

# Report to Members - Lake Malaga Community Association 2019-2020

# **President's Report**

As expected, we ended the 2019-2020 fiscal year with a deficit of nearly \$8,500, with the new snow removal contract being the major factor. Fortunately, our accumulated surplus allowed us to absorb this shortfall in this fiscal year. Despite the deficits of the past two years, we still maintain a reserve of almost \$15,000 to deal with any unexpected costs.

For next year, the contribution increase of \$100 approved last year will allow us to return to balanced budgets. Given the effort made this year, the Board considered it advisable **not to increase contributions for the next fiscal year.** 

Since we now have the email addresses of the vast majority of our members, we have started to use this means of communication. This will allow us to reduce our costs while giving us the opportunity to send you relevant information in a timely manner. To this end, please make sure to include <a href="mailto:lac-mailto:

Over the past few weeks, we tested the possibility of offering the option of paying the annual dues by E-transfer (interac). The tests have been successful and this option will be available next year.

Given the events of the past few months, the current members of the Board of Directors have all agreed to continue their mandate for another year; I thank them. As it is always important to think about the next generation, I invite those who would be interested in eventually getting involved in the management of the Association to let us know. This will make it easier for succession planning within the Council.

André Bergeron – President

## **Road Director Report**

The winter of 2019 was particularly difficult, which caused several problems on the roadway. Several unstable areas (beef bellies) and holes were observed. The late thaw and the rain meant that the filling of the holes and the grading of the road were delayed compared to previous years.

The work carried out in 2019 consisted of placing crushed stone (MG 20 - 0 - 3/4 in) in 17 locations on the road. A total of 14.5 loads (371 TM) were added to the roadway, including a load that will be used to fill holes in 2020.

Winter 2020 was milder, which meant that very little damage was observed at the road level this spring. The filling of potholes was carried out this spring by Mr. Lacasse.

In order to preserve the integrity of the road, work that is planned for the year 2020 is as follows:

- Addition of crushed stone in about ten areas.
- Removal of rocks from a few places on the roadway.
- Removal of a culvert and reshaping of a ditch.
- Grading of the roadway.

The total budget for this work will be similar to the costs for 2019.

Marcel Martineau, Road Director

#### **Environment Director report**

Following the inventory of aquatic plants and the sediment characterizations produced in 2018, the year 2019 turned out to be back to normal in environmental terms. Samples relating to the quality of surface water were carried out by the RAPPEL organization and the results of the three sampling campaigns were once again excellent. According to the criteria of the Ministry of the Environment, the water in Lake Malaga for 2019 was deemed excellent for recreational use, with the presence of fecal coliforms being below the standards. For 2020, the first sampling has just been completed in June and two others will follow as in previous years.

Although all seems to be going well, continued vigilance and precautions must always be present in order to preserve our unique environment.

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 that are both harmful and costly to eliminate. Several challenging examples of neighboring lakes are there to remind us of this.

Adequate monitoring to limit the sedimentation reaching the lake via streams will be implemented according to the needs set out in the 2018 report.

Finally, the verification of residential septic systems put forward by the Municipality of Austin will make sure that the standards in force are respected, ensuring the water quality of our lake remains excellent.

One final point concerning the "noise" environment... The use of various tools (lawnmowers, trimmers, chainsaws, power tools, etc.) should limited as much possible on Sundays. A quality environment also requires respect for neighbors and everyone's need for tranquility, at least one day a week.

Jean Dumont, Environment Director

# Treasurer's report

**Explanations** (*Please refer to the table on the following page for the 2019-2020 financial report.*)

All members of the Association have paid their dues for the 2019-20 fiscal year. The total amount is less than that of 2018 because some had paid in advance for 2019.

For road work, in addition to regular maintenance work, this amount also includes removing branches and certain emergency work (trees or branches that have fallen due to a storm, cutting of growth obstructing vision at the exits of the lake) and rental of equipment for shredding branches and filling potholes.

No paid water test this year. RAPPEL tests were paid for in April 2019, and therefore did not come out of the 2019-20 budget.

Management fees include the Caisse's service fees, which amounted to \$156.15; as well as signposts and signs (\$247.84).

## **Budget 2020**

With the increase in contributions approved last year, the association's revenues will amount to \$37,250 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, while the forecast expenditures will amount to \$36,500. At the end of the fiscal year, our reserve (accumulated surplus) should therefore amount to approximately \$15,000.

Marcel Arcand, Treasurer

# Rapport financier / Financial report 2019-2020

	2016-20	<b>)17</b>	2017-2018		2018-2019	2019-20	Budget 20-21
Cotisations /Dues	\$2788	5.00	\$27560.00		\$28095.00	\$27900.00	\$37235,00
Austin	\$(	0.00	\$0.00		\$3000.85	\$0	\$0
Intérêts/Interests	\$24!	5.52	\$115.55		\$126.67	\$184.49	\$150
Recettes/Revenu	es \$28130	).52	\$27675.55		\$31222.52	\$28084,49	\$37385,00
Neige/Snow	\$13969.46		\$13969.46		\$19229.57	\$19 806.46	\$20400,00
Chemin/Road	\$9681.33		\$10542.28		\$14584.03	\$15395,88	\$15500,00
Assurances/ Insurance	\$246.74		\$208.37		\$219.49	\$265,27	\$300,00
Eau/Water tests	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$5096.51	\$0	\$0
Cotisation / Membership	\$70.00		\$110.00		\$25.00	\$0	\$0
Frais de gestion/ Administration	\$716.38		\$617.40		\$1306.95	\$1009,67	\$750.00
Taxes	\$9.84		\$10.09		\$10.36	\$10.29	\$11,00
Déboursés/ Disbursements	\$24693.75		\$25457.60		\$40471.91	\$36487,57	\$36961,00
Surplus/Déficit	Déficit +\$3436.77		+\$2217.95		-\$9249.39	-\$8403,08	+\$424,00
Solde/Balance	\$30178.33		\$32396.28		\$23146.89	\$14743,81	\$15167,81
	2017		2018		2019	2020	