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# ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thank you to our members for your strong support over the past year and for our increased membership – this clearly demonstrates your recognition of the advocacy and environmental protection work that we do within the domain – our paradise. But sadly, paradise is under threat. Last year we discovered that the municipality had, in 2020, acquired a strip of land alongside the lac Bataille beach plus a lot adjacent to chemin Bataille, and indicated that it is considering using these to facilitate public access to lac Bataille, and thus to lac Rhéaume as well.

Those who came to our annual general meeting last July, with the mayor in attendance, know that we protested vigorously that our lakes are already ‘over capacity’ and that to encourage further uncontrolled access and boats would be very detrimental. In the fall of 2022, the municipality held a major public consultation on the issue of public access to its lakes. It was very well attended by lake associations within Val-des-Monts, who all sent a unanimous and strident message to the mayor and officials – that public access to lakes should occur on one or more of the many lakes that are still underdeveloped. Capital investments for parking, sanitation and a pavilion only make sense on such larger lakes with remaining capacity. To do otherwise would go completely against Val-des-Monts’ historic messaging about the importance of environmental protection and action. Why create an environmental office, why subsidize water quality testing, as they have done, only to encourage human and boat traffic on small lakes that already show signs of stress?

PSLI has not received any formal response from the municipality to its concerns, and because of this deafening silence a subcommittee made up of concerned owners and association board members was formed to conduct more research on matters of lake capacity, to attend and monitor VDM council meetings, and to engage with Val-des-Monts officials where possible to be aware of any movement or decisions surrounding access. (The subcommittee has included a detailed report of their activities on page 11 of this newsletter – required reading!) Most recently, I have written to the mayor to restate our concerns, especially about the lack of response and communication, and also to invite him to our AGM on July 16. Given that Claude Bergeron, our former councillor, has resigned, the mayor is also serving as the acting councillor representing our district until a new councillor is elected later this summer. We, as voters, taxpayers and constituents, expect much clearer communication on such critical matters. Obfuscation and silence are not acceptable.

Before closing, I want to thank Mr. Bergeron for the years that he has supported us and promoted our environmental priorities. His resignation is a huge loss. We wish him the best and know that as one of our residents/owners he will continue to support our various undertakings. I also wish to thank the members of the executive and lake representatives of our association who contribute so much of their time. – **Constance Hudak, PSLI President**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR PSLI’S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, JULY 16,  
9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM AT THE J.A. PERKINS COMMUNITY CENTRE, J.A. PERKINS ROOM,  
17 CHEMIN DU MANOIR, VAL-DES-MONTS. SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS.**

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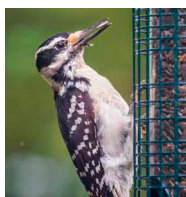
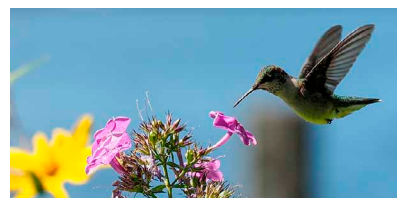
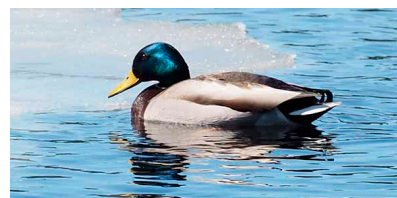
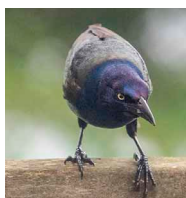
**Birds of {our} Paradise...**

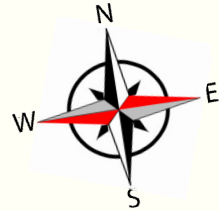
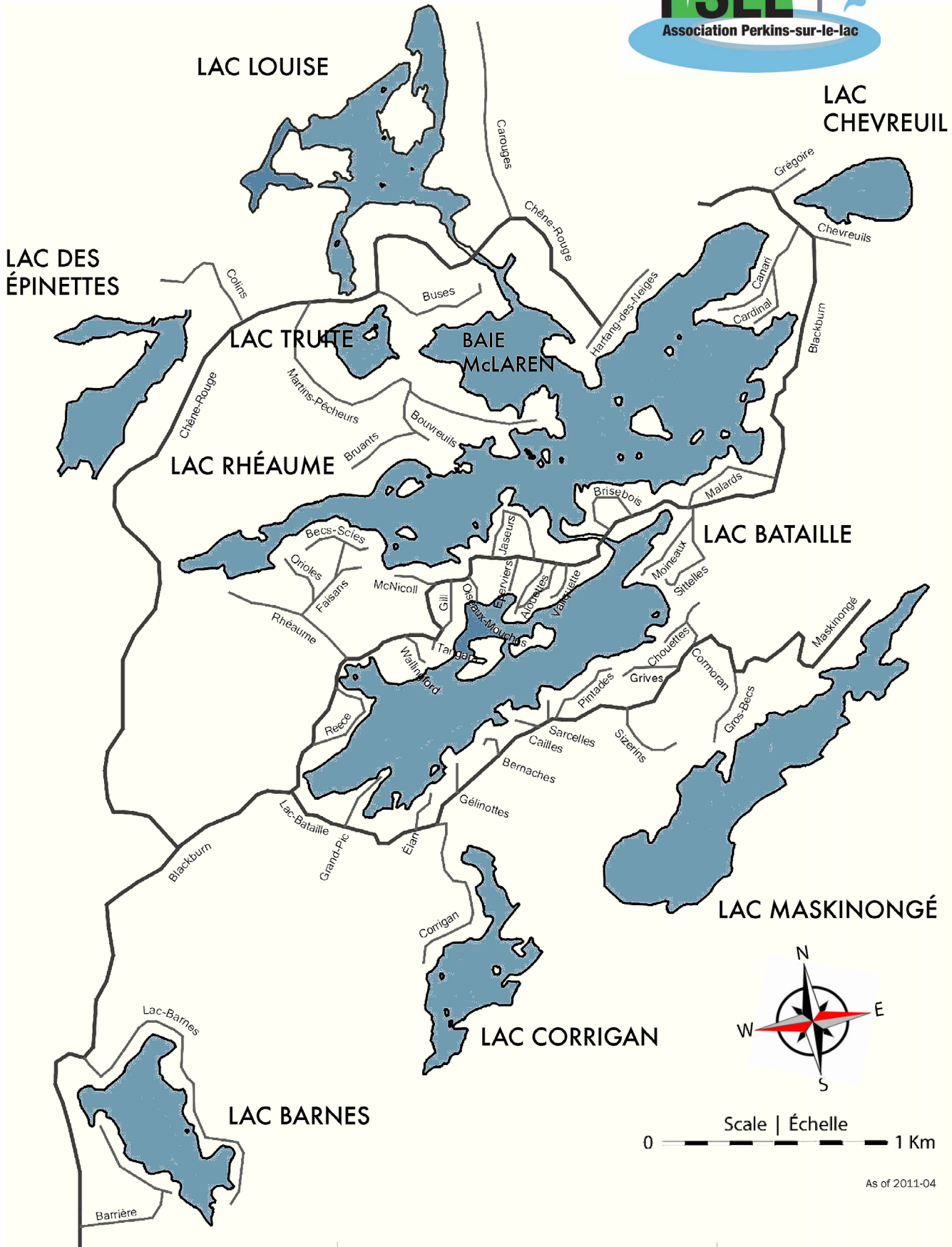
PSLL president Constance Hudak, in her message on the first page of this issue, calls our domain a ‘paradise.’ And so it is. Before we get into the serious issues affecting Association PSLL, we’d like to take a moment to remind readers of some reasons why we love our area – the sparkling lakes, the lush green spaces and the abundance of wildlife.

The many species of birds in our area, with their colourful plumage and sweet songs, never fail to delight. Just a few of them are pictured here.

Think you know your birds? Check the colour version of the newsletter posted on the association’s website, psll.ca, to correctly identify all these specimens and you could win a cool PSLL logo cap! Send your list to editor.psllnews@gmail.com. A winner will be drawn at random from the correct entries and announced at the AGM on July 16. (You need not be present.) Hint: be precise and detailed in your identifications if you hope to win!

Photos by Terry Milewski, except for the last photo, bottom row, right, by Daniel Deschamps.





