municipality of Val-des-Monts offers free drive-in movies during July and August, weather permitting. Space is limited; advance registration is required. For more information, contact the municipality's Leisure, Culture and Community Life Service at 819 457-9400, ext. 2326, or check the Val-des-Monts website, *val-des-monts.net/en*.

## 2022 LAC BARNES CURLING TOURNAMENT

DATE, TIME TBA | 72 chemin du lac Barnes, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 6E4 Rita Legault and Clayton Devine, Hosts. For details and further information contact Clayton and Rita at cwd12311@outlook.com.

# **PSLL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021**

We are planning to conduct our AGM on July 25 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, either at the Val-des-Monts Municipal Library (17 chemin du Manoir) or Lac Bataille beach, depending on health restrictions regarding gatherings. We will try to arrange live streaming for those who cannot attend in person. If that is not possible, we will hold the meeting by Zoom. Find AGM information online at *psll.ca/aga-agm*.

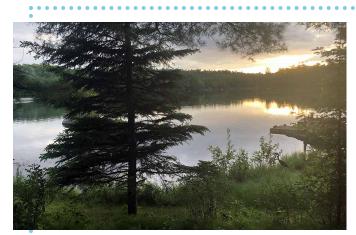
You must be a PSLL member to vote! Many members register and pay for their membership at the AGM; this year we encourage everyone to send in their memberships online or by mail. Either i) follow the online membership and payment process at *psll.ca*, OR ii) return the completed membership form on page 19 of this newsletter with your cheque via Canada Post or drop it off at the mailbox behind the info board at lac Bataille. Watch for email notifications and check the PSLL website for updated schedule information.



## NEW OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT OF PSLL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

In addition to cheque, credit card and PayPal options, members can now opt to pay annual dues by Interac e-transfer, or choose automatic renewal of yearly dues through PayPal. Go to the

psll website, psll.ca/adhesion-membership, for more information.



# Summer at the Lake: Enjoy Responsibly!

(Editor's Note: This article first appeared in last year's newsletter. It bears repeating.)

We are truly lucky to be able to enjoy such a picturesque locale so close to the Nation's Capital during these times of physical distancing. This year, there is already more activity on our lakes, and in order to ensure that we and future generations can continue to enjoy our beautiful corner of paradise, please respect some simple rules (and feel free to tell your visitors and renters!).

- Please respect all boating rules and be careful. There are many kids of all ages swimming, kayaking and moving around on the lakes. Police regularly patrol the area and neighbours may report any dangerous situation to them (such as going faster than 10 km/h within 60 m of the shoreline).
- To prevent the spread of the invasive aquatic plant Eurasian Watermilfoil, ALWAYS thoroughly clean your boat, including the motor and trailer, when changing water bodies (using water above 40°C or under pressure, at least 250 psi), or allow it to dry for at least five days between uses. Visually inspect to manually remove all plant fragments.
- Be careful when refuelling we have seen some small fuel spills already this year.
- Respect fire bans. You may check status on the PSLL website, psll.ca.
- Dispose properly of your garbage and don't leave it outside in plastic bags. Use your composter whenever possible.
- Please respect the noise by-laws. Many of us live and work here full-time.
- Please control your pets. We regularly have to call the SPCA to pick up lost dogs.
- Please avoid going on the islands and do not leave any garbage there or let your dog do its business there. It is generally not allowed to make fires or camp on the islands, and the less we go there, the more we protect loons and other habitats.

In short: be a good neighbour, preserve our lakes and forests, and enjoy the summer!

# Beautiful, Blooming Val-des-Monts GROW YOUR GARDEN WITH THE "FLEURISSONS VAL-DES-MONTS" CONTEST

Give your inner horticulturalist free reign! The Municipality of Val-des-Monts announces its 2021 "Fleurissons Val-des-Monts" competition. The contest began on June 3 and will end on August 10, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

