



ASSOCIATION DU LAC ST-FRANÇOIS-XAVIER ASSOCIATION

2022 PRIORITIES REPORT

In preparation for the work of your executive for the coming season, we felt it was important to ask your opinion on the issues you felt that your association should focus on. To that end we carried out a survey of over 120 email addresses, to which we received 60 replies. To the extent possible and the availability of email addresses, we sent the survey to as many lake residents as we could, whether or not they were members. The 50% response rate is fantastic for a survey of this nature and we thank all of you who took the time to respond most sincerely!

As you know, our mandate is the protection of our lake so the inclusion of questions on issues such as water testing, boat washing, working with RSVL, etc. would have been redundant.

Our analysis of the survey results follows:

- The large majority of you (85% or more) agreed that the following were important:
 - Issue 1: Risk of contamination of Lake Saint François Xavier whether through run-off by careless development or by invasive plant species (such as Eurasian milfoil) – 100%
 - Issue 2: Prepare a contingency plan in case Lake Saint François Xavier gets infested with an invasive species- 88%
 - Issue 3 A: Overuse of the lake: Overall objective: the lake should be available to all but priority should be to residents of the lake – 92%
 - Issue 9: Community events such as summer concerts, skating rink, BBQ, and lake health observation etc. – 90%
- About half to two thirds of you felt the following were of concern:
 - Issue 3 B: Use of the lake: Secondary objective: the Viking Canoe and Kayak Club has been on the lake since 2002 and they should be able to continue to train on the lake without interference from visitors – 56%
 - Issue 4: Improve and strengthen constabulary force to ensure the municipal by-laws are enforced near, on and around the lake – 53%
 - Issue 6: Illegal parking throughout the community around the lake, village and trail entrances – 58%
 - Issue 8: The shared use of Chemin de Fer, Rte Principale, rue Montfortain and rue Chartier etc – 56%
- Very few of you (25% or less) thought the following were important:
 - Issue 5: Buoys: Increase the number of buoys on the lake. Of the 15 buoys owned by the Municipality, the Association currently installs 3 buoys for danger zones and 3 for slow zones – 25%
 - Issue 7: Electronic Gate: Repair the gate at the intersection of Chemin Newaygo and Chemin de Fer – 25%
- A review of the comments received from many of you indicate a wide gamut of opinion ranging from ". . . *The survey (sic) seem to me to ignore many issues that are voiced by the community and as such needs to be more open and inclusive. . .*" to "*Merci pour ce sondage intelligent.*"

- An analysis of the table of priorities indicates the following:
 - About two thirds of the respondents (38 to 42) placed “contingency plan for invasive species” and “priority for residents to use the lake” as either first or second priority
 - Fewer than 10 respondents considered any of the other issues as either first or second priority

The information from the survey will help us focus our efforts during the current year and will be very useful in guiding our discussions with the municipality. Actually, the information from the survey is already being used!

ALSFX Executive
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