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As of 2011-04

# USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

## ANIMALS / BIRDS

### BEAVERS

- Michel Boucher (Trapping in season) .....819 210-9840

### BIRDS

- Wild Bird Care Centre .....613 828-2849
- MNR QC – Report sick or dead birds.....1 877 346-6763

### DOGS AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS

- Outaouais SPCA .....819 243-2004  
(For dog licenses, lost pets, adoptions and other services)
- Complaints regarding domestic animals .....819 205-2908

### 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)

## FIRE

- **EMERGENCY** ..... **911**

## HEALTH SERVICES

- **EMERGENCY** ..... **911**
- **HEALTH INFO QUEBEC** ..... **811**
- **POISON CONTROL QUEBEC** ..... **1 800 463-5060**

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

- Centre de Santé Clinique de Val-des-Monts....819 459-1112  
1884 route du Carrefour toll free 1 844 966-6633

### HOSPITALS

- Gatineau .....819 966-6100
- Hull .....819 966-6200
- Wakefield .....819 459-1112  
toll free 1 877 459-1112

## LAC BATAILLE BOAT LAUNCH

### GATE ACCESS

(24 hrs. notice required)

- David .....613 454-8241
- Elaine .....819 671-6756
- Jacques and Andrée: .....819 671-0971
- John.....819 671-1849
- Linda.....819 671-7417
- Mike .....819-360-0880

## NEWSPAPERS

- Ottawa Citizen (subscriptions) .....613 596-1950
- Le Droit .....613 562-0111
- Journal L'Envol .....819 671-1502

## ORGANIZATIONS

- Association Perkins-sur-le-lac  
See contact information on page 1 of this newsletter
- COBALI (cobali.org)  
471 rue Chasles, Mont-Laurier, QC J9L 3N6  
Telephone 819 440-2422 / Email info@cobali.org

## POLICE (MRC DES COLLINES)

- **EMERGENCY** ..... **911**
- Non-urgent calls .....1 819 459-9911  
toll-free: 1 888 459-9911
- Information .....1 819 459-2422  
toll-free: 1 877 459-2422

## POSTAL BOXES

- Canada Post .....1 866 607-6301

## ROADS

**MUNICIPAL** (See below under Municipality of Val-des-Monts)

**PRIVATE** (Contact your local road committee representative):

- chemin du lac Barnes, Alain Boisvert .....613 203-4896
- chemin de la Barrière, Flamur Canaj .....613 823-6645
- chemins des Moineaux/des Sittelles.....vacant/TBD
- chemin Pintades, Jim McKeon .....819 858-9551
- chemin Rhéaume Nord, Daryl Neve .....819 671-1392
- chemin Rhéaume Ouest, John Smith .....819 671-1849

## UTILITIES

### HYDRO QUEBEC

- Power failures.....1 800 790-2424
- Customer services .....1 888 385-7252

### DIGICOM

- Customer services.....418 668-9999  
toll free: 1 877 534-0666

### TELEPHONE

- Quebec Bell customer services .....310-7070  
(For all services including disconnections, defective lines, etc.)

## MUNICIPALITY OF VAL-DES-MONTS

val-des-monts.net / 819 457-9400

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

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

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Mayor, Jules Dagenais.....819 457-9400, ext. 2208  
email: JulesDagenais@val-des-monts.net (c) 819 962-0036
- Councillor for District no. 3.....vacant/TBD

### MUNICIPALITY MAIN NUMBER.....819 457-9400

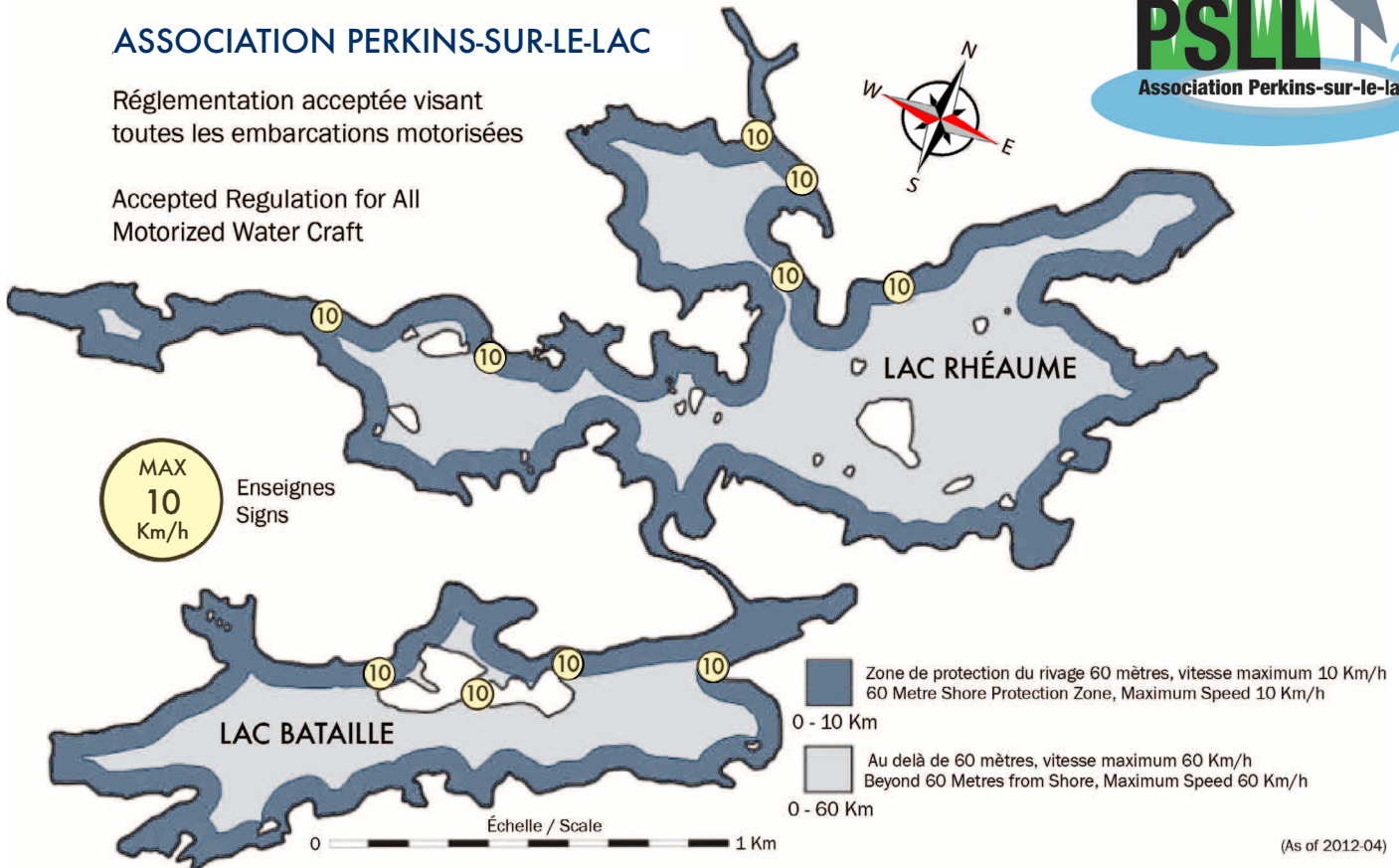
- Reception/General information.....press 0
- Complaints regarding road conditions, environment, garbage or animals; recycling or garbage pick-up info .....press 1
- Environment and urban planning.....press 2
- Public works.....press 3
- Finances.....press 4
- Community activities and sports events .....press 5
- Fire security .....press 6
- Administration .....press 7



## ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC

Réglementation acceptée visant toutes les embarcations motorisées

Accepted Regulation for All Motorized Water Craft



## BOAT LAUNCH ACCESS AT LAC BATAILLE

Properties on the 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 28 to September 17, 2023. 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 \$60 – 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 lakes with a variety of problem organisms (such as milfoil).

### The following volunteers have a key:

David: 613 454-8241 | Elaine: 819 671-6756 | Jacques and Andrée: 819 671-0971

John: 819 671-1849 | Linda: 819 671-7417 | Mike: 819 360-0880

## 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](https://psll.ca/boating-safety).



## FISH TALES FROM ASSOCIATION PSLL

Fish 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, Chair, Environment Committee**

## FISH STOCKING 2022 (SPRING 2023)

As usual, PSLL's fish stocking program experienced a high level of participation in 2022. Again in 2023-24 we will continue this long-standing drive to maintain a sustainable level of rainbow trout and increase numbers of speckled trout in our lakes. Although many enjoy the catch and release of smallmouth bass, an invasive species unfortunately introduced into our lakes years ago, the fight of a speckled or rainbow trout is exceptional! The bonus is they are great tasting as well. No need to buy them at the grocer when you can catch your own, and they're fresh as can be!

The PSLL board of directors agreed to follow the hatchery owner's suggestion and scheduled the 2022 stocking in spring, on May 13, 2023. The volunteers commented that it was certainly more pleasant with the sun shining and warmer temperatures than the usual November fish stocking day.

For 2022/spring 2023, the total dollar amount for fish stocking was \$9,957.00. Most of the trout were larger this year, having been fed longer over winter, which gave an immediate boost to early fishing this year. I have already received reports of anglers catching nice speckled trout; I had not heard of that in years. Of the dollar total, the association's contribution for 2022 was again \$2,500.00. The 2022 individuals' and donors' contributions totalled \$7,457.00. Special thanks to all those who contributed.

