



## Report to Members 2020-2021

### Lac Malaga Community Association

#### President's Report

- After two years of deficits (-\$9,249 in 2018-19 and -\$8,403 in 2019-20), we returned to a balanced budget in 2020-21 with a slight surplus of \$820, thanks to the increase in contribution voted at our general meeting on May 19, 2019. Our accumulated surplus allowed us to absorb these deficits, which were mainly attributable to the new snow removal contract. However, our reserve has decreased by more than half and we expect to find ourselves in a deficit situation next year, given the contribution freeze decided on last year, at the start of the pandemic.
- In order to maintain a balanced budget as well as rebuilding the financial reserve of the association, the Board recommends, for the next year, to increase the level of the contributions to \$450 per year for properties with dwellings and to maintain it at \$60 for vacant lots. **This is an increase that we believe to be prudent and reasonable.** As a comparison, our neighbors of Développement Quatre-Saisons are charged by the municipality for the maintenance of their roads an annual contribution of \$676.24 per dwelling and \$261.10 per vacant lot.
- This year, we offered our members the option of paying their annual membership fee online through Interac. This is the payment method that has been used by the majority of members.
- With regard to the Board of Directors, Mr. Jean Dumont, who has been responsible for the environment since 2016, will be leaving the Board this summer. We sincerely thank him for his involvement in our association over the past five years. Ms. Anne Boissonneault (35) volunteered to replace him and would like to invite other volunteers to assist her in the field of the environment and communications. The other current members of the Board of Directors have agreed to continue their mandate for another year; I thank them for that.
- As it is always important to think about the future, I invite those who would be interested in getting involved in the management of the Association, now or later, to let us know of their interest. This will make it easier to plan for succession for the Board.

**André Bergeron - President**

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## **Road Director Report**

- The winter of 2021 was not very difficult and has had the result of lower impact on the roadway. There were however some potholes and soft spots, which were largely resolved at the end of the thaw period, with the potholes being filled in May.
  
- The work carried out in 2020 consisted of:
  - Removal of large rocks at 5 locations
  - Digging and redirection of a section of the ditch
  - Removal of a culvert
  - Filling of potholes
  - Grading and compaction of the roadway
  - Addition of crushed stone (MG20) in 9 locations. A total of 10 loads (211.69 TM) was added to the roadway, including 1 load to be used for patching potholes (fall 2020 and spring 2021).
  
- For 2021, we plan to carry out the following roadwork:
  - Digging and cleaning of ditches
  - Addition of crushed stone to roadway
  - Grading and compaction of the roadway

The total budget for this work will be similar to the costs incurred over the past several years.

**Marcel Martineau - Road Director**

## **Environment Director Report**

- Surface water quality samples were taken by the organisation RAPPEL and the results of the three sampling campaigns were once again excellent in 2020. According to the criteria of the Ministry of the Environment, the water quality for Lake Malaga was categorised as excellent for any recreational use, with the presence of fecal coliforms being below the current standards. For 2021, the water sampling will once again be done by RAPPEL.
  
- Even though all seems to be going well with regards to water quality, we must continue to be vigilant and use all precautions at all times in order to preserve our unique environment.

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- Respect for the shoreline (10 meters) is essential to the continued good health of the lake. For open areas, planting trees and shrubs is beneficial for the shore's ecology. Cutting trees to improve the view of the lake is prohibited, even outside the limits of the shoreline. A permit from the municipality is also required for the cutting of trees.
- Cleaning of boats that have been used on other bodies of water is mandatory in order to avoid the transport of algae and invasive plants, such as Eurasian watermilfoil, that are both harmful and costly to eliminate. Several challenging examples of neighboring lakes are there to remind us of this.
- We will follow up on certain invasive native plants (Large-leaved Pondweed (*Potamogeton amplifolius*), Water Shield (*Brasenia schreberi*); etc.).
- One last point concerning the "auditory" environment: Various tools (mowers, trimmers, chainsaws, circular saws, etc.) should be avoided as much as possible on Sundays. Barking of canine friends can also be disturbing to neighbors. This is just a reminder to all of us that there is a large echo on the lake, with sounds travelling large distances.

A quality environment requires respect for neighbors and everyone's need for tranquility.

**Jean Dumont - Environment Director**

### **Treasurer's Report Highlights (See financial report on next page)**

- All property owners of the Association paid their annual dues last year.
- Revenues increased by \$8,722.92, due mainly to the membership fee increase approved in 2019.
- This increase in revenues resulted in a slight surplus of \$820.28 at year-end, rather than a deficit of several thousand dollars as seen in previous years. These recurring deficits were caused by the substantial increase in the cost of the snow removal contract in 2018-2019.
- The cost of maintaining the road is relatively stable, but these costs are expected to increase in the coming years. Please note that this includes the shredding of branches (\$2,784.94 for labor and rental of machinery).
- Insurance costs have increased slightly over last year, but the rates are very advantageous with the provincial program for non-profit organizations.
- Management costs have been greatly reduced due to the use of email replacing printing and postage costs.

**Marcel Arcand - Treasurer**

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## Rapport financier / Financial Report Mai 2021

2017-2018      2018-2019      2019-20      2020-21      2021-2022  
Budget

Cotisations /Dues	\$27560.00	\$28095.00	\$27900.00	\$36695.00	\$36695.00
Austin	\$0.00	\$3000.85	\$0	\$0	\$0
Intérêts/Interests	\$115.55	\$126.67	\$184.49	\$112,41	\$115.00
<b>Recettes/Revenues</b>	<b>\$27675.55</b>	<b>\$31222.52</b>	<b>\$28084,49</b>	<b>\$36807.41</b>	<b>\$36810.00</b>

Neige/Snow	\$13969.46	\$19229.57	\$19 806.46	\$20400.59	\$21012,61
Chemin/Road	\$10542.28	\$14584.03	\$15395,88	\$14666.94	\$15000.00
Assurances/ Insurance	\$208.37	\$219.49	\$265,27	\$438,77	\$450.00
Eau/Water tests	\$0.00	\$5096.51	\$0	\$56,59	\$0
Cotisation / Membership	\$110.00	\$25.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Frais de gestion/ Administration	\$617.40	\$1306.95	\$1009,67	\$413.68	\$500.00
Taxes	\$10.09	\$10.36	\$10.29	\$10,56	\$11.00
<b>Déboursés/ Disbursements</b>	<b>\$25457.60</b>	<b>\$40471.91</b>	<b>\$36487,57</b>	<b>\$35987.13</b>	<b>\$37073,61</b>

<b>Surplus/Déficit</b>	<b>+\$2217.95</b>	<b>-\$9249.39</b>	<b>-\$8403,08</b>	<b>+\$820.28</b>	<b>\$-263.61</b>
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<b>Solde/Balance</b>	<b>\$32396.28</b>	<b>\$23146.89</b>	<b>\$14743,81</b>	<b>\$ 15564,09</b>	<b>\$15300.48</b>
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