

Lake Hughes Annual General Meeting

Date: June 23th, 2024, 10:00am

Mille-Isles Town Hall

- 1 The meeting was called to order: 10:05 am
- 2 Mike welcomed the attendees. 32 Residents attended.
- 3 Mike presented the Agenda.
- 4 Motion to adoption of 2023 AGM Minutes Moved Jeff Lough, Seconded Lori-Ann Vandzura. Motion passed.
- 5 Financial Report: Mark Vandzura presented the Financial Report and proposed budget. 72 dues collected which is low (deficit), Mark encouraged everyone to spread the word and the importance of paying association dues. Mark asked for a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Moved: Daniel Leduc, Seconded Jeff Lough, Motion passed.
- 6 Activities:
Mike presented the list of activities and the associated dates.
 - a. Annual General Meeting –June 23rd
 - b. Regatta – July 13th @ 10h30 (Mannard Beach)
 - c. Concert on the lake on the 13th as well. (dock at 47 Horseshoe)
 - d. Corn Roast – August 24th @ 6H30 (Location: Field in front of 47 Horseshoe)
- 7 Contaminated field – Update: Mike mentioned that the Association is still waiting for the complete report - the Municipality of Gore asked the Minister of the Environment to get a full report on the contaminated wells in the area.
- 8 Noise and speed on the 329 – Mark encouraged people to call the police (SQ) to report the speed, we have to put pressure on the authorities to make changes. A resident suggested that if you call the police to also mention the direction in which the bikes are going in order to help dispatch the appropriate patrols.
- 9 Environment Report – Heather presented the Environment report. Heather talked about the Alliance (the Association of the Associations) and the fact that Lake Hughes is envied by many for the following positive points: Deep natural lake, watershed, good water levels, no public access with only resident boats and no motor boats, our ban on fireworks and the excellent monitoring of the aquatic plants (thank you Johanne Hayes).

In 2022 some deterioration of water quality was detected and this could be explained in part by the two following main reasons: The climatic changes and the increase of human activities. Heather explained that we need to be more vigilant and that the focus should be made on the **shoreline** and **septic systems**.

Shoreline: Heather encourages to keep the shoreline as natural as possible within the rules and regulations.

Septic systems: Home owners should maintain good care of their septic systems. It is advised to send the proof of your septic cleaning to your municipality. We are presently trying to get information on all the septic systems around the lake, so far we have information on 64 septic systems, however are still missing information on approximately 60 cottages.

ONGOING CONCERNS:

The Association will continue to remain vigilant on any new development projects.

Domaine Evolvie Development: The directors of the environment raised their concerns to the Municipality of Mille-Isles regarding the Evolvie project asking them to ensure that the project is done properly with respect to regulations.

It was suggested that people report any suspicious activities around the lake to their municipality. The municipality could send an inspector to verify that all activities/construction are up to code.

Suzanne mentioned that the 8 acres of land on Pine Point were sold and expressed concern on future construction considering that the majority of the lot is wetland. Suggested that we all keep an eye out and report any issues that may arise.

Road sanding: We are trying to see what could be done to limit the sanding on the hill near the guardrail (Mille Isles) because the sand is mixed with salt, which is bad for the lake.

Phosphorus streams: High level of phosphorus was detected in the stream of Pointe aux vents. Particular attention will be done to monitor that stream.

Japanese Knotweed: Bruno talked about these invasive plants, a callout was made for volunteers to help Heather and her team to remove the plants.

- 10 New Business – Lori-Ann informed us that Lake Hughes apparel is now available! (only tee shirts and sweatshirts for now). For further information one can visit the Lake Hughes web site at lakehughesquebec.ca or scan the QR code on the newsletter.

Lori Ann encouraged people to limit the use of excessive lighting at night and explained the impact this has on our environment and neighbours. We all want to enjoy gazing at the moon and stars.

Suzanne asked Heather to provide information with regards to the use of compost bags. Heather explained that it is strongly recommended not to put them in the compost bin. Anthony said that he heard that the compost bags interfere with the machinery. Paper bags are fine.

Caroline asked if we have the intention to stock the lake with trout this year. Mike responded that the Directors had decided not to stock the lake with trout to avoid the possibility of bringing in other unwanted species that could potentially affect the lake's ecosystem.

Special mention made by Suzanne on the passing of Karen McClintock. She will be missed by the community and our sincere condolences are extended to Brian and his family.

11 Election of the 2024/2025 Executive

President – Mike Manconi 1st VP - Vacant 2nd VP –Anthony Manconi Secretary – Richard Lough Treasurer – Mark Vandzura Past President – Daniel Leduc	Directors: Jeff Lough, Heather McCullough, Lori Vandzura, Mike Berry, Suzanne Farago, Bruno Estebeteguy, Rob Spencer, Caroline Gaudet, Brigitte Lavoie. Patrick Doyon, Rick Moffat
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Anthony suggested Patrick Doyon fill the vacant position of 1st VP. A decision will be made at the director's meeting.

Heather thanked Brigitte Lavoie (French translation) and Kim Simon (new website design).

12 Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 am.