Thanks again to everyone who volunteered and helped on fish stocking day. Good fishing – and don't forget your permit! They are now available online; see details below. – **André Cosette, Fish Stocking**

**Editor's Note:** To check current Quebec requirements for sport fishing in our area (Zone 10), go to [quebec.ca/en/tourism-and-recreation/sporting-and-outdoor-activities/sport-fishing/zones-periods/particular-rules/zone-10](https://quebec.ca/en/tourism-and-recreation/sporting-and-outdoor-activities/sport-fishing/zones-periods/particular-rules/zone-10). Fishing permits are available online. Go to [quebec.ca/en/tourism-and-recreation/sporting-and-outdoor-activities/sport-fishing/fishing-licence](https://quebec.ca/en/tourism-and-recreation/sporting-and-outdoor-activities/sport-fishing/fishing-licence).

**Additional information may be found at [psll.ca/ensemencement-fish-stocking](https://psll.ca/ensemencement-fish-stocking).**

Photos: Fish stocking at lac Barnes, May 13, 2023. The hatchery owner brought an ATV this year to ferry the huge buckets of trout closer to the lake, where the intrepid volunteers took over, hauling them down to the water and releasing the fish.



## 2022 - 2023 BOARD COMMITTEES

### EXECUTIVE

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Luc Fournier, Director-at-Large

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André Cossette, Fish Stocking, COBALI  
Aileen Lamont | Shane Livingstone | Joel Petit

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Constance Hudak | Chris Hemmingway, Alternate

## CALENDAR OF 2023 PSSL EVENTS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATION PSSL

SUNDAY, JULY 16 | 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

J.A. Perkins Community Centre (across from the Marché Richelieu)  
J.A. Perkins Room, 17 chemin du Manoir, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 7E8

Join us to learn about pressing issues affecting our association and its members. Refreshments will be served after the meeting; we encourage you to linger to get to know your PSSL board and socialize with your neighbours from the nine lakes in the PSSL domain.



Photo at right: Councillor Claude Bergeron, left, and Mayor Jules Dagenais addressed PSSL members at the 2022 PSSL AGM, held at the lac Bataille beach on July 17.

**Remember:** You must be a PSSL member to vote! Many members register and pay for their membership at the AGM; we encourage everyone to send in their memberships online or by mail. Either i) follow the online membership and payment process at [psll.ca](http://psll.ca), OR ii) return the completed membership form on page 21 of this newsletter with your cheque via Canada Post or drop it off at the mailbox behind the info board at lac Bataille. Watch your email and check the PSSL website for any updated schedule information. **PSSL membership dues payment options:** 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. See [psll.ca/adhsion-membership](http://psll.ca/adhsion-membership) for details.

### ANNUAL PSSL CORN ROAST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 | 5:00 to 10:00 PM

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

Free for all PSSL members. Corn roast, BBQ hot dogs (meat and veggie). Bring your own lawn chairs, drinks and snacks. Details will be available on the association's website, [psll.ca](http://psll.ca), and by email to members.

## MESSAGE FROM MR. CLAUDE BERGERON

**Editor's Note:** Claude Bergeron, our long-time municipal councillor, recently retired from his position with the municipality. We thank him for his many years of dedicated service. Below is his outgoing message. A special election will be held in August to elect a new councillor for District no. 3; in the meantime, our acting councillor is VDM mayor Jules Dagenais.



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

On April 11, 2023, I submitted my resignation as municipal councillor for District no. 3. My health no longer allowed me to work the long hours I was called upon to do over the past few months. I regret being unable to complete my term of office and to no longer be able to represent you on the municipal council.

I would like to thank you for the support you have given me during my nine and a half years as a councillor, and I want you to know that I am most grateful. It is now time for me to take care of my health.

Yours sincerely,

– Claude Bergeron  
Former councillor for District no. 3, Municipality of Val-des-Monts

## PSLL LOGO WEAR:

*Get 'em before they're gone!*



{Limited Stock Available}

ALMOST SOLD OUT!

T-shirts (women's S, M, L in pink or grey; men's S, M, L, XL, XXL in sand or gold) and caps (one size in grey, navy blue or white). Available at the AGM and PSSL social events or by contacting Jens Urban by email at [info@psll.ca](mailto:info@psll.ca) or by phone at 613 986-9569.

To view remaining colours and sizes, go to the association's website, [psll.ca/shop](http://psll.ca/shop).

## MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR



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

I am pleased to address you in this newsletter to express my support and gratitude to the lake associations that operate in our beautiful region, such as Association Perkins-sur-le-lac. We are fortunate to live in a region so rich in lakes, which are a source of pleasure, relaxation and rejuvenation for many Val-des-Monts residents, shore dwellers and tourists alike. We are also aware that the health of these lakes is closely linked to that of our environment and our ability to protect our precious freshwater resource.

Short-term rental accommodation has been a major focus over the past year, and I am proud to mention that last February we adopted by-laws numbers 917-23 (AM-109) and 918-23 (AM-110) to regulate short-term tourist accommodation.

In addition, I'm delighted that our pilot project – our very first self-service cleaning station for boats and nautical equipment, located at the town hall site, 1 route du Carrefour – has been a resounding success, and that this station will remain accessible to all again this year, free of charge. With a view to continuing the fight against invasive species and protecting the environment, I strongly encourage all boaters to use this station before and after each visit to our waterways.

Also, following the citizen consultation on water bodies held in the summer of 2022, a three-year action plan was drawn up, incorporating the 16 recommendations made by the firm responsible for the consultation. The municipality has developed a series of actions in response to the recommendations, most of which will be spread over three years, although some will extend over a longer period. You can consult this action plan on the municipality's website at [val-des-monts.net/en/citizen-consultation-on-bodies-of-water-2022](http://val-des-monts.net/en/citizen-consultation-on-bodies-of-water-2022).

In addition, I would like to remind you that following the adoption of the Water Master Plan in 2020, the municipality is offering a subsidy program for citizens wishing to revegetate the shoreline of their property. To this end, the municipality offers an optional guidance and information service, as well as financial assistance for the purchase of native plants. Please visit [val-des-monts.net/nouvelles/programme-de-subsventions-pour-la-plantation-de-vegetaux-sur-la-rive](http://val-des-monts.net/nouvelles/programme-de-subsventions-pour-la-plantation-de-vegetaux-sur-la-rive).

Finally, as you probably know, Mr. Claude Bergeron resigned as municipal councillor last April for health reasons, after almost 10 years in the position for District no. 3. I had the good fortune to work alongside Mr. Bergeron when I was also a municipal councillor, and since my arrival at the town hall in November 2021, I'd like to say how grateful I am for the work of this colleague. Among other things, he played an important role in the adoption of the short-term rental by-laws referred to above, as well as in following up with the telecommunications companies operating in our territory in connection with the deployment of fibre optics. A by-election will therefore be held on August 13, 2023, and with this in mind, I encourage you to pay close attention to the information that will be disseminated on our communication platforms in connection with this by-election that affects your district.

Yours sincerely,

– Jules Dagenais, Mayor, Municipality of Val-des-Monts

**Editor's Note:** See below for details of the municipality's shoreline revegetation program, and the following page for a summary of the new short-term rental by-laws for Val-des-Monts. An additional advisory regarding the province of Quebec's new rules pertaining to short-term rentals may be found on page 14 of this newsletter.

## VAL-DES-MONTS SHORELINE REVEGETATION PROGRAM

In 2021, the municipality instituted a subsidy program for the planting of shoreline vegetation, in effect until December 31, 2025. The purpose of the program is to encourage and support the efforts of waterfront property owners to prevent shoreline erosion by promoting and maintaining the integrity of water bodies' buffer strips. To this end, the municipality is offering, in addition to guidance and information, financial assistance for the purchase of indigenous vegetation.

Forms must be submitted between March 1 and June 1, and will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Planting must be completed by October 1 of the same year. This financial assistance will enable citizens to obtain a subsidy equivalent to 50 percent of the purchase price of native trees, shrubs and perennials planted on the shoreline, up to a maximum of \$400 per waterfront property. Taxes will not be reimbursed.

Full details regarding the scope of the program and eligibility requirements may be found at [val-des-monts.net/nouvelles/programme-de-subsventions-pour-la-plantation-de-vegetaux-sur-la-rive](http://val-des-monts.net/nouvelles/programme-de-subsventions-pour-la-plantation-de-vegetaux-sur-la-rive) and includes a PDF with application forms and an extensive list of native trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, ferns and related plants (in French only). A municipal employee will visit the site before the application is approved and will be able to offer advice and recommendations.





