

Lac Sinclair Newsletter

Spring 2023



Message from the president

Hello dear residents,

At our next AGM 17 June 2023, I will have completed 6 years as President of the Lac Sinclair Association and it has been quite an honour for me. This said, I wish to inform you that it is time for me to step down, and I would like to thank you all for your support, encouragement and above all, your nice comments towards me and towards the association for our work. I will however remain on the committee as president until we select a new president to replace me.

- I have included in this newsletter information about dogs, rules and consequences
- An update on the progress of high-speed internet
- A word from the Municipality of Low and more...

The Association hopes to count on your support for the year **2023** if you haven't already done so. Please encourage your friends, family members and neighbors to support the Association through the annual fee of \$ 25 per year. There are approximately 235 properties on the lake and 166 residents responded to our call in 2022. Your membership will help us greatly in supporting our goals and ongoing projects:

- ✓ Water analysis: e-coli, phosphorus, chlorophyll, clarity of water and its level
- ✓ Installation and removal of buoys including maintenance
- ✓ Spring and Fall editions of our newsletter, including advertisements from our local business supporters
- ✓ Organization of various activities: Fishing tournament, Regatta, and possibly a winter activity
- ✓ Boat wash station

Just to name a few...

Your Association is also a member of the Gatineau Valley Water Protection Group. For more information on the Regroupement, please visit their website at:

<http://abv7.org/regroupement-protection-eau-en.php> (English);

<http://abv7.org/regroupement-protection-eau.php> (French)

Please mark in your **2023** calendar the following dates:

*The 2023 Annual General Meeting: Saturday, **June 17** at the Ste-Sophie d'Aldfield Community Center at 10:00 a.m. Our guests will be: Quentin Liautaud, Civil engineering technician – watercourse intervention component - MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais and Jean-François Patry, Inspector Municipality of Low*

o Note: our Constitution has been amended to change the quorum at members meetings from 25 members to 20 members representing 15 properties on or near the lake.

- *The Fishing Tournament: Sunday **August 6***
- *The Esprit du lac Regatta: Saturday **August 19 TBC***
- *Winter activities on the lake: **winter 2024** - weather permitting, to have trails around the lake for skating, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, biking or simply walking*

Look for more information closer to the time in subsequent emails, on our website www.lacsinclair.ca, our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lacsinclairquebec>, and on our notice board at the corner of Chemin Cléo Fournier and Chemin Bernier / Chemin du Lac Sinclair.

Wishing you all a safe summer 2023

Jocelyne Alain

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Municipality of Low

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Événement / Event					
Incendies criminelles Criminal fires	1	0	0	2	0
Introduction par effraction Breaking and entering	9	2	5	6	1
Vols simples Simple thefts	3	6	2	3	2
Vols de véhicules Car thefts	0	6	1	2	2
Fraude Fraude	0	1	1	2	1
Méfais Mischiefs	4	1	2	3	3
TOTAL	17	16	11	18	9

Contact:

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 MRC Vallée de la Gatineau
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Municipality of La Pêche (Lac Sinclair Sector)

Only one (1) mischief case occurred on June 20, 2022 and nothing else "reported" regarding crimes against property (breaking and entering, theft, mischief)

Contact:

Martin Fournel

Sergent responsable de la Section Prévention, Relations Communautaires et Publiques
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Water Related Matters

Water Testing

We will be testing for E. coli readings twice this season as per usual at 30 predetermined sites around the lake. The spring sampling will be done the week of June 4th while the end of season sampling will be done the week of August 13th. E. coli is measured to gauge the cleanliness of the water for swimming purposes.

Again this summer, the Association will participate in a Provincial water testing program that aims to benchmark water quality and clarity across as many lakes in Quebec as possible. Samples will be collected in June, July and August and remitted to the province for testing with a focus on chlorophyll, phosphate and dissolved organic carbon levels which are the key drivers of water clarity and algae growth.

Safety buoys

Depending on water levels, between 21 and 24 buoys are installed in mid-May and will be in place until the Thanksgiving long weekend. Please keep away from the buoys when boating as large wakes can displace the buoys.

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DON'T WAIT!!
To prevent overflowing, all septic tanks that are used ANNUALLY should be drained once every TWO YEARS.



Nos employés se feront un plaisir de répondre à vos questions sur l'entretien de votre fosse septique.

Our staff will be happy to answer your questions about maintaining your septic system.

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Water levels

The water level is measured bi-weekly (thanks to the efforts of Kevin Scott and Chantal Vaillancourt). These readings will be reported as usual in our fall newsletter.

The Association periodically receives emails related to water level fluctuations. There are many factors that affect the lake water level including spring run-off, rain volume, summer temperatures and beaver/human activity vis a vis dams. The lake association has no mandate or ability to impact lake water levels. Should you have questions or concerns related to this issue, please contact the appropriate representative listed below.