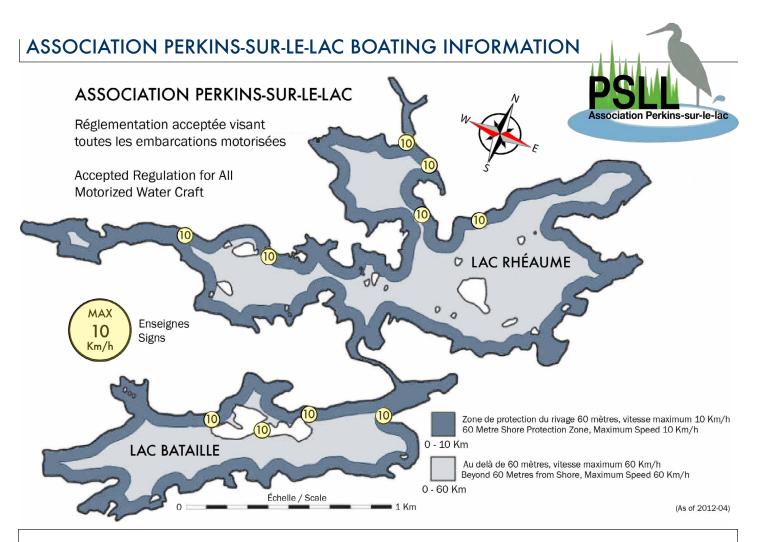
The competition is open to the citizens of Val-des-Monts of all ages and its merchants. Send us photos of your landscaping to win one of three \$50 gift certificates from Crèmerie Bulle de Bonhour (1102 route Principale, Val-des-Monts). Be creative! Add

Fleurons du Québec da da da da

to your decor daisies, the emblem flower of Val-des-Monts. Have you have created an original garden design on your property? We want to see it! (Please note that anyone who sends pictures of artificial plants or flowers will be disgualified.)

There are three categories: children (up to 17 years old), adults (18 years old and over) and businesses. Please send your photos to Marie-Milie Massicotte St-Ours at marie-miliemassicottest-ours@val-desmonts.net by August 10, 2021, 4:30 p.m. Don't forget to include your name, age, category you're competing in (children/adults/businesses), address, phone number and email address. Only one entry per address. If you do not have access to a computer, you may drop off your application with your photos in the

municipality's mailbox, located close to the main entrance of City Hall at 1 route du Carrefour, Val-des-Monts, Quebec J8N 4E9. Winners will be announced a few days after the contest closes. For further information, go to *val-des-monts.net/upload/userfiles/files/Communique%20Fleurissons%20Ete%20AN.pdf* or contact Mrs. Marie-Milie Massicotte St-Ours, Special Events Office and Communications Officer, telephone 819 457-9400, ext. 2230, email marie-miliemassicottest-ours@val-des-monts.net. *Photo at top: freeimages.com.* 



## BOAT LAUNCH ACCESS AT LAC BATAILLE

All nine lakes within the Domain are private and not open to public. Consequently, the lac Bataille boat launch is locked throughout the year. However, we have volunteers available to open the gate during the trout fishing season, April 23 to September 12, 2021. If you need to launch or remove your boat during this period, please review the checklist below and then call one of the persons listed.

- Make arrangements 24 hours in advance.
- The gate is locked from ice out in spring to the time ice forms on the lake in the winter.
- We now have 24-hour video surveillance of the boat launch from surrounding cottages.
- Only PSLL members who are owners of property on lac Rhéaume or lac Bataille, or who have grandfathered access rights as decided per Association PSLL, are allowed to use the boat launch.
- Members in good standing are admitted free of charge. Non-members must pay \$45 the cost of an annual membership. Payment by cash or cheque (payable to Association PSLL) may be given to the volunteer key holder at the gate.
- Owners who rent their cottage must be PSLL members in good standing in order to allow tenants access to the boat launch.
- Personal water craft (jet skis) and wake boats will not be admitted.
- Check your bilge and empty it well away from any body of water. Bilge water picked up elsewhere can contaminate our lake(s) with a variety of problem organisms (such as milfoil).

### The following volunteers have a key:

Clayton: 873 688-5950 | David: 613 454-8241 | Elaine: 819 671-6756 | John: 819 671-1849 | Linda: 819 671-7417 Mike: 819 360-0880 | Thérèse and Denis: 613 699-4023

## ATTENTION BOATERS

Association PSLL promotes the safety of boaters and others who use our lakes, and advocates for the protection of the aquatic environment and shoreline. Please reduce your speed near swimmers and obey the regulations while meeting or passing other watercraft, including sailboats, canoes, kayaks and paddle boarders. Please note that propeller-driven surfboard-type vessels are illegal in Canada [Small Vessel Regulations, section 1006(b), Transport Canada], with a \$350 fine every time you are caught using one.

Remember, everyone on board your pleasure craft must have – and should wear – a Canadian-approved and appropriately-sized flotation device (either a life jacket or personal flotation device) that is in good condition.

Wake boats and personal water craft will not be given access to the boat ramp. This ban is in no way meant to restrict or limit recreational boating, which has been a feature of our three largest lakes. Recreational boating is welcomed and drivers are reminded to be courteous, respectful of the environment, of the rule of law, and obey posted speed zones along our lakes.

