

Hello,

I hope you are all enjoying the gorgeous summer weather at the lake.

This message is to bring you up to date on the activities of the Lake Association's executive.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a great deal of havoc to all of our lives; the lake association is no exception. The release from confinement of the population has put an enormous strain on our lake – it seems that everybody wants to enjoy our lake. Your executive has been lobbying hard with the municipality and with the MRC to control access to our lake for three major reasons – keep COVID-19 away from the residents of the lake, keep invasive plant species brought by unwashed boats from elsewhere out of our lake and protect the physical safety of all. Partly as a result of our efforts, parking in the area has been restricted, the use of the beach has been closed (soon to be reopened for residents only) and the boat washing efforts have been increased. I acknowledge that these measures are not working perfectly but “something is better than nothing”.

COVID-19 was also responsible for a drastically different Annual General Meeting. This year it was held electronically. We think it was **as** successful as the current situation allowed. During that meeting time, we covered the essentials as stipulated in our constitution. Our Secretary will be reporting on this shortly.

Because of the constraints imposed by the pandemic, we were not able to discuss several key issues, mostly related to lake health. Rest assured that they have not been forgotten! In addition to the tactical and time-consuming efforts noted above, here is where we stand on other priorities:

- Lake Health: we have retained the services of a trained biologist who has prepared a lake monitoring plan. We also have a group of volunteers who have a scientific background to lead the implementation of this plan.
- Water testing: part of the lake health monitoring plan includes specific and detailed recommendation on water testing. This will be implemented as part of the monitoring plan under the guidance of knowledgeable volunteers. Please note that Due to COVID-19 the RSVL are operating under restricted measures in 2020 and, as a result, our lake was not chosen to be in the pool of lakes that they are to be tested this year
- Fish restocking: our biologist has told us that fish restocking has relatively little to do with lake health but more to do with recreation. We have therefore retained the services of a volunteer whose avid passion is fishing. He is currently preparing recommendation on how best to restock the lake with the funds we have accumulated over the past several years for that purpose.

We will keep you posted on these and other activities of your executive.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Raymond Noël, president

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