## HIGHLIGHTS OF VDM'S SHORT-TERM RENTAL BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Many owners in our area rent out their cottages or operate one or more properties as short-term tourist accommodations. As mentioned in the message from Mayor Jules Dagenais on the previous page, there have been recent amendments to the by-laws governing short-term rental accommodations, both in the municipality and the province. The two Val-des-Monts amendments are summarized here; the province's amendments may be found in a report on page 14.

### **BY-LAW NUMBER 917-23 (AM-109) TO AMEND URBAN PLANNING BY-LAW NUMBER 436-99 "ZONING BY-LAW" IN ORDER TO REGULATE SHORT-TERM TOURIST ACCOMMODATION**

The purpose of this by-law is to amend certain provisions of the zoning by-law in order to introduce provisions aimed at regulating short-term tourist accommodation. There are two categories defined: First is a tourist residence, which "...includes tourist lodging establishments, other than a principal residence, where accommodation is offered in furnished apartments, houses or cottages, including a self-cooking service." The second is a principal residence establishment, which "...includes establishments where accommodation in the operator's principal residence is offered, by means of a single reservation, to one person or a single group of related persons at a time and does not include any meals served on site."

In both types of accommodations, there are specific conditions that must be met. Since most cottage rentals in our domain would be classified as tourist residences, the conditions for those rentals are listed here.

- The lot on which the tourist residence is proposed must have a minimum area of 5,000 square metres.
- The tourist home is set up either in a single-family detached building and/or in a villa-dormitory.
- Tourist homes must be located at least six metres from property lines.
- Any accessory dwelling unit is considered an integral part of the residence and may not be rented separately for the purpose of establishing a tourist residence.
- Septic systems are functional and suitable for the intended use.
- The exterior appearance of the building may not be altered in such a way as to cause it to lose its single-family character.
- No vehicle or boat may be used to accommodate persons in the context of the tourism tourist home use.
- No other form of commercial activity may be offered.
- No organized gathering may be carried out in such a way as to exceed the number of permitted under the present article, inside the building or on the property where the tourist residence is located.
- Each tourist residence must offer its occupants adequate waste disposal facilities according to its capacity. In the case of removable bins, the waste containers must be stored close to the building and be fitted with devices that prevent animals from opening them. Removable waste bins must not be left at the curb outside collection days.
- All outdoor fires must be in a single outdoor fireplace, which may only be installed side or rear yards at a distance of at least four metres from a property line and must be equipped with a spark arrester.
- A sports field and spa may be installed at least three metres from lot lines.
- A maximum of 10 people and five bedrooms are permitted in a tourist residence.
- A maximum of 0.75 parking spaces per bedroom is authorized per tourist residence and must comply with the parking standards of the present by-law parking standards.
- With the exception of the sign required under the Regulation Respecting Lodging Establishments (E-14,2, r.1), all forms of signage are prohibited.
- When the tourist residence has a dock or access to a body of water, only boats supplied by the owner may be launched.

### **BY-LAW NUMBER 918-23 (AM-110) TO AMEND URBAN PLANNING BY-LAW NUMBER 439-99 "BY-LAW RESPECTING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES" – CONTROL OF SHORT-TERM TOURIST ACCOMMODATION**

The purpose of this by-law is to amend certain provisions of the by-law respecting permits and certificates in order to specify the content of an application for a business permit and the conditions for issuing business permits for tourist residences and principal residence establishments. It also sets the rates for tourist accommodation business permits. For each lot, the cost is \$750 annually for each of the first two buildings to be leased as a tourist residence and \$300 for each additional building to be leased.

The full text of both by-laws may be found online at [val-des-monts.net/avis/avis-public-adoption-des-reglements-portant-les-numeros-917-23-am-109-et-918-23-am-110](http://val-des-monts.net/avis/avis-public-adoption-des-reglements-portant-les-numeros-917-23-am-109-et-918-23-am-110) (in French only). Note that per by-law 917-23 (AM-109): "The Municipality authorizes the Director of the Environment and Planning Department and his or her assistant, or any person hereinafter referred to as the 'administering authority,' by resolution of the Municipal Council, to enforce the present by-law and to take penal action against any person contravening any provision of the present by-law, and consequently authorizes these persons to issue the necessary statements of offence for this purpose."

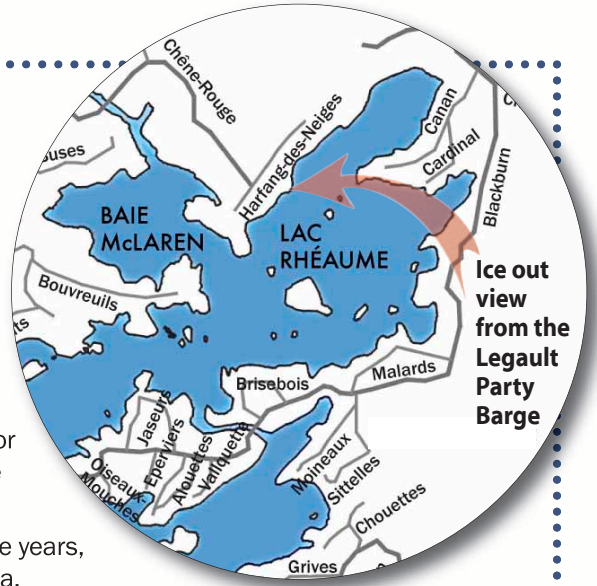
# Lac Rhéaume Ice-Out 2023

The ice went out on Rhéaume North and MacLaren Bay on Saturday, April 22, 2023. This is three days later than 2022 and equal to the average, accurate to within + or - 24 hours.

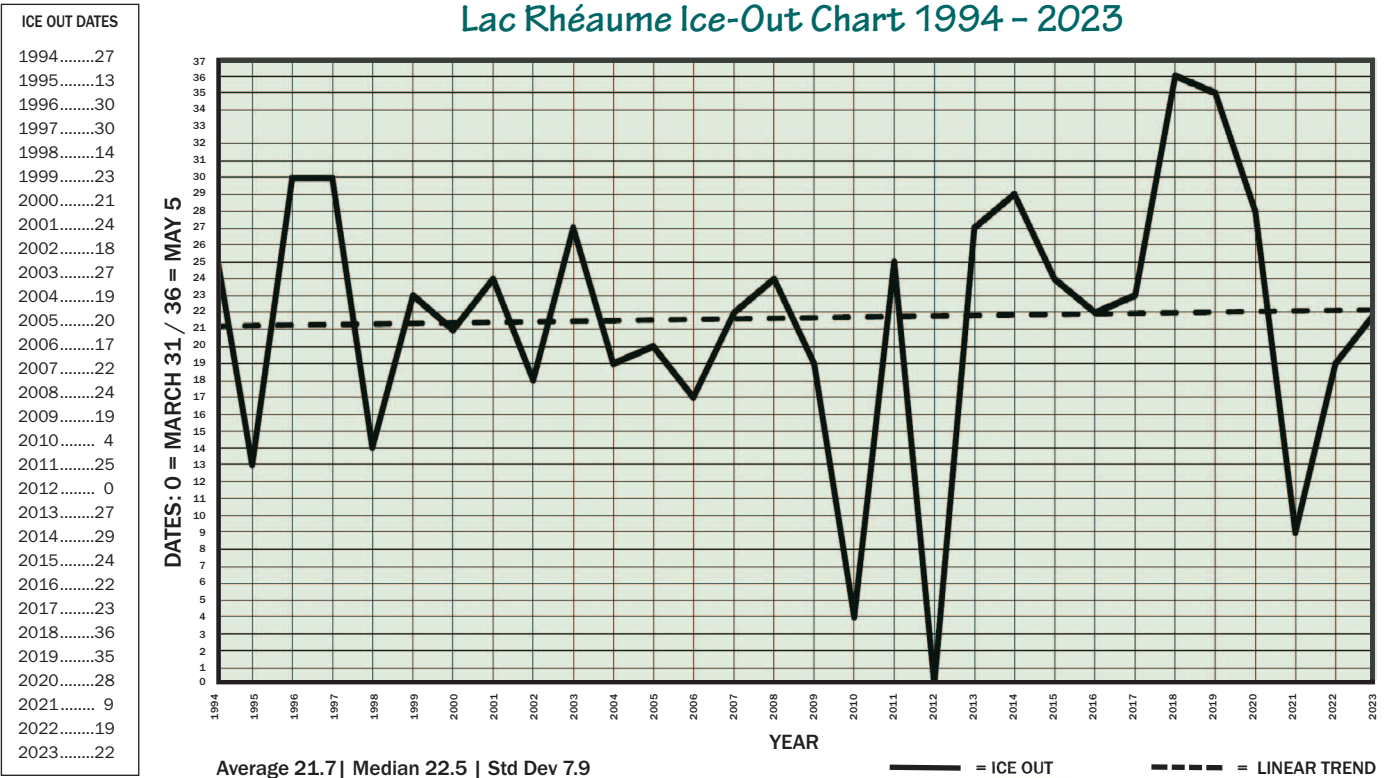
Our little data set from 1994 to 2023 is much too small and too local a sample to draw any planet-wide climate change conclusions. The revised long-term trend line is still tipping very slightly upward toward later ice-out dates. While it remains to be seen whether this trend will continue into the future, if it is sustained it would indicate cooling, not warming. The revised data now shows a standard deviation of eight 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 years' PSLI newsletters on the association's website, psll.ca.