### For more information go to psll.ca/boating-safety.



# FISH TALES FROM ASSOCIATION PSLL

Fishing stocking is an important service to our members and the funding for this is shared between the Association's budget allocation and private contributions from anglers from our lakes.

The Environment Committee continues to control and manage fish stocking throughout our lakes. There is a risk of environmental damage if individuals bring fish in from outside lakes. Invasive aquatic plants and organisms can be accidentally introduced to our waters and devastate our lakes' ecology, not to mention your home and cottage property values.

In Quebec, different types of bait can be used to catch fish. However, there are some restrictions on the use and possession of certain types of bait. Live bait fish is prohibited throughout Quebec at all times. Earthworms, leeches and frogs are not considered to be bait fish, and their use as bait is therefore permitted unless otherwise indicated.

- Chris Hemmingway, Co-Chair, Environment Committee

## FISH STOCKING 2020

PSLL's fish stocking program is one of the most popular initiatives of our lakes association. Even if you're not an angler, it's magical to sit on the dock and watch the fish leap up out of the water, flashing silver in the setting sun, leaving ever-widening circles in the water as they disappear below the surface of the lake. It's an even better experience with a glass of wine and pleasant company. And then there's the thrill of the hunt, of course...

In 2020, the dollar amount for fish stocking was \$6,265.00 – approximately \$2.35 per fish of 8 to 10 inches (20 to 25 cms) in size for a total of 2,666 fish of two trout species (Rainbow, approximately 2,423 and Speckled, approximately 243). The fish are loaded and distributed by weight so the number is approximate; some fish are bigger and some smaller so the weight varies per fish.

Of the dollar total, the Association's and members' 2020 contribution was \$2,500.00 rather than the usual \$1,500.00. There were fewer expenses last year because of COVID-19 so the board decided to increase the contribution. Fish are distributed per lake *pro rata*, based on each lake's percentage of paid memberships. The individuals' and donors' 2020 contributions totalled \$3,765.00. These contributions are distributed by amounts collected from each lake.

The fish farmer applies inflation annually at roughly 2% per annum so the 2021 cost will be approximately \$2.40 per fish.

### - André Cosette

Good fishing - and don't forget your permit!

# Fishing Season is Here!

There's nothing better than a day spent fishing – but only if you have your license and know the rules and regulations! To check Quebec requirements for sport fishing in our area (Zone 10), go to quebec.ca/en/tourism-and-recreation/sportingand-outdoor-activities/sport-fishing/zones-periods/particular-rules/zone-10.

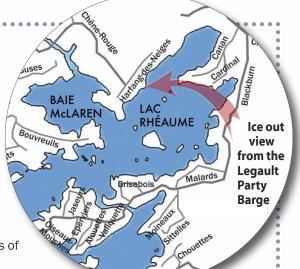
Licenses may be purchased in our area at Marché Alimentaire R. Tessier Inc., 1019 route Principale, or check the list of Val-des-Monts businesses at www3.mffp.gouv.qc.ca/english/wildlife/licence/liste.asp?region=07&codeGeo=82015.



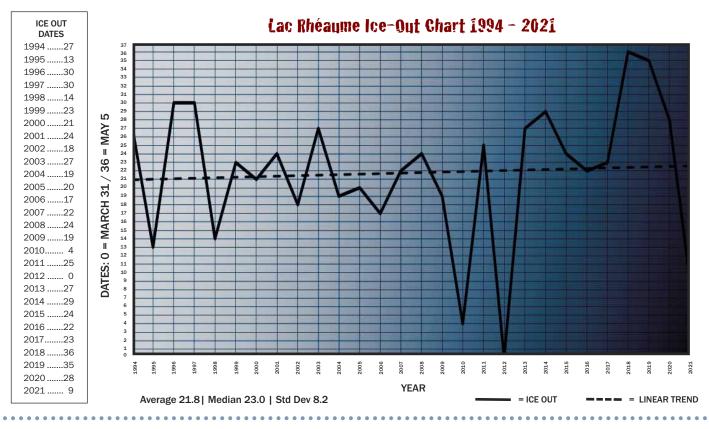
# Lac Rhéaume Ice-Out 2021

According to eye witnesses Benoît Leclerc, and Richard and Thérèse Murphy, the ice went out on Rhéaume North and MacLaren Bay on Friday, 9 April, 2021. This is nineteen days earlier than 2020 and 13 days earlier than the average, which is April 22.