Municipality of Low:

Jean-François Patry,
Municipal Inspector
Tel: (819) 422-3528

Municipality of La Pêche:

Quentin Liautaud
Civil engineering technician – watercourse intervention
component
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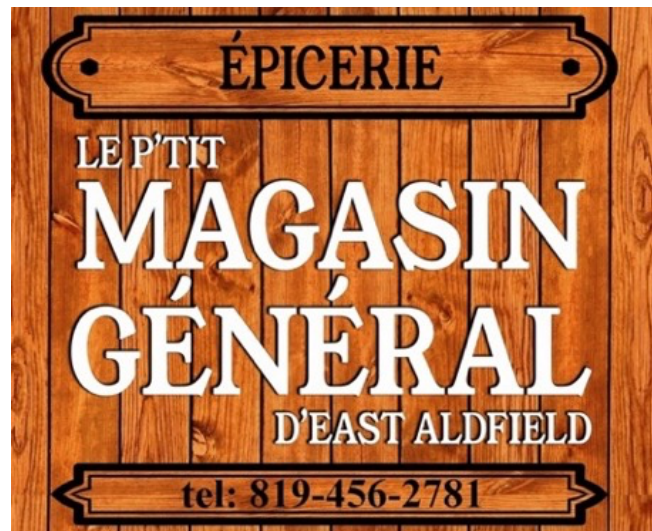


Boat washing

The boat washing station is available for free the entire boating season in the parking lot at the Community Centre in East Aldfield across the street from the Ptit magasin général. **This is a brand-new pressure washer so we ask that you handle it with care.**

It is very important that all boats, trailers and other vessels that have been exposed to other bodies of water (other than Lake Sinclair) are thoroughly washed prior to being put into our lake. Foreign invasive species are very prevalent in surrounding lakes and rivers and are easily transported to other bodies of water causing irreparable harm in many cases. There is no charge for using the boat wash and it only takes a few minutes to do. Be sure to pass this info on to your guests who may bring a boat or other water vessel with them when visiting.

Mark Farrell





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Internet Access Update

As of May 2023

As most of us have heard, the Quebec government undertook an ambitious project to ensure all homes in the province are supplied with high-speed internet. According to *The Low-Down*, this was a \$1.3 Billion dollar project funded by the province and the federal government. The various projects were apparently split up between Bell and Cogeco. The original completion date was to be September 2022 but that was pushed back to December, then March 2023 and then July 2023.

Around the lake there are apparently a number of current suppliers including Xplornet, Digicom, Starlink, Cogeco and Bell.

Cogeco and contractor trucks have been seen along the west and north sides of the lake on Lac Sinclair Road Rd and fiber optic cable has been installed (wrapped to the Bell line) along some power lines in the area.



Inquiries made by the Association to La Pêche, Low Township and the MNA's office responsible for this project have not resulted in any detailed updates. It appears that our municipal offices have not been receiving any direct updates from the province. We are instead all generally advised to use the province's interactive map. You can find this at :

<https://www.quebec.ca/gouvernement/politiques-orientations/internet-haute-vitesse-etat-situation?type=adresse&value=&code=>

In this interactive map you will find a window to type in an address. Once you do that you should be given a projected service completion date and supplier.

A recent inquiry for an address on Ch de la Péninsule on Baie Simon, Low Township, resulted in a response that service is currently supplied by Starlink and will be available from Digicom by July 31st, 2023.

This may reflect a rumor that Digicom is taking over Cogeco, or at least some of the high-speed internet projects around our lake. Information on whether and when Cogeco service might be available in your area may also be found at cogeco.ca and clicking on "Can I get Cogeco at home?"

Information on available Digicom services (including Shaw Direct, internet and television) may also be found at <https://digicom.ca/produit/>

Anyone with any information to share about the provision of high-speed internet around our lake is invited to share that with Craig Bater, baterc@gmail.com, for future updates from your Association.

So far, no information is available on when it might be possible to obtain a cell phone signal at the lake.

Craig Bater



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Stray Dogs Rules and Regulations

As the animal control inspector for La Peche, I have seen an increase in dog infractions in the area of lac Sinclair . Anitek would like to address this problem by informing the residents as to the consequences of the by-law. Anitek would prefer that you enjoy the company of your dog in a safe and responsible manner.

