



LLPOA-APLL

Lake Louisa Property Owners Association
Association des Propriétaires du Lac Louisa

LLPOA Annual General Meeting August 2020

Prerecorded on Zoom due to the Pandemic COVID 19

Mary-Anne Armstrong, President
Karl Wockner, Treasurer
Isabel Rut: Communications
Philippe Cyr, Director
Daniel Miron: Director

Tanis Trotman, Vice-President
Susan Hawker: Secretary
Ted Murray: Membership & Tech.
Lynn Chase: Director

Guests: Jason Morrison (Mayor of Wentworth); Karen Ott (Website), Steve Forest (Fishing)

Mary-Anne Armstrong, President: Introduction:

Hello Everyone,

Due to the pandemic, and the circumstances surrounding it, we are holding our Annual General Meeting in this pre-recorded video fashion. We welcome you, and thank you for taking the time to watch. Our speakers include Jason Morrison, Mayor of Wentworth, members at large, Karen Ott, the new website (content) manager and Steve Forest on fishing. First, we'll look at the issues we've been following this past year, then move onto LLPOA business. For the most part speakers will use the language they are most comfortable with. If you as a viewer would like the translation for a segment, we would be happy to provide one. Please, let us know.

Isabel Rut, Communications: Procedure:

Obviously asking questions and voting will be a little more difficult this year. The vote on minutes will be handled by the directors, acting on behalf of the members. If you would like to ask questions, or comment, please do so by going back to the AGM 2020 page on the website, where you found the link to this meeting video. You will find other buttons that will allow you to leave a question or a comment, and to see the responses to them later. You will also find links to the treasurer's report and the agenda for this meeting. The minutes from the 2019 AGM are found on the page of the same name, under AGMs in the 'About' section.

Lynn Chase, Director: Introductions:

In addition to the speakers mentioned already, the current LLPOA directors are: myself, Lynn Chase, Philippe Cyr, Dan Miron, Isabel Rut – our communications director, Susan Hawker -our secretary, Karl Wockner, the treasurer, Ted Murray – our tech support and membership director, Tanis Trotman – the vice-president and Mary-Anne Armstrong, the president.

Susan Hawker, Secretary:

Adoption of minutes of 2019 AGM:

Moved by Ted Murray
Seconded by Philippe Cyr
Passed unanimously.

Adoption of 2020 AGM Agenda:

Moved by Karl Wockner
Seconded by Dan Miron
Passed unanimously

Dan Miron, Director: Water-Testing of Lake:

This year, due to COVID, only transparency testing will be done. Regular water-testing will resume next year.

Tanis Trotman, Vice-President:

Large Scale Development (WITRI) Update & Formal Protection of the Heronry

As mentioned in our Spring newsletter, when it comes to development, we continue to monitor the WITRI situation and can report that there has been no news from the WITRI organization itself in 2020. Similarly, when questions were raised at council meetings, our Mayor reported that WITRI has not contacted our municipality since April 2019.

As for the Heronry, we continue to follow the progress of formal recognition of the Heronry by the MRC of Argenteuil, and we hope to have an update for you soon.

I'll close by thanking you for your generous contributions and participation in our "We Protect - Nous Protégeons" awareness campaign last year.

Lynn Chase, Director: Introduction of our Mayor Jason Morrison

The Mayor of Wentworth, Jason Morrison, will now take the virtual floor to respond to some questions we had concerning the community consultation process taking place in Wentworth, and on the work being considered for the outlet of Lake Louisa at Mud Lake.

Mayor Jason Morrison:

Our Mayor Jason Morrison spoke to two items:

1) Large Landowners meeting with view to land use bylaws:

Meeting was held Fall 2019 with landowners with 100 acres or more. The council received good feedback. Due to COVID, all is stalled. Council has to meet with CCU (Comité consultatif d'urbanisme) and CCE (Comité consultatif de l'environnement). Next year will have a public consultation.

2) Dam at outlet of Lake Louisa:

This will not be a straight line of concrete, but rather a spillway created with rocks, to stabilize the level and flow of water. Again, because of COVID, no permits were able to be obtained, so next Spring an engineer will give a 'soirée d'information' and work will be done next Summer.

Thank you to Jason Morrison for his participation.

Lynn Chase, Director:

If you have questions for the mayor, please enter them in the comments section on the AGM 2020 page, or you could communicate with the municipal office directly.

Now we turn our attention to fishing. Over the years the LLPOA has been involved in fish stocking efforts. Most of you are familiar with the spot on the membership form which allows donations for fish stocking. We thought we should check the current thinking on this practice. Steve Forest has been investigating:

Steve Forest: Fishing:

We have more than one species of Lake Trout at lac Louisa, those which predominantly eat fish (piscivorous) and those which predominantly eat plankton (planktivorous). The plankton-eating fish is lac Louisa's indigenous Lake Trout species and needs to be protected.

What is plankton?

Plankton are small, free-floating aquatic microorganisms. The word "plankton" comes from the Greek for "drifter" or "wanderer." An organism is considered plankton if it is carried by the current, and cannot swim well enough to move against these forces. Plankton are usually microscopic, often less than one inch in length. They also include larger species like some crustaceans and aquatic insect larvae.

Previous stocking events over the years introduced non-indigenous strains of lake trout into our lake. These fish-eating lake trout tend to out-compete our indigenous lake trout and therefore weaken their population. The fish-eating lakereels will actually cannibalize other lake trout in order to bulk up.

We are currently reviewing some of the options that might be available to us in order to strengthen lac Louisa's native lake trout population. Simply restocking at this time, as it was done in the past, is not an option as fish hatcheries typically produce only the fish-eating strain of the Great Lakes lake trout. While our lake seems to be rather healthy and able to support lake trout, there may be options to increase the productivity of habitat and spawning grounds within the lake. We are in contact with experts from the MFFP to assist us in developing the best options for moving forward for the sake of our indigenous lake trout.