Our little data set from 1994 to 2021 is much too small and too local a sample to draw any planet wide climate change conclusions. In spite of this year's early thaw, the revised long-term trend line is still tipping slightly upward toward later ice-out dates. While it remains to be seen whether this trend will continue into the future, if it is sustained, it would indicate cooling, not warming. The revised data now shows a standard deviation of 8.2 days. This is an indicator of volatility, which is fully consistent with the expectations of the best climate science.



If you want to see more details of how we have done ice-out tracking over the years, look up the prior year PSLL Newsletters on the PSLL website, *psll.ca/about-psll*. – **Richard and Lynn Legault**, **12 April 2021** 



# UPDATE ON VAL-DES-MONT'S COMPOSTING PROGRAM



Val-des-Mont's composting program has been such a great success that other municipalities are now implementing similar programs based on the results, so please continue to use your compost bin! As in previous years, when septic systems are inspected, your composter use will be checked as well. it is important to note that if you are not comfortable putting a wider range of food scraps in the composter and you wish to take these back to the city, then do so. BUT you must use your bin. No fines will be levied if the composter is used even by simply adding leaves and gardening material. Some people throw in some carrot tops and the odd lettuce leaf and eggshells, just to "mix it up." Make sure it is filled with green and/or leaf matter that you are comfortable with. Please refer to the municipal website, *val-des-monts.net/11-environnement*, for more information and useful links. (Note: the page is currently available only in French, with an English translation in the works.)

# Conservation Perkins-sur-le-lac: A Local Group Working to Preserve our Environment

This past winter, a group of PSLL owners formed a local conservation group called Conservation Perkins-sur-le-lac. The objective of the group is to create a framework where PSLL residents and owners could join forces to acquire and protect surrounding lands currently owned by Lauzon Forestry.



To accomplish these objectives, the group is investigating working with a charitable land trust. PSLL residents and owners would be able to donate funds directly to the charitable land trust and would receive tax deductible receipts. Upon purchase, the lands would then be owned and protected in perpetuity by the land trust, and managed by the land trust and likely a local stewardship group.

Residents and owners could use the lands for passive recreational, non-motorized activities such as hiking, biking and snowshoeing.

Lauzon is already in the process of trying to get municipal approvals to either develop parcels of land in our domain, or sell to developers. Currently, they lease some of these lands for hunting. Once Conservation Perkins-sur-le-lac is able to confirm which partners it will be working with, the group could become the main point of contact for any group of residents wanting to raise funds to purchase Lauzon lands that can be placed into a land trust.

Some of the properties listed for sale in the PSLL area, from the website terrainslalievre.com/en/area/val-des-monts-en.

In March, the group submitted a letter to the municipal council detailing their concerns. The mayor responded shortly after. A summary of his response indicates that:

- Lauzon is trying to get its development plans through before the municipality adopts the new masterplan in July.
- Lauzon's plans are only to show their intention. At this stage, if it adheres to the municipal by-law, it will be granted.
- No public consultation is required according to the laws however, the master plan in July will be subject to public consultation.
- The rule of 10% set aside for natural habitat applies, although it could be possible to buy land elsewhere to be protected.
- The municipality will not move forward to buy any land to protect as they consider the group's aims to be a private project.
- As long as it is not qualified as protected area, normal property taxes will apply to any land bought by the conservation group.
- Designating it as protected land will require an extensive study to show that it is necessary to protect the land.
- The municipality will not insure any land bought by the conservation group.

The group provides regular updates to PSLL on its progress and has been communicating with Councillor Claude Bergeron (see the councillor's remarks in his message on page 2) and the Municipality of Val-des-Monts.

If you are interested in learning more, becoming involved or being added to the email distribution list, please email conservation.perkins.sur.le.lac@gmail.com.

- Bruce McMullen, Justine Akman and Colette Labrecque-Riel

# **Reminder: LAUZON PROPERTIES BY OUR LAKES ARE PRIVATE**

All of Lauzon's properties are rented out to hunters and trespassing is not permitted at any time of year. This includes the part of chemin Corrigan that does not belong to Association PSLL. In general, all land

> surrounding us belongs to Lauzon and we suggest that you not veer off the public roads or our private PSLL roads (as shown on page 3 of this newsletter). A map of Lauzon properties appears on our website at www.psll.ca/new-blog-1/2020/5/4/chasse-hunting. And, especially during hunting season, be especially cautious when out near these areas!