– Richard and Lynn Legault, May 29, 2023



### Lac Rhéaume Ice-Out Chart 1994 - 2023



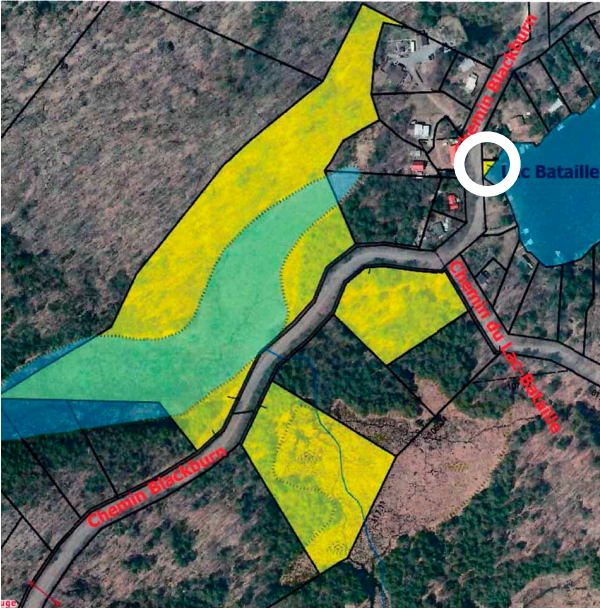
## PSLL MEMBER STICKERS: COMING SOON TO A WINDSHIELD NEAR YOU

Now available, PSLL member stickers will identify the vehicles of residents and owners who are members of Association Perkins-sur-le-lac. You may pick up a sticker at the AGM and PSLL social events, or from the key holders for the lac Bataille boat launch (listed on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter). You may also contact Jens Urban for your sticker by sending an email to [info@psll.ca](mailto:info@psll.ca) or by phoning 613 986-9569.

These are free of charge to members – another benefit of your participation in our association!



## UPDATE: PUBLIC ACCESS TO LAC BATAILLE



Members who attended last year's AGM on July 17, 2022 may remember that there was quite a lot of concern around the realization that since August 2020 the municipality has owned a waterfront lot on lac Bataille, right beside the PSLL boat launch and beach, and the suggestion that it could be developed for public use. The map at left shows the properties acquired by the municipality, with the proposed public beach access indicated by the white circle.

At that time, the mayor and our councillor, Claude Bergeron, tried to reassure members by telling us that there were no plans for public access. Almost immediately following the meeting, PSLL sent a letter to the mayor and councillor on July 27, requesting further information regarding how the land was obtained and what, indeed, would be planned for its future use. The response was quite the opposite of what was shared at the AGM. We were made aware that the municipality signed and passed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in August 2020 between the municipality and Richard Hall, developer and owner of the properties, to create a public access point to lac Bataille.

Below is an excerpt of the response from Mayor Dagenais from his letter dated September 23, 2022:

*This is to provide you with information on the following lots that the Municipality of Val-des-Monts has acquired and which are listed in the Cadastre du Quebec (Quebec land registry): 1 481 703, 5 979 491, 5 979 494 and 6 390 643. The lots, located on Blackburn, du Chêne-Rouge and du Lac-Bataille roads, were acquired through council motion 20-08-246, so that the Municipality could enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with company 8594279 Canada Inc.; the MOU was signed on August 5, 2020. Attached is a graphic matrix with the properties in question highlighted in yellow; these were sold/transferred under a compensation agreement pertaining to parks, playing fields and natural spaces; and this sale/transfer resulted from the approval of a development permit, in compliance with article 3.3. of Development By-law 437-99.*

*Lot number 6 390 643, as listed in the Cadastre du Quebec and located at the intersection of Blackburn and du Lac-Bataille roads, will allow us to build a neighbourhood park, while lot number 1 481 703 was acquired with the objective to provide pedestrian access to Lac Bataille. As for lots 5 979 491 and 5 979 494 in the Cadastre du Quebec, because they contain extensive wetlands along chemin Blackburn, they will be conserved as natural spaces.*

*Do note that this decision, made in 2020 by Val-des-Monts' previous council, complies with the 2019-2023 strategic plan, that is, to preserve and protect the environment and increase public access to natural heritage assets.*

In November 2022 we also became aware – through municipal publications – that the 2024 budget included a \$25,000 allocation to the Lac Bataille Public Access Project, although no details of this allocation have been made available. In response to this new information, in January 2023 the PSLL board struck a subcommittee whose primary focus is to engage in an official opposition to the creation of public access to lac Bataille due to the immense environmental, public health and public safety risks. The board also recognizes that development is having an increasing impact on our entire community and that we should be carrying out ongoing diligence around advocating for environmental protection and public safety as it impacts all nine lakes in our association. A letter with the following requests was sent to the municipality by the PSLL on February 27 of this year; we are still awaiting an official response.

In the letter, we proposed an immediate hold/postponement of any further development or allocation of funds to this initiative, pending a complete description of the proposed scope of this project, and formally requested the following:

### 1) Details of the project:

- a) what studies have been done to date, with their conclusions, to assess the long-term ecological impact to both land and water;
- b) what studies have been done, with their conclusions, to assess the issue of increased traffic and parking, given that there is no public transit available to the site, and which includes the issue of pedestrian safety at an intersection where a three-way stop sign was installed just recently due to safety concerns arising from local traffic – which is light in comparison to proposed public access;

(continued on page 12)

## UPDATE: PUBLIC ACCESS TO LAC BATAILLE (continued)

- c) what infrastructure would be installed to accommodate parking and sanitation, and how that would be policed and maintained;
- d) how the municipality would monitor the lawful use of the right of way, including hours of use, potential noise and trespassing violations, littering, water pollution, etc., and the launch of watercraft that may not have been properly decontaminated to prevent the introduction of invasive species;
- e) the proposed timeline for implementation;
- f) the municipality's budget and plan for this initiative going forward.

2) We requested documentation showing that this project complies with environmental protections and has followed the guidelines set out to assess risks prior to implementation, since the municipality must comply with the provincial guidelines for environmental protections, just as its residents and developers must.

3) We requested an explanation as to how the Department of Urbanism and Environment was able to negotiate this MOU without the knowledge or approval of our municipal officials and without public consultation or an environmental study, traffic study or feasibility study per provincial guidelines for lake access proposals.

4) We requested that there be no further public communications regarding public access to lac Bataille unless or until the project is fully implemented.

We have representatives who have been attending municipal council meetings to monitor any mention or disclosures regarding the project. An extensive review of various public documentations on the subject of methodologies to assess carrying capacity of a lake to support human activities was conducted; we have accumulated data which proves that lac Bataille is in no way suitable for public access and that the lot cannot support it. Our subcommittee hopes to have an official response prior to our 2023 AGM. PSLI president Constance Hudak sent a follow-up letter in June to the mayor, indicating that we expect a response to our concerns, and inviting him to our AGM to address our members. PSLI will continue to advocate on this matter given our overall environmental concerns. Conservation and safety are paramount, and the municipality must adhere to the mandates and requirements of the province. Comments, questions and/or suggestions may be addressed to the subcommittee by emailing Jacques Bolduc at <andree-jacques@hotmail.com>.

– **Subcommittee members Sara Adam-Black, Chair**

**Jacques Bolduc, Elaine Carisse, Andrée Grenon, Cynthia Hamady, Benoît Leclerc and Shane Livingstone**

### *In Memoriam...*



#### **LAURENT ROY, 1945 – 2023**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of long-time PSLI member Laurent Roy on March 11, 2023, at the age of 77. He leaves his wife of 55 years, Lilliane (Rozon) Roy, children Jocelyne (Sébastien Brisson) and Sébastien (Nadine Basque), grandchildren Cédric (Célia Léveillé), Maude (Louis-Simon Paquin), Mégann and Maéli, and great-grandchildren Jasmine and soon-to-come Clémence. Laurent was a high school technical teacher in Ontario, an educational consultant and a specialist in learning and behaviour. He served on the PSLI board for many years as a representative for lac Rhéaume.



