



Lac Bernard Association Fall Meeting Minutes
By Zoom November 4, 2020

1800-1830: Log in / Social Hour

1830-1900: La Pêche Counsellor Pam Ross Presenting:

Mayor Guillaume Lamoureux had confirmed his attendance but was unable to attend at the last minute.

Pam Ross reported that there has been lots of road work going on especially on Lac Bernard Rd between Lascelles and Kallala Rd. Paving has been done and culverts have gone in. Pam wants to know from us if we are happy with the work that has been done. She said that the new public works director is really good and that they've added staff. Public works have become much more streamlined and much more customer service oriented.



Voila App Account

<http://www.villelapeche.qc.ca/en/municipal-services/services-en-ligne/> Register online then download the app on a smart phone.

The Municipality of La Peche is using a new app for news about roadwork, emergencies, reporting problems, signs missing, etc. It's all in the app. It even includes the recycling and garbage calendar. It will eventually have tax info too. It is a one stop shop for dealing with the municipality. They have one employee who monitors the app and makes sure that concerns are addressed in a timely manner.

Rick Soderstrom congratulated Pam Ross on the work done, he felt that the municipality did a first class paving job on Lac Bernard Road. Claude Bertrand commented on the big rocks on the road that were a problem. There were also concerns that the speed limits weren't posted. People on Lac Bernard North are scared of biking or walking. Jock Hurst commented that he likes the 50k speed limit, faster would be dangerous in narrow places.

Jeff Stubbins commented that parts of Lac Bernard Road past Kalalla Road seem to be abandoned. Grading is inconsistent and work needs to be done as well as some new culverts in some places. Drainage is poor and there are some big bumps, especially when all the private roads start connecting with the main road.

Pam pointed out that infrastructure money is being much more equitably spent. Roads get a minimum level of attention based on classification. Using the app and complaining will help get work done by the municipality.

There was a question about how garbage collection stops for the season and how to ensure it keeps going. Garbage pickup happens if the contractors can access it.

There was also talk about maybe closing off Pritchard at 105 in winter since that hill is so steep and difficult to maintain.

Scott Duncan reported that dams on Lac Notre Dame affecting our water level. Scott is in contact with the MRC, but we have a significant issue with the watershed in general, with the creek going dry the last few years, then people in our lake start blocking up our outlet to keep water levels up. A few different issues here. So we need some political help. Pam hopes to be included in the meeting with the MRC. La Peche doesn't have any authority over waterways, but wouldn't oppose a resolution to the MRC des Collines by the municipality to get the MRC moving on this.

N.B. All minutes and committee reports are online at http://lacbernard.ca/mems_only/bizdocs/bizdocs.php

Opening:

1. Memorial Announcements (Gaye Moffett)

Margaret Macloed passed away in June 2020. She loved Lac Bernard and she was greatly missed this summer.

Jose Knight passed away in early summer.

Arie Hoogenraad passed away November 2. He was a former Association executive member and spent many summers at the lake with his wife Maureen and their whole family.

Evie Machado, American cousin of Scott Duncan passed away. She was an incredible woman and big part of Scott's family's lives growing up.

Leyton Woods passed away in early June, our former lake warden. Chemin des bois is named after him (version française).

2. Approval of the minutes of the Spring Meeting of May 26th 2020.

Motion to accept the minutes by Claude Bertrand, seconded by Paul Hays. The Minutes were approved.

Reports:

1. Treasurer (Melissa Saunders) Report: Update

A committee has been created to go over our finances going into the future. They'll be working on a budget for next year, and setting up a strategic plan. The focus will be on fundraising, membership's needs, and what we want to do.

2. Environment (Paul Saunders)

Update for water samples is published on our website. Fecal coliform limits generally in good shape. It's mostly from beavers, birds and septic. Phosphorus comes from septic leaks and fertilizers on lawns. Some areas are affected a bit more than others. It's not good for the lake obviously. The municipality funds our testing. Thanks to Pam who has been helpful and very supportive.

We do have a milfoil problem on the lake. Large percentage of lake originally 2% coverage; then 15% two year later. Milfoil is very aggressive in its growth. We're commissioning a study for spring 2021. It will probably be over 15%. Abvdes7 will be doing the survey again.

When Eurasian milfoil blankets the lake, it blocks light and jams up the lake. Eventually it will hurt our real estate values.

What are we doing?

Yellow buoys to bring attention to the beds so that the milfoil doesn't get cut up by props and then spread. It keeps boats out of heavily infested areas.