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# Wallingford Lodge at lac Bataille

Editor's Note: Wallingford Lodge was first structure on lac Bataille and it still stands today, over 170 years later. Built in 1850 on lac Wallingford and moved to Bataille in 1890, it has had just five different owners in all that time, but many incarnations. The following account of its long and fascinating history is pieced together from first-hand accounts by the last two of its owners and a bit of Internet sleuthing. While not all information is verifiable, it certainly makes for a good story!



Wallingford Lodge, circa 1923.



## THE BUILDER: GEORGE WALLINGFORD

George Wallingford (October 1 or May 22, 1822 - June 21, 1891), the lodge's builder and original owner, was part of a large and well-known Quebec clan. The Canadian branch of the Wallingford family was founded by refugees from the

American Revolution. George's father, Joseph-Nicholas Wallingford (c. 1768 - December 16, 1832), an innkeeper and shoemaker, was brought to Quebec as a young boy by his mother from Manhattan, New York.

George and his siblings were born and grew up in Quebec. He married Rose-de-Lima Berichon in 1849. The next year, he built Wallingford Lodge on lac Wallingford, located just south of lac à la Perdrix and west of Perkins. The building was quite grand, built of enormous, thick cedar planks, with a second floor sleeping area and a separate storage shed. George and his wife were the parents of at least six sons and six daughters, according to the website *ancestors.familysearch.org*. The family used the lodge as their ancestral home.

In 1890, the lodge was relocated to lac Bataille, citing the lake's beauty and the clarity of its spring-fed water as reasons for the move. It was the first building on the lake.

## THE NEXT INCARNATION: LODGING HOUSE

John Adams Perkins, an American cloth merchant, founded the village of Perkins 1840s and established the area as a commercial logging site. He built sawmills nearby and employed loggers and millworkers, many brought in from Ireland and from other areas of Quebec.

In 1878, with the discovery of phosphate, mines began to operate in the region. By the start of 1892, however, the



Wallingford Lodge, winter 2020.

production of phosphate began to drop, but was replaced by the discovery of mica. Quite a few mica mines sprang up in the area. The Wallingfords were involved in that industry, and their mine won international awards for the quality of its ore.



Sometime during this period, the Wallingford family sold the property to MacLaren Lumber and the lodge became a bunkhouse for various mining and logging crews, and later for workers installing roads. Cots were set up in the spacious upstairs loft; meals were served at a communal table on the main floor. But by the first part of the twentieth century, with mines and forests depleted and the workers gone, the lodge had to reinvent itself once more.

## PRIVATE CAMP: IF THE WALLS COULD TALK ...

Sometime in the 1950s the lodge, along with much of the property that later became Perkins-sur-le-lac, was acquired by L. J. Grégoire. He turned the lodge into a private hunt and fish camp that catered to primarily members of the federal senate. The guests spent much their time enjoying the well-stocked liquor cabinet, tossing the empties up in the air off the dock (continued on page 12)



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## WALLINGFORD LODGE (continued from page 11)

and using them for target practice. (Later owners found the shed crammed with empties, and collected bullet casings and masses of glass shards from the shore and water.)



The guests also, presumably, hunted and fished, as evidenced by the photo above. Whatever else they did to amuse themselves is a matter for speculation, but the subsequent owners noted high heel spike marks in the wood floor of the sleeping loft.

Mr. Grégoire was a developer who envisioned the area as a full-service resort, with shops and restaurants, and activities like horseback riding, tennis and golf in addition to the water sports. He eventually used the lodge as a sales office for his proposed recreational mecca, but his grand plans never materialized. He held on to the land until the late 1980s, when he sold it to another developer, Guy Audet. However, he sold the lodge and surrounding property before that – in November 1980 – to a starry-eyed couple with big plans of their own.

## THE FOURTH OWNERS: BLAYNE CHAPMAN AND FRANCE JONCAS

France had always dreamed of living in the woods in a log house, surrounded by nature. After a long search, she and her husband stumbled on a "fixer-upper" in a magical location: Wallingford Lodge on lac Bataille.

The property had been abandoned for at least eight years. Local kids had used it as a meeting place, with the evidence of their visits scattered throughout the lodge and grounds. But Blayne and France could see the bones, and were enchanted by the history. And Blayne worked for Parks Canada Restoration Services. So they, along with their two young children, took the plunge.

When they bought the place, it had orange-painted plywood floors and green-painted plywood walls. They pulled up the floor and installed pine planks. They uncovered the wide-plank walls, through which they could see – and feel – everything happening outside, as all the chinking was gone. The windows leaked. There wasn't enough electricity to use the percolator. But possibly the worst part was the bats. The attic was full to the rafters with bats. At one point they counted 700. To rid themselves of their unwanted lodgers, Blayne and France hooked up a radio tuned to static and put speakers in the attic, blasting the bats with the noise all day while they were out at work. Every time bats flew out, Blayne would note where they escaped and plugged the holes. Finally, after a couple weeks, they were bat-free.