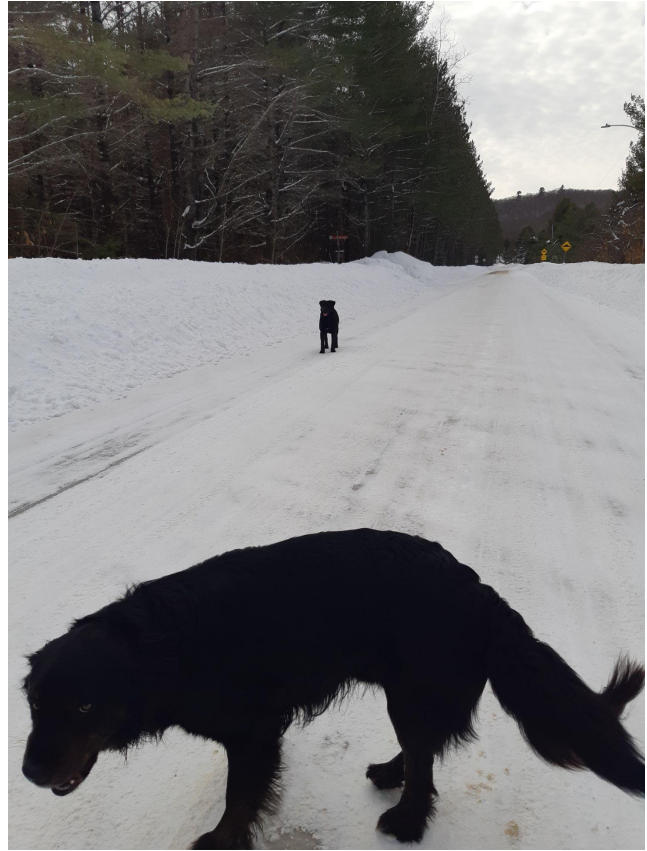
Please take time to insure that you can provide a safe environment for your dog, pedestrians and their dogs.

Summer is a time of pleasure for both residents and their dogs. The following information will inform you on the risks of your dog being loose and other related situations.

When you are a non resident of La Pêche your dog must wear a valid license from

your city. If you do not , you must get a license from La Pêche when you are staying for more than 15 days.

When your dog is loose it is in danger of porcupines, skunks and coyotes. Porcupine quills must be extracted by a veterinarian. The cost is significantly high when you have to go to the emergency hospital in Ottawa . So think twice before you let your dog loose or do not take any precautions to keep them on your Property.



By-law 21-RM-02

<http://www.villelapeche.qc.ca/downloads/Reglements/21-RM-02%20reglement-animaux.pdf>

8.29 Dog on the loose

8.16 Dog license (La Pêche residents)

8.23. Dog license (Non residents)

8.38 (a) Excessive barking

8.38 (e-f) Bite,attempt to bite, intimidation towards humans or dogs.

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Fines

- 1st infraction \$654.00
- 2nd infraction \$1154.00

You must ensure that your dog cannot intimidate people who are walking on the roads. This offense can lead to your dog being declared potentially dangerous and can be liable under the dangerous dog by-law.

* Dangerous dog * (8.5 - 8.11) (8.39-8.42)

These are the consequences if your dog is declared dangerous by the municipality,

1. Dog must submit to an evaluation by a specialized veterinarian in aggressive dog
2. behaviour. (Cost of \$800.00)
3. Owner of dog will receive a court ordered ordinance that will restrict normal
4. activities with your dog for the rest of his life.
5. Minimum fine of \$1000.00 for being declared dangerous.
6. Maximum fine of \$2500.00 for every infraction to the ordinance.
7. Possible judgement of euthanasia.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

Claude Lachaine

Mandated municipal inspector

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Message from the Municipality of Low

- During the summer of 2023, the Simon Road culvert where the fire hydrant is will be replaced and it will be wider - We want to replace it before losing the road; the culvert is in very poor condition.
- Since January 6, 2023, the Municipality of Low is now collecting organic matter, so it encourages all residents to deposit organic matter in the brown bin provided for this purpose.

For further information (dates, special collections, sorting, tips and tricks, etc.) consult the [Municipality of Low Waste & Recycling \(lowquebec.ca\)](http://lowquebec.ca)

If you wish to be informed of any activities such as work or road closures on the territory of this municipality, please communicate with the reception by telephone at 819 422-3528 in order to subscribe to the mailing list.

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I particularly want to thank our volunteers who carry out these recurring responsibilities year after year:

Yvon Prigent and Louise Bellefeuille-Prigent – Membership / Database coordinator

TBC – Fishing Tournament Organizer

Roger and Joanne Smith – First Aid Resource

Roger Smith – Financial Report Reviewer

Chantal Vaillancourt Scott – Water Level Measurement

Kevin Scott – Water Clarity Measurement

The Association wishes to thank the Municipality of La Pêche for its annual grant, and the Municipality of Low for its support; this financial support is much appreciated. We also wish to thank the Ste Sophie d'Aldfield Community Center for their much-appreciated cooperation and assistance with the Boat Washing Station.

Thank you very much everyone!

Jocelyne Alain



La Pêche



Lake Sinclair Association
MEMBERSHIP FORM
2023
lacsinclairinfo@aol.com

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Comments: (How can the Association help you?)

In what way might you be interested in assisting the Association as a volunteer? What type of activity would interest you? (Executive, Environment, Social activities, etc)