For the study, 50% of the funding will be from the municipality. Next summer, after the study, we'll apply to the province to install burlap matting to control milfoil. Lac Blue Sea received \$75,000 last year from the province, maybe we can do something like what they're doing. Follow their plan and get proper funding and government support municipally and provincially.

This will probably mean that pebbles will be used to hold down the burlap.

There was some discussion that yellow buoys aren't recognized by everyone, since many people aren't members and just don't know. Perhaps we need signs at access points-yellow buoys, fire bans, other information.

3. Communications (Francine Filion)

Our big project right now is the coffee table book of lake photos taken by members. The idea behind it is to remember 2020 as a good year at Lake Bernard instead of thinking of the pandemic. We'll sell it as a fundraiser for our environment projects. It's being done through Costco and we'll print one to see how good it looks. Working on the online order form is Melissa, Bruno on translations, with Stephan Hamel and someone else as judges. A newsletter will be coming out in the next month.

Francine points out that the Executive did take a look at signs. We found them really expensive and we want to focus on milfoil control with burlap at this point. Unless someone has skills that they'd like to donate we're not going to proceed with that. Jake congratulated Francine on her limitless initiative.

4. Membership (Steve Kulba)

It has been quiet in membership in the last month. Early in the summer there were lots of renewals. Right now we're at 238 renewed members. The usual would be 260. So we're short

22 members. This is mostly 30 consistent members that have yet to renew. The trend for early renewals continues to grow. Additional funds that have been donated to clubhouse \$370, Environment \$625, Security \$335.

5. Security (Rick Soderstrom)

Rick reported that there was not much to report for security. Luckily, this has been a trend over the last 3 or 4 years. The one report of a break in this spring turned out to be false. The MRC never got back to us about something that happened on Kallalla Rd. Also, Robert Gil doing a good job managing the gate at Albert Labelle.

6. Clubhouse (Gaye Moffett) Virtual BINGOs &

There were online bingos this summer for kids. Each Saturday night Gaye hosted Zoom Bingo where there was a prize round robin for logo items. The kids that participated had a good time.

7. Update on Right of Way issue (Gaye Moffett)

Our case was to go to court in December but this was delayed due to covid. When something is known, there will be an update.

8. History Committee (Gaye Moffett & Francine Filion)

Francine is always looking for history stories for newsletters and then the website.

New Business:

1. Water levels: Scott Duncan

Jake Blair reported that there was a man-made dam that was broken at the end of the summer at Lac Notre Dame as well as more rain, so water levels went up. We have been in touch with the lake association at Lac Notre Dame. They're far less organized than we are. Historically there has been manipulation of where Fish Creek begins on Lac Notre Dame. The dams there are quite significant. There is some interest in installing a weir and the idea of regulating the minimum water level on our lake.

Logo items & Memberships renewals will be available by ordering online.

Adjournment

8:23pm

**AVIS DE RENCONTRE D'AUTOMNE
le 4 novembre 2020 via Zoom**

Gaye Moffett vous invite à une réunion Zoom
Sujet: Réunion d'automne de l'association de lac Bernard

Heure: le 4 novembre à **18 H 00**, heure de l'Est (États-Unis et Canada)

Rejoindre la réunion Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88113072619?pwd=Z1pMQUxWZ1JXRlNHOUxiTzBsS3pxZz09>

ID de la réunion: 881 1307 2619

Code d'accès: 180138

ORDRE DU JOUR

18 H 00 à 18 H 30: Connexion / Heure sociale

18 H 30 à 19 H 00: La conseillère municipale de La Pêche Pam Ross et le maire Guillaume Lamoureux ont confirmé leur participation à la réunion. M. Lamoureux se joindra à nous à compter de 19 H.

N.B. Tous les procès-verbaux et rapports sont en ligne à

http://lacbernard.ca/mems_only/bizdocs/bizdocs_f.php#20p

Ouverture:

La présidente Gaye Moffett présentera les membres de l'exécutif

Annonces commémoratives (Gaye Moffett)

Approbation du procès-verbal de la réunion de printemps du 26 mai 2020.

Rapports:

1. Rapport de la trésorière Melissa Saunders: mise à jour
2. Environnement (Paul Saunders)
3. Communications (Francine Filion)
4. Adhésion (Steve Kulba)
5. Sécurité (Rick Soderstrom)
6. Clubhouse (Gaye Moffett) Bingos virtuels
7. Mise à jour sur la question juridique du droit de passage
8. Comité d'histoire (Gaye Moffett & Francine Filion)

Nouvelle question:

Niveau d'eau: Scott Duncan

Clôture de la réunion

Nota: vous pouvez commander en tout temps les articles portant le logo de l'association et vous pouvez renouveler votre adhésion en ligne.

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