They then spent the next 36 years renovating the lodge, inside and out. Finally, in 2016, with the prospect of another 36 years or so of work to get the property in shape, they decided, reluctantly, that it was time to hand over their labour of love to new owners.



## TODAY: BRUCE BLACK AND SARA ADAM

The restoration continues today with Bruce and Sara, a contractor and real estate agent, respectively. They had discovered the lake in 2012 when they drove up from Ottawa to look at a property and decided they loved the area,

though not the cottage they had come to see. They later bought a small cottage on Blackburn but kept noticing the "for sale" sign at the lodge. They booked a showing in 2015 and the minute they walked in, Sara says, they knew it was for them. They've had their share of reno drama over the years but are taking the long view.

Bruce and Sara have a blended family of five kids between them and envision the property as a multi-generational getaway. Bruce says he will be happy if he ends up living above the garage while all the kids and grandkids take over the lodge and grounds. They intend to return the lodge to its original splendor as a family gathering place, updating while respecting its history.

George Wallingford would approve.



Credits: Photo of George Wallingford from ancestors.familysearch.org. Vintage photos courtesy of the Adam/Black and Joncas/Chapman families: Work crew at the lodge table, undated. Lodge dock, undated. Camp guests with the spoils of the hunt, undated. From Sara Adam and Bruce Black: Lodge great room interior, 2021 – note that the ceiling looks exactly the same as the photo of the work crew. View of the lodge from the water, with ornamental crab apple trees blooming, spring 2021. With additional information from PSLL and the websites ledroit.com and genealogy.com.

# PSLL WATER TESTING PROGRAM

# A NEW APPROACH TO LAKE WATER TESTING IN VAL-DES-MONTS

Editor's Note: Regular water testing is important to monitor and maintain the health of our lakes. Our Association's program has traditionally been conducted by volunteers and funded by PSLL. This year, for the first time, the testing for our lakes and others in our area is being coordinated with a biologist recently hired by the Municipality of Val-des-Monts. The municipality will pay for testing (except for e. coli, which will continue to be funded by PSLL). Richard Bourassa has taken on the role of coordinator for PSLL's water testing. The following information has been provided by Richard and the Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts.

Preserving and protecting the water resources in Val-des-Monts is a high priority for lake associations and lake residents. For almost 15 years, the Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts has tested lake water to understand the overall health of lakes and

to identify problems that could be corrected. The testing program depended on the work of a professional biologist hired by the Federation. In recent years, the Municipality of Val-des-Monts (VDM) provided the funding for the Federation's biologist. The municipality ended that funding and has added a biologist to its environmental staff.

The new framework for lake water testing will provide a common protocol, data analysis and retention, and lab analysis funded by VDM, with volunteer and VDM sample collection.

This is a significant step forward in that many more lakes will be tested, results will show the overall health of our lakes, and more data collected and preserved over a longer time will support better analysis to find and fix problems.

## MUNICIPAL-AREA WATER QUALITY SURVEILLANCE

In the past, the municipality has tested approximately 30 lakes. In time, all 90 occupied lakes in Val-des-Monts (including the nine PSLL lakes) will be included in a new general water testing program that will be organized and run by the Municipality of Val-des-Monts through its staff biologist, Samantha Rhainds. The testing will follow a standard, wellestablished protocol endorsed by the Province of Quebec for the Réseau de surveillance volontaire des lacs (RSVL) program. The results will be maintained over time to identify problems and trends in individual lakes, to compare water quality among lakes, and to have an ongoing picture of the health of our overall water resources. Samples will be drawn for analysis in each of June, July and August.

The program will rely on volunteers to collect samples on many lakes; municipal staff will collect samples on the rest. The municipal biologist will train and schedule the volunteers who will collect water samples and will provide water sampling kits and water clarity measurement tools. The municipality will send water samples to a laboratory for analysis. The Federation will provide specialized testing equipment, support the municipal biologist in recruiting volunteers and participate in the analysis of the results. The testing protocol calls for lakes to be tested each year for three years. If the results are stable and if there are no apparent problems, testing will be paused for three years, and then the cycle begins again. Lakes will be divided into two groups and the testing will cycle through the groups. The first group will be tested for three years, then the second for three years, then back to the first. Water transparency measurements will be done every year regardless of a lake's testing cycle.

