

Lac Notre Dame and Usher Lake Association

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Last September, the provisional council registered our association with the *Registraire des entreprises du Québec*. A certificate of incorporation was received in mid-October.

Elections were held to choose an administrative council. The executive members of the provisional council are

President:	Jacqueline Lambert-Madore
Vice President:	John Naccarato
Secretary:	Nick Strachan
Treasurer:	Joy Richardson

In order to facilitate communication between members of the association and the council, the following representatives were appointed for each sector of the lakes.

Usher Lake	Bryan Watkinson	225-8319
Ch. Domaine/Manoir/Ruisseau Chapelle/Sanctuaire/du Lac	Joy Richardson	459-1052
Ch. Symons	Carole Doré	459-3092
Ch. Lac Notre-Dame/Foubert/Shaw	Selena LaBrecque	459-3637
Ch. Sullivan	Nick Strachan	459-1089
Ch. Lac Notre-Dame/Leo Held/Renard	Claude Paquet	459-1602

Subcommittees also were formed, as follows:

Statutes & By-Laws:	John Naccarato
Finance:	Joy Richardson; Jacqueline Lambert-Madore
Water/ Sediment Testing:	Carole Doré
Myriophylle Cutting:	Bryan Watkinson
Internet Site:	Nicole Latreille (French); Nick Strachan (English)
Long-term Strategy:	Kees Metselaar

During the same month, steps were taken to try to obtain authorization from FAPAQ (*Faune et parcs du Québec*) to cut the myriophylle. However, given the urgency of intervening before the plant returned to the sediment, and given the fact that we did not have our certificate of incorporation at that time, we were not able to proceed with a request for an official certificate from the Quebec Ministry of the Environment. Despite our best efforts, we were unable to obtain authorization to cut this fall. We will therefore proceed with an official request to the Ministry to carry out cutting this spring.

In October, the first draft of the statutes and bylaws were submitted to the Council. However, given the amount of work required (review, modifications, translation etc.) and the requirement to distribute the final translated document to

all members in advance of the general meeting, the Council decided that it would be better to table the bylaws at the general meeting this spring. At this same meeting, an information session will be held with the two experts who were unavailable to meet us in October.

In the meantime, if you want to learn more about our lakes – their ecology, composition, evolution etc. – we recommend that you read the following book:

- André Hade, *Nos lacs – les connaître pour mieux les protéger*, édition Fides, mars 2003, 354 pages.

We also invite you to consult the following websites:

- Environment Canada: www.ec.gc.ca
- Environment Québec: www.menv.gouv.qc.ca/ministere/inter_en.htm
- Regroupement des associations pour la protection de l'environnement des lacs: www.rappel.qc.ca
- Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources www.mnr.gov.on.ca
- Fédération des associations pour la protection de l'environnement des lacs: www.fapel.org
- *Cottage Life* Magazine: www.cottagelife.com
- Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations: www.foca.on.ca

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family

A Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year!

Provisional Administrative Council