#### **JOHN SMART, 1939 – 2021**

Dr. John Smart was a cottage owner on lac Bataille, and volunteered for many years on the PSLI board. According to his obituary, John's great loves were his family, politics, history, books, and his cottage at lac Bataille. A scholar and educator, he worked for almost two decades at the Public Archives of Canada; to John, archives were not just historical records but a place of democratic engagement and social justice. In recognition of his contributions to the field, the Faculty of Information at University of Toronto is launching the new John Smart Memorial Scholarship for Social Justice and Democracy. It will be awarded to Master of Information students who demonstrate a commitment to the study of information in the advancement of social justice and/or democracy in a Canadian context. The first scholarship will be granted in the fall of 2024. For details see [school.utoronto.ca/news/archivist-and-activist-a-new-scholarship-honours-the-late-john-smart/?fbclid=IwAR2Ss1xseCO\\_AxHmV641BEHy3GtCHpGTGG02UDCzVM6zhNtKJDdYcdkI&mibextid=I066kq](https://school.utoronto.ca/news/archivist-and-activist-a-new-scholarship-honours-the-late-john-smart/?fbclid=IwAR2Ss1xseCO_AxHmV641BEHy3GtCHpGTGG02UDCzVM6zhNtKJDdYcdkI&mibextid=I066kq).



# Conservation Perkins-sur-le-Lac: Working to Preserve our Environment

**Editor's Note:** In winter 2020, a group of PSLL owners formed a local conservation group, Conservation Perkins-sur-le-Lac (CPSLL). The objective of the group was to create a framework where PSLL residents and owners could join forces to acquire and protect surrounding lands currently owned by Lauzon Forestry. This update details some of their recent activities. A full account may be found at [conservationperkins-sur-le-lac.ca](http://conservationperkins-sur-le-lac.ca).

## BUILDING A FOUNDATION

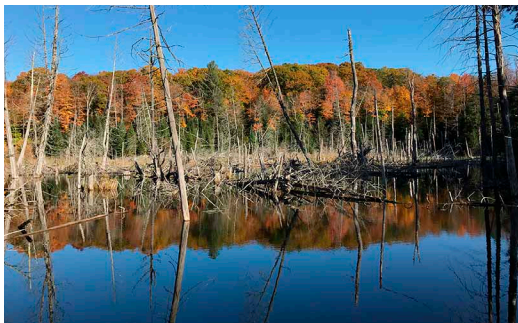
Following incorporation as a non-profit organization, Conservation Perkins-sur-le-Lac received charitable organization status in July 2022. In September 2022, the group became an eligible recipient under the Ecological Gifts Program. Today, Conservation Perkins-sur-le-Lac has all the foundational elements to move forward as a conservation organization.

## FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The group's first annual general meeting was held in January 2023, during which members reviewed the annual and financial reports, confirmed the by-laws and elected a new board of directors.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The group continues to inform the community via updates and has held two information and pledge sessions. The first was held in November 2022 and targeted Area A – Harfang-des-Neiges / lac Chevreuil, while the second, held in March 2023, focused on Area B – Cormoran.



Cormoran wetland. Photo: Cory Bialowas

As rare and at-risk species that also call our domain their home, we have inserted information on our website to help community members learn more about the plants and animals that enrich the area. Documenting biodiversity can also help us attract funding from federal and provincial organizations to protect these species and support further conservation efforts. To do this, we need your help! Please visit our website biodiversity page, [conservationperkins-sur-le-lac.ca/our-biodiversity](http://conservationperkins-sur-le-lac.ca/our-biodiversity).

## ECOLOGICAL STUDY

The group is working with a biologist and is currently conducting a detailed ecological study of Area B – Cormoran. The goal of this study is to document the ecological value of the land, leading to a better understanding of our rich surroundings, and will serve to secure funding for land acquisition initiatives.

## OUR BIODIVERSITY

To gain a better understanding of the biodiversity in our beautiful region and learn more about the



A Common Snapping Turtle. Photo: Jean-François Riel

## MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS

We began receiving donations through our website in December 2022 and as we are a charitable organization, receipts for income tax purposes are provided. An annual membership is offered to all those who donate a minimum of \$50. In addition to voting rights at annual and special general meetings, members directly support this important conservation initiative in Perkins-sur-le-Lac.

## LAND TRUST ACTIVITIES

Working toward our goal of acquiring land for conservation, we've conducted an analysis of land holdings in the PSLL area and have held (and will be having) meetings with the largest land holders to explore land acquisition and land use options.

**Thank you again for your interest and please feel free to reach out!**

**New members and volunteers to assist in our efforts are welcome. Visit [conservationperkins-sur-le-lac.ca](http://conservationperkins-sur-le-lac.ca) for information, email us at [conservation.perkins.sur.le.lac@gmail.com](mailto:conservation.perkins.sur.le.lac@gmail.com) if you have questions or concerns, or meet with us at the PSLL AGM on July 16, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the J.A. Perkins Community Centre (across from the Marché Richelieu), J.A. Perkins Room, 17 chemin du Manoir, Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 7E8.**

### *As They Say: Only You (and the rest of us) Can Prevent Forest Fires*



On May 15, lac Barnes resident Patricia Irving sent out an email to others on the lake with a warning that there had been a considerable brush fire on chemin de la Barrière a day earlier, caused by an unattended burning of wood. Fortunately, another resident, Jacquie Stanley, was heading home and came upon sizeable flames; she called 911 and four fire trucks were dispatched to attend to the fire. Fortunately as well, the wind was blowing away from cottages or some might have been damaged or even destroyed. The photo at left was taken from a very scary short video Philip Stanley made of the event.

On May 29, a lac Barnes resident noticed with alarm that someone had an outdoor fire blazing away at a near-by cottage. Another neighbour had heard fireworks being set off the night before.

With the unprecedented number of wildfires that have already caused devastation in Quebec and Ontario, as well as many other parts of Canada, it is imperative that we all monitor weather conditions and fire danger levels, and obey fire bans. The Société de protection des forêts contre le feu (SOPFEU) maintains a website in English and French, [sopfeu.qc.ca](http://sopfeu.qc.ca), that provides up-to-the-minute, detailed information and alerts by specific location. Their interactive maps provide a visual overview of the situation in forests across Quebec. A free mobile app is available at the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Forest fires may be caused by lightning strikes in about half of cases but the other half is due to human activity. Harsh weather conditions fuel these fast-spreading fires, making them extremely difficult to combat. And what might seem like slight increases in average temperatures have major consequences: a one-degree Celsius increase in temperature amounts to about 12 percent more lightning. Fires account for more than 85 percent of wildfire destruction. For humans, beyond the heartbreaking loss of lives, homes and property, the smoke from wildfires can cause a range of health issues, including respiratory and cardiovascular problems.

Please monitor SOPFEU and be especially cautious this season. If you feel you absolutely must have an outdoor fire, consider a propane fire pit, which, according to SOPFEU, is approved for use during fire bans. We CAN prevent forest fires!

## NEW PROVINCE OF QUEBEC BY-LAW TARGETS SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Last year's newsletter included an article detailing some rental rules and suggesting guidelines for property owners and their guests. Since that time, Quebec has updated its policy for short-term rentals. In May 2023 the Quebec government tabled a bill to crack down on illegal short-term rentals. It was passed and came into effect on June 7, 2023.

The bill targets digital platforms like Airbnb with fines of up to \$100,000 per illegal posting if they do not obey local laws. Individual owners could face fines of \$5,000 to \$50,000 per posting. Bill 25 makes it illegal for anyone to advertise a short-term rental online without including the number and expiry date for their provincial certificate. It amends a bill that came into effect on September 1, 2022, which was designed to make it mandatory to register homes for short-term rental, but which had very low compliance. More specifically, under Bill 25, the registration of a tourist accommodation establishment (which includes most cottages) will take the form of a certificate containing various information determined by regulation. Bill 25 will also provide for the creation of a public register of tourist accommodation establishments kept by the Minister of Tourism or by an organization recognized by the minister. Other types of non-transactional platforms such as Kijiji or Facebook could be subject to the law by ministerial decree if ever owners or rental companies try to illegally rent their accommodations.

The full text of this bill is available on the Quebec National Assembly website, [assnat.qc.ca](http://assnat.qc.ca).

## PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC: SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

**Editor's Note:** The residents of the PSL area have many stories to tell. Three of them, artisans Francine St-Pierre and Rock Duchesne and musician Davina Pearl, are profiled in this issue as the second in a series of articles showcasing the diverse lives and talents

### FRANCINE ST-PIERRE AND ROCK DUCHESNE, *Lac Bataille Boutique Artisan Maple Syrup Producers*



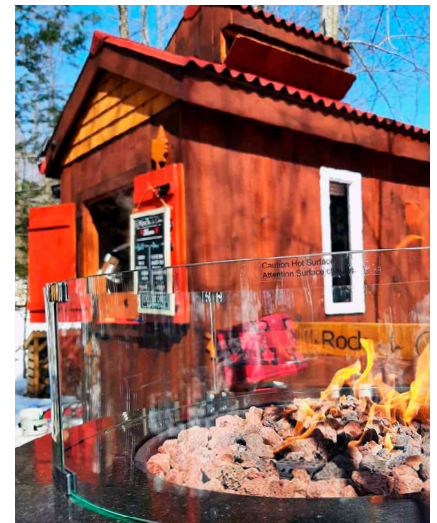
We've been on lac Bataille for almost 25 years, now full time since we retired a few years ago. It was only six or seven years ago that we realized that we had quite a few maple trees on our property. While we both had uncles who owned sugar shacks, we weren't involved in this hobby.