For more about the RSVL testing protocol, go to *environnement. gouv.qc.ca/eau/rsvl/index.htm*. For information about the water testing program led by the municipality, contact Samantha Rhainds by email at samantharhainds@val-des-monts.net.

## LOCAL WATER QUALITY SURVEILLANCE

Many lake associations carry out their own water testing program; most address specific concerns such as targeted phosphorus or e. *coli* testing to indicate point source pollution like failing septic systems; general phosphorus testing as a predictor of the emergence of blue green algae; or testing of lake water as a drinking water source.

Many associations will choose to continue their own programs. In some cases, the general water quality program may meet the local need and the association can also choose to replace part or all of their previous testing with the general program. '

The municipality will fund association programs that follow the protocol of the area program and use the testing lab selected by the municipality, but only in those years that the lake is scheduled for testing in the general program.

For the PSLL lakes, testing will take place (or took place) on June 13, July 11 and August 15. Where a full workup is required, this includes total phosphorus, organic dissolved carbon, chlorophyl and water transparency. For lacs Rhéaume and Barnes, one additional location has been added for transparency testing only, and the location for lac des Épinettes was relocated to sample the deepest part of the lake. The *e. coli* sampling in August remains unchanged and is in addition to the other parameters listed above. The municipality has agreed to provide a Secchi disk transparency test kit for lac Corrigan, which is the only PSLL lake currently without one. The disk was added to the cooler for the first sampling in June.

Test results and much more information can be found on the PSLL website at *psll.ca/water-quality*. Should you wish to volunteer or have any questions, contact Richard Bourassa by email at friche@rogers.com.

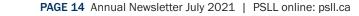


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# AVIS DE CONVOCATION MEETING NOTICE

## ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE

Le dimanche 25 juillet 2021 09h30 à 12h30 Lieux à déterminer Val-des-Monts (QC)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, July 25, 2021 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Location TBD Val-des-Monts, QC

# L'ORDRE DU JOUR PROVISOIRE

- 1. Adoption de l'ordre du jour
- 2. Adoption du procès-verbal de l'Assemblée générale annuelle du 06 septembre 2020
- 3. Rapport de la présidente et Recommandations

## 4. Rapport du trésorier

- 4.1 Les états financiers 2020
- 4.2 Le budget prévisionnel pour 2021

## 5. Rapports des comités

- 5.1 Communications
- 5.2 Titre de propriétés et litiges
- 5.3 Environnement
- 5.4 Adhésion
- 5.5 Loisirs et activités sociales
- 6. Élection des membres du Conseil d'administration
- 7. Varia

## PROPOSED AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the Agenda
- 2. Approval of the September 06, 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes
- 3. President's Report and Recommendations

## 4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 2020 Financial Statements
- 4.2 Projected 2021 Budget

## 5. Committee Reports

- 5.1 Communications
- 5.2 Property Holdings and Issues
- 5.3 Environment
- 5.4 Membership
- 5.5 Recreation and Social Activities

## 6. Election of the Board of Directors

7. Other Business

# ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION / BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021

## Mandat des membres du Conseil d'administration

## PRÉVISION DE ROTATION

Tous les directeurs seront élus par les membres à l'Assemblée générale annuelle. Tous les mandats ont une durée de deux (2) ans. Afin d'avoir une continuité, la ou le président(e) et la ou le secrétaire seront élus une année et la ou le vice-président(e) et la ou le trèsorier(ière) l'année suivante. Tous les mandats peuvent être renouvelés à la fin du terme. Les postes en élection sont indiqués par un **X**.

# Terms of Office for Members of the Board PROVISION OF ROTATION

All Officers shall be elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting. All mandates are for a period of two (2) years. The President and Secretary shall be elected in one year and the Vice-President and Treasurer elected the following year to ensure continuity. All terms will be renewable at the end of the mandate. Open election positions are marked with an X.