Reproduction of Lake Trout:

It takes approximately 6-8 years for a Lake Louisa Lake Trout to reach the age of reproductive maturity. As planktivorous lake trout are slow-growing, it is very important to the population that lake trout are not harvested before they reach their reproductive age. The ministry has therefore assumed that a lake trout measuring at least a minimum size of 45 centimeters or 17.75 inches has already been able to spawn at least once within its lifespan.

What can be done right now to help our indigenous lake trout?

Adhere to the following provisions under the Quebec MFFP fishing regulations with respect to lake trout fishing in [zone 9](#) (lac Louisa):

- 1) Lake trout must be a MINIMUM size of 45 centimeters or 17.75 inches long in order to keep. Please practice catch and release for any lake trout that is less than 45 centimeters.
- 2) MAXIMUM of two lake trout per person per day.
- 3) It is illegal to fish with any minnow or baitfish dead or alive at lac Louisa.
- 4) Adhere to the established lake trout fishing season. The lake trout season runs from **April 24 to September 13, 2020**, therefore, ice fishing for trout is not allowed at lac Louisa.
- 5) Purchase a Quebec fishing licence. You may purchase one from any of the designated outlets listed on the MFFP website (<https://www3.mffp.gouv.qc.ca/faune/permis/ville.asp>). Locally, you may purchase them at the Pine Hill Home Hardware, or Canadian Tire in Lachute. Fees collected from the sale of fishing licences help to fund the ministry's continued work on improving our quality of fishing across the province.

[Supplementation stocking of Lake Trout \(*Salvelinus namaycush*\) in small boreal lakes: Ecotypes influence on growth and condition](#)

Karl Wockner:

Summary and Correspondance with Wentworth North:

In early July, the LLPOA received several complaints from residents of Wentworth Nord and Wentworth about a new development on Black Bay and the cutting of many trees. There is concern about erosion, parking and traffic. Wharfs are allowed to be built. In mid-July, LLPOA wrote to the municipality of Wentworth Nord, and communicated with the Dept. of Urbanisme. On July 26th, we attended the Wentworth Nord council meeting along with several residents of Black Bay. Residents are now canvassing other residents.

Karen Ott: Website:

Hi. My name is Karen Ott and I am a volunteer working with the directors on the LLPOA website. Here are some tips to help navigate the website and some important information you can look for:

On the main page you'll find information about the upcoming Annual General Meeting. There is also information on the location of the boat washing station and its hours of operation.

Under the top of mind tab, you'll find information about last year's aquatic plant survey and the water testing results from the RSVL.

Under the Environment tab, you'll find information on Invasive Plant species and Cyanobacteria blooms. Coming soon will be a file on Native Birds of the Laurentians with birds that we find in and around Lake Louisa.

Lastly, there is a Membership tab where you'll find the membership forms and information on paying your membership.

Karl Wockner: Treasurer's Report

2019 Treasurer's Report: by Accounting Firm Daniel Massé (**Please see website**)

Income \$32,361, Expenses \$33,551

2020:

Current Bank Balance (Aug. 4): \$9415.13

Amount allotted for fish stocking: \$3000

Deposit to be made: \$300

Bills to pay: \$375

Available funds: \$6284

Ted Murray: Membership Report:

Only 36 members so far; due to COVID, about 100 less than last year.

We encourage all to join via the website.

Philippe Cyr: Director

As mentioned in the newsletter sent earlier this spring, the pandemic has affected other projects we would normally pursue such as the Aquatic Plant Survey. That is not happening this summer, nor is the effort to have bird and plant inventories compiled in several spots around the lake. There have been no fundraising activities and no young canvassers going door to door. We would like to send someone to the Forum des Lacs which was to be hosted by the Conseil Regionale Environnementale des Laurentides, but that too has been postponed indefinitely. We hope to resume more of our normal activities next summer.

Meanwhile, we have been sending representatives to Wentworth Council Meetings when they have been open to the public. Wentworth North Council Meetings are logistically harder to get to for our current group of volunteers, (and are only happening on zoom anyway for the moment). Normally, they are held on the 3rd Friday evening of every month in Laurel. We are looking for a resident from Black Bay who could volunteer to follow these meetings for us regularly.

Susan Hawker, Secretary:

Before we wrap up, just a few reminders for everyone, We ask that you

- Please do your part to make sure boats arriving at our lake pass through the Wentworth boat washing station to prevent the arrival of aquatic invasive species.
- Use phosphate free washing products around the house, and refrain using pesticides and fertilizers.
- Please drive your water craft carefully to prevent accidents and also to prevent wave erosion damage along the shore.
- Keep your eyes open for anything or anyone that seems out of the ordinary. Our best defence against theft or vandalism is that we keep watch and inform the authorities if something seems wrong.

Also, as a last note on this topic, a number of members noted a significant number of dead fish after St-Jean Baptiste and Canada Day. This is even more unsettling as the same happened last year at the

same time. We aren't sure why this is happening, but wanted you to be aware, and to let us know of this or any other environmental issues. Thank you. Keep safe!

Mary-Anne Armstrong, President: Closing:

Thanks for watching the meeting, for supporting the LLPOA, and for being interested in the health and well-being of your lake. This organisation has existed for over 30 years. With climate change on the horizon, and a very mixed up world out there, it is more important than ever that we look after our little lake sanctuary. If you are looking for something you can do to make your own immediate world better, we encourage you to contribute your ideas and a little of your time.

Susan Hawker, Secretary: Closing of AGM

Moved by Ted Murray
Seconded by Isabel Rut
Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hawker