We started by tapping a dozen maple trees. When visiting our uncles, we always liked drinking the sugary water coming from the trees. That was, therefore, the initial objective – just collecting some sap. We had enough to boil some so we gave it a try, using a propane burner set directly on the ground. The first batch burned! We gave it another try and it worked. We produced our first jar of maple syrup and that's all it took to get us hooked.

The second year, we decided to ensure we were going to be more comfortable enjoying our new hobby. We knew that we didn't want it to become a business; we wanted to invest only the minimum to produce just enough maple syrup for our family. Boiling has to be done when the weather is not at its best, but working outside in the cold wasn't an option for us anymore so we basically transformed a shed into a miniature sugar shack. It has traps on the roof to circulate the vapour and is equipped with three burners and custom-made shelving to filter the syrup. It took us roughly a month to set up, including painting and varnishing the interior so it could be cleaned whenever required. (Yes, producing maple syrup can be quite sticky – don't attempt to do it in your kitchen!) We also installed a smoker to smoke trout caught here on the lake – and yes, we glaze it with maple syrup.

We produce mainly syrup and occasionally some 'toffee on the snow' for friends or neighbours, and are also experimenting with the production of maple butter. In the meantime, we love to replace all types of sugar with syrup in recipes.

It's important to mention that we produce our maple syrup in a traditional manner and that we are certainly not equipped like the big sugar shacks. It's a hobby for us and we want it to stay that way. This is our production process:



First, we tap trees when the weather forecast shows that the temperature will be a few degrees above zero. The ideal temperature is +5°C during the day and -5°C at night. It's very important not to do it too early because the tap will dry out and the trees won't run as much. We hang our buckets, put on covers and wait for the perfect weather. Once it runs, despite the fact that the sap will keep in the bucket for two to three days, we collect it as quickly as ideally possible to boil it. If the sap is boiled early, there's a better chance of producing the best quality syrup.



The sap collected contains sugar that is measured, like wine, in Brix (the measure of the dissolved solids in a liquid). The raw sap's level is between two and four. Boiling is necessary to evaporate water and concentrate the sugar level up to 66 Brix. It takes around 40 litres of sap to produce one litre of syrup! Early in the season, its colour is almost similar to honey and its taste is delicate. Later on, it will be more amber and the taste will be richer or stronger. By the end of the season, the syrup is often dark and more difficult to filter due to the mineral content contained in it, but it's great for cooking.

It's important to realize that syrup has various flavours depending on the year, soil, cooking, etc. – again, just like wine. It's worth tasting several varieties and you'll soon be able to discern between the flavours and qualities of different syrups. You might be surprised!

For those who are curious to learn more, check out the flavour wheel at the Government of Canada website [agriculture.canada.ca/en/news-agriculture-and-agri-food-canada/scientific-achievements-agriculture/maple-syrup-flavour-research](https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/news-agriculture-and-agri-food-canada/scientific-achievements-agriculture/maple-syrup-flavour-research).

We are often asked which is the best grade of syrup. The answer is always the same: the one you prefer!

Next spring, between mid-March and mid-April, if you're curious to see how we produce our maple syrup, stop by 14 Gill Road to say hello. You'll be able to smell the sugar while we share our passion with you!



– Francine St-Pierre and Rock Duchesne

## PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC: SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

### DAVINA PEARL, *Musician, Bandleader, Teacher... and believer in the power of live music*



In August 2020, during the darkest days of the pandemic, PSLL members received an invitation to meet by watercraft on lac Rhéaume in front of the Pearl family dock for an evening of live music to chase away the Covid blues, organized by and featuring musician Davina Pearl. Other 'Music on the Water' concerts followed, each a magical event that confirmed the power of live music to elevate, soothe and connect.

Great music comes in many forms, from Beethoven to Bebop, and Davina is a fan of all of them. "Does good music have to have a category?" she asks. "At a really good show, it seems like love just flows through all of us there, performers and audience, flowing and overflowing. It's such an incredible high to be a part of that."

Davina's path to her present life as a full-time musician hasn't been a straight trajectory. She started playing her first instrument at age 11, after finding her father's clarinet in a closet. She found she was a natural on woodwinds, easily adapting when assigned a saxophone at age 15 in her school's music program. The epiphany came when she was invited to join the jazz band there. She fell head over heels in love with the music, and the feeling of playing in a band.

Even so, Davina didn't initially plan on a career in music. As a young adult she moved to Israel to study and five years later came home with a degree in Earth Science/Geology from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. After working in that field, she shifted to public education in Natural History, but music kept calling to her – and she eventually answered the call.

Having both worked in and organized bands for so long, Davina realized she could put that knowledge and experience to good use to build a career producing live music for events. And so her business, Davina Pearl Groups, was born. She explains: "You're planning an event, maybe for the first time, you're thinking about all the details, the venue, the catering, the flowers, it's all so overwhelming. And you want the music to reflect the care and thought you've invested. Unless you're a musician yourself or you already have experience, it's hard to figure out how to make that happen. Do you go online and start clicking through band websites? How do you know what you're getting?"

Depending on your situation, Davina will organize the exact band to fit your requirements. It can be as simple as a solo guitar or a pianist. Or it can be a cocktail group, elegant background music for a reception. Or perhaps a string quartet, a harpist or a piper. She also provides ceremony music, as well as music for dancing – just what you need if you're planning a wedding, for example.

"I've witnessed it over and over again, when it all comes together and guests start to arrive. The band begins to play and it's pure magic. The light in my client's eyes says it all," remarks Pearl. Anyone who has had that experience can attest to how live music will elevate an event from pleasant to all-out breathtaking. Pearl recalls a recent engagement: "I did an Edith Piaf show for a lovely lady's 80th birthday. She wanted my jazz quartet, plus Edith Piaf. Which is almost exactly what she got." The party was huge hit and her client was over the moon. Having the chance to help someone fulfill a dream like that makes Davina feel that she has the best job in world.

Her other 'best job in the world' is teaching. At her studio in Ottawa, Pearl teaches saxophone, flute and clarinet. She started at age 16, then came back to it much later in life and totally fell in love. "Perhaps the most meaningful part is that I get to help people find their voice and be heard, especially young people. In their lives and on their instruments," she says. And she gets to follow in the footsteps of her beloved teachers and mentors, passing the torch that was so graciously handed to her.

Speaking of mentors, that brings us to her father, who, sadly, passed away just six months ago. A keen sailor, many PSLL residents will remember him making his way around lac Rhéaume with the wind in his bright coloured sail. He was his daughter's first mentor in music and remained a life-long supporter and champion. And her mother, whose gift to her husband was the clarinet that he left in the closet, inadvertently started Davina on her musical journey.

Davina also has her parents to thank for many lovely times at lac Rhéaume. Looking for a family cottage in 2000, they ended up in the ideal spot to indulge Davina's other passions: gardening, cross-country skiing, hiking and canoeing. We're hoping there will be more 'Music on the Water' concerts in future – more chances to experience the power of live music in the magical environment of our PSLL domain.

For more information about Davina Pearl, visit her website, [davinapearl.net](http://davinapearl.net).





## AVIS DE CONVOCATION MEETING NOTICE

### ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE

Le dimanche 16 juillet 2023  
09h30 à 12h30

Centre communautaire J.A. Perkins  
Salle J.A. Perkins  
17, chemin du Manoir  
Val-des-Monts (QC) J8N 7E8



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, July 16, 2023  
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

J.A. Perkins Community Centre  
J.A. Perkins Room  
17 chemin du Manoir  
Val-des-Monts, QC J8N 7E8

### L'ORDRE DU JOUR PROVISOIRE

1. Adoption de l'ordre du jour
2. Adoption du procès-verbal de l'Assemblée générale annuelle du 17 juillet 2022
3. Rapport de la présidente et Recommandations
4. Rapport du trésorier
  - 4.1 Les états financiers 2022
  - 4.2 Le budget prévisionnel pour 2023
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 July 17, 2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes
3. President's Report and Recommendations
4. Treasurer's Report
  - 4.1 2022 Financial Statements
  - 4.2 Projected 2023 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

PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA TO THE MEETING

# ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION / BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023

## 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 trésorier(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**.