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BATAILLE (3)	Jacques Bolduc Elaine Carisse Luc Fournier John Smart	× × ×	Juillet / July 2022 Juillet / July 2021 Juillet / July 2021 Juillet / July 2021
RHÉAUME (3)	Harry Jones Aileen Lamont Benoît Leclerc John Smith	× × ×	Juillet / July 2021 Juillet / July 2022 Juillet / July 2021 Juillet / July 2021
BARNES (1)	Flamur Canaj Clayton Devine	×	Juillet / July 2021 Juillet / July 2022
DES ÉPINETTES (1)	Richard Bourassa	×	Juillet / July 2021
TRUITE	Chris Hemmingway		Juillet / July 2022
LOUISE	André Cossette		Juillet / July 2022
MASKINONGÉ (1)	Vacant	×	Juillet / July 2021
CORRIGAN (1)	Paul Chedore	×	Juillet / July 2021
CHEVREUIL (1)	Vacant	×	Juillet / July 2021

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## ASSOCIATION PSLL INCOME AND EXPENSES 2020 - 2021

INCOME	2020	2021 TO DATE	2021 PROJECTED
NON-PROFIT INCOME			
Advertising in the newsletter\$	-	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Fish stocking contributions\$	3,765.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 3,000.00
Membership dues\$	13,455.00	\$ 7,020.00	\$ 14,625.00
Miscellaneous non-profit income\$	1,170.75	\$	\$
TOTAL NON-PROFIT INCOME\$	18,390.75	\$ 7,880.00	\$ 18,225.00
OTHER INCOME			
Interest earned\$	95.21	\$ 84.00	\$ 100.00
TOTAL INCOME	518,485.96	\$ 7,964.00	\$ 18,325.00
EXPENSES			
Bank charges\$	44.00	\$ 31.65	\$ 60.00
Event expenses\$	126.67	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Insurance – liability\$	2,154.85	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00
Newsletter expenses\$	1,830.99	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Office expenses\$	1,721.23	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
PayPal fees\$	356.32	\$ 172.30	\$ 250.00
Repair and maintenance\$	158.47	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Roads\$	1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00
Fish stocking\$	6,265.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00
Water testing\$	1,907.77	\$ –	\$ 1,600.00
Taxes and licenses\$	382.00	\$ 884.55	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES\$	16,747.30	\$ 1,088.50	\$ 16,710.00
PROFIT / LOSS\$	1,738.66	\$ 6,875.50	\$ 1,615.00

## ACCOUNT STATEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

Cash on hand\$	113.00
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Savings account\$	5.00
Term deposit\$2,	,000.00
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PayPal clearing account\$ 1,	,135.37
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT\$21,	,308.93

## PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO THE MEETING

# ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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	ASSOCIATION	N PSLL MEME	BERSHIP STAT	S FOR 2020	
$\pi$	LAKE	OWNERS	MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE	
••	Barnes	76		34.2%	
	Bataille	178		64.6%	
	Chevreuil	10	3	30.0%	
	Corrigan	10	5	50.0%	
· \ 1	Des Épinettes	7	6	85.7%	
	Louise			81.3%	
	Maskinongé			45.5%	
	Rhéaume	175		64.6%	
	Truite	10	4	40.0%	
	TOTAL	504	295	55.1%	

# YOUR MEMBERSHIP COUNTS!

This time each year the Property Owners Association of Perkins-sur-le-lac asks for your continued support through an annual \$45 membership fee. PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP FORM ON PAGE 19 AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT, EITHER BY MAIL, BY DROPPING IT IN THE MAILBOX BEHIND THE INFO BOARD AT LAC BATAILLE, OR YOU MAY FIND THE FORM AND PAY ONLINE ON THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE, *psll.ca*.

Here is a list of some of the activities we will carry out on your behalf in the year ahead:

- Conduct water testing of our lakes (E. coli and phosphates) dating back to 2002.
- Coordinate yearly fish stocking (since 1989).
- Actively participate in various environmental associations, where regional and provincial issues and legislation are discussed and promoted.
- Provide subsidies to help maintain our private roads within the domain (these roads access the majority of our residences).
- Promote shoreline and forestry management, actively monitoring and lobbying as necessary to protect the environment and property values.
- Promote safe boating and speed regulations.
- Maintain the lac Bataille beach and manage the members' boat launch by controlling access and preventing the infiltration of harmful organisms.
- Ensure legal representation to protect our collective holdings.
- Organize social activities to promote fellowship among members.

A note to owners of more than one dwelling who rent out the multiple or use for extended family: the marketability of your second dwelling is also due to the efforts of the Association in terms of water quality and vigilance. Please consider a membership for each dwelling.

PSLL is grateful for your continued support. All property owners enjoy the full range of benefits brought to you by your Association. Please encourage a neighbour or property owner who is not a member to join the growing number of those who help us continue our mission. For more details, see the Association's website, *psll.ca*.



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# MEMBERSHIP AND MAILING INFORMATION

*Please fill out and return with payment to:* **Association Perkins-sur-le-lac** 604 chemin Blackburn, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 6K4

Or drop off your payment in the mailbox behind the info board at lac Bataille, or go to www.psll.ca for the form and online payment options

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