COMITÉ EXÉCUTIF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	EN ÉLÉCTION IN ELECTION	DÉBUT DU MANDAT START OF MANDATE
Présidente / President.....Constance Hudak	<b>X</b>	Juillet / July 2023
Vice-président / Vice-President .....John Smith		Juillet / July 2022
Secrétaire / Secretary.....Jens Urban	<b>X</b>	Juillet / July 2023
Trésorier / Treasurer .....Jeff Hannah		Juillet / July 2022

REPRÉSENTANT(E)S DES LACS LAKE REPRESENTATIVES	EN ÉLÉCTION IN ELECTION	DÉBUT DU MANDAT START OF MANDATE
<b>BATAILLE (3)</b>		Juillet / July 2022
Sara Adam-Black		Juillet / July 2022
Jacques Bolduc		Juillet / July 2022
<b>Elaine Carisse</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Juillet / July 2023</b>
<b>Luc Fournier</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Juillet / July 2023</b>
<b>Shane Livingstone</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Juillet / July 2023</b>
<b>RHÉAUME (2)</b>		Juillet / July 2022
Harry Jones	<b>X</b>	<b>Juillet / July 2023</b>
Aileen Lamont		Juillet / July 2022
<b>Benoît Leclerc</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Juillet / July 2023</b>
Joel Petit		Juillet / July 2022
<b>BARNES (1)</b>		Juillet / July 2022
Flamur Canaj	<b>X</b>	<b>Juillet / July 2023</b>
Cynthia Hamady		Juillet / July 2022
<b>DES ÉPINETTES (1)</b>		Juillet / July 2023
Richard Bourassa	<b>X</b>	<b>Juillet / July 2023</b>
<b>TRUITE</b>		Juillet / July 2022
Chris Hemmingway		Juillet / July 2022
<b>LOUISE</b>		Juillet / July 2022
André Cossette		Juillet / July 2022
<b>MASKINONGÉ (1)</b>		Juillet / July 2023
Pierre Carmona	<b>X</b>	<b>Juillet / July 2023</b>
<b>CORRIGAN (1)</b>		Juillet / July 2023
Paul Chedore	<b>X</b>	<b>Juillet / July 2023</b>
<b>CHEVREUIL (1)</b>		Juillet / July 2023
Vacant	<b>X</b>	<b>Juillet / July 2023</b>

## ASSOCIATION PSLI INCOME AND EXPENSES, JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2022 – 2023

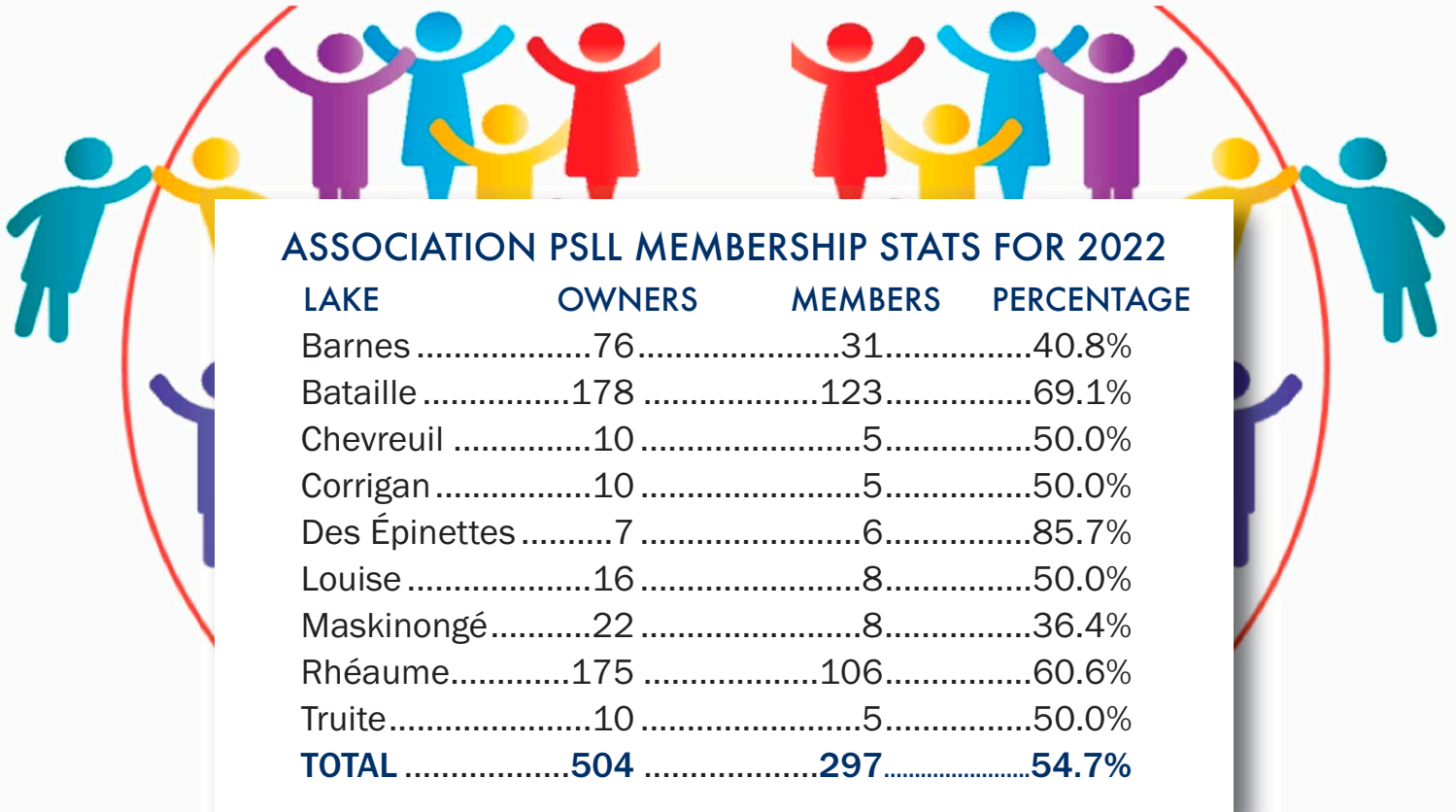
INCOME	2022	2023 TO DATE	2023 PROJECTED
<b>NON-PROFIT INCOME</b>			
Advertising in the newsletter .....	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -
Fish stocking contributions .....	\$ 3,037.00	\$ 4,385.00	\$ 6,000.00
Membership dues .....	\$ 14,275.00	\$ 8,925.00	\$ 18,000.00
Merchandise .....	\$ 130.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Land transfer .....	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL NON-PROFIT INCOME .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 17,742.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,310.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 24,200.00</u></b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Interest earned .....	\$ 38.69	\$ 36.53	\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b><u>\$17,780.69</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,346.53</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 24,250.00</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Bank charges .....	\$ 197.55	\$ 96.90	\$ 200.00
Event expenses .....	\$ 795.95	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance – liability .....	\$ 2,765.31	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00
Newsletter expenses .....	\$ 2,478.73	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Office expenses.....	\$ 1,462.75	\$ 11.50	\$ 1,500.00
PayPal fees.....	\$ 320.97	\$ 259.73	\$ 500.00
Repair and maintenance .....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Roads.....	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00
Fish stocking .....	\$ -	\$ 9,957.01	\$ 9,957.01
Water testing.....	\$ 2,034.39	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Taxes and licenses .....	\$ 566.68	\$ 273.62	\$ 800.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 12,422.33</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,598.76</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 24,557.01</u></b>
<b>PROFIT / (LOSS).....</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,358.36</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,747.77</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (307.01)</u></b>

### ACCOUNT STATEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

Cash on hand.....	\$ 1,272.05
Chequing account.....	\$12,889.22
Savings account.....	\$ 5.00
Term deposit .....	\$ 2,000.00
Term deposit .....	\$ 4,000.00
PayPal clearing account .....	\$ 6,274.68
<b>TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT .....</b>	<b><u>\$26,440.95</u></b>

**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO THE MEETING**

# ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



## YOUR MEMBERSHIP COUNTS!

This time each year the Property Owners Association of Perkins-sur-le-lac asks for your continued support through an annual \$60 membership fee. 🗳️ PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP FORM ON PAGE 21 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](http://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](http://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 [psll.ca](http://psll.ca) for the form and online payment options.

### A. RESIDENCE (MAILING ADDRESS)

Last Name		First Name(s)	
Address		Telephone	
City	Province	Postal Code	Email

### B. SUMMER RESIDENCE

Civic N°, Street Name	Lake	Telephone
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#### MEMBERSHIP:

Sign me up! (\$60 cheque payable to Association PSLL)

No thanks! (Not at this time)

### C. OTHER INFORMATION

I would like to receive the PSLL newsletter ONLY via email

Je désire la correspondance en français

Please change my address as follows:

Last name		First Name(s)	
Address		Telephone	
City	Province	Postal Code	Email

I would like to bring the following comment(s)/concern(s) to your attention:

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