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Lac Sinclair

Newsletter

2014 Calendar of Events

Join us again this year for the AGM, Canada Day festivities, regatta and fishing tournament.

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Spring 2014 President's Message

Welcome back to the lake. After a severe winter and not much of a spring (as of the time of writing) we deserve a summer with lots of warm, sunny days.

The water level of the lake over the Victoria Day weekend was measured on our limnometric scale at 78 cm, about the same level as a year ago. We will again this year be undertaking our usual water-testing program to test for levels of e. coli. Results of water testing in our lake carried out under the auspices of the Voluntary Lake Monitoring Network (RSVL) in 2009-2011 are available at

www.mddefp.gouv.qc.ca/eau/rsvl/rsvl_details.asp?fiche=463

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As those of you who were there will recall, no one came forward at last year's Annual General Meeting to serve as President replacing Claude Tremblay who had held the position for the maximum of two two-year terms. I have therefore volunteered to serve in an acting capacity.

Your current Executive is as follows:

- David Hallman, Acting President 613 747-7494; 819 456-4474
- Claude Tremblay - Past President, Treasurer and Advertising Manager
- Mark Farrell - Director, Environment
- Megan Farrell - Director, Water Testing
- André Gauthier - Director, Special projects
- Maurice Legros - Director, Special Projects
- Karen McBride - Director, Social Events
- Luc Vézina - Director, Website

The following volunteers are performing these additional responsibilities:

- Louise Bellefeuille-Prégent - Membership Secretary, with assistance from Yvon Prégent
- Brian Le Conte - Constitutional Revision and Fishing Derby Convener
- Chantal Vaillancourt - Water Level Measurement.

Please mark Saturday 05 July in your calendars as the date for the 2014 Annual General Meeting to take place at the Ste-Sophie d'Aldfield Community Centre beginning at 10:00 AM.

We would welcome volunteers to fill currently vacant positions (Vice-President and Secretary) and to take some of the load off existing members of the Executive.

You may recall from Brian Le Conte's article in the Fall 2013 Newsletter that a process was underway to revise the constitution. This work has been completed and the results are to be seen in the text of the constitution posted on our website www.lacsinclair.ca (Click the link at the bottom of the Home Page.)

Our website contains a wealth of information on our objectives, and on issues of special interest including:

- Burning By-Law 13-640
- Boating Safety
- Personal Watercraft Operator Guidelines
- Swimmer's Itch
- Sunscreen
- Fish Stocking Project

If you do not have high-speed internet access, please let us know and we will mail you any requested articles.

Best wishes for a great summer.

David Hallman

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You are cordially invited to participate in the following activities over the course of the summer:

- Canada Day Fireworks: Saturday, June 28th
- Annual General Meeting, 10h00 Saturday, July 5th at the Ste-Sophie d'Aldfield Community Centre
- Regatta, Sunday, July 12th; Rain date Saturday August 16th.
- Fishing Derby, Sunday August 10th.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the regatta, please contact Karen McBride at 613-729-9657. To volunteer for other events, please contact David Hallman at 613 747-7494.

Look for more information closer to these times in subsequent e-mails, on our website www.lacsinclair.ca, and on our notice board at the corner of Chemin Cléo Fournier and Chemin Bernier/Chemin du Lac Sinclair

Information is also posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/lacsinclairquebec>



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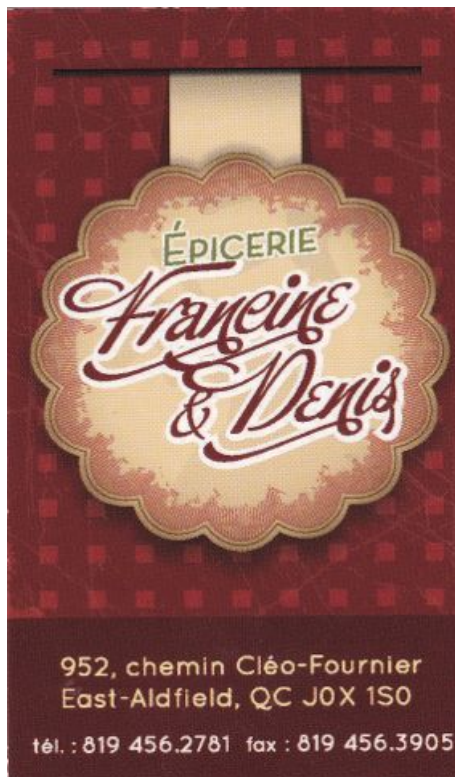
Internet at the Cottage

Some of us go to the cottage to disconnect, some of us don't know how to function without a constant connection to the Internet. Lac Sinclair has little to no cellular coverage and Videotron and Bell don't offer any sort of high-speed service. Until recently, the options have been dial-up or Xplornet's satellite service. Xplornet service requires a direct line of sight to the satellite, which is low in the sky and for many can be obstructed by trees or hills.

This spring a new service is becoming available. Digicom is offering Internet access that uses a technology similar to that used by cellular phones and therefore doesn't require direct line of sight.

Digicom Wireless Internet Plans – Outaouais 2013

	Residential 1	Residential 2	Residential 3	Module	Installation	Price
Monthly fee	29,95 \$	59,95 \$	84,95 \$	à forfait	Including Line of sight	
Usage time	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	12 months	640.00 \$
Email	1	1	1	20 and more	24 months	390.00 \$
Equipment rental	Included	Included	Included	Included	36 months	150.00 \$
Speed download / upload	3 Mbps/ 800 Kbps	5 Mbps/ 1 Mbps	10 Mbps/ 1.5 Mbps	Up to 30/10 Mbps	COMMERCIAL	
Included monthly Internet usage	10 Gig	60 Gig	100 Gig	200 Gig et +	12,24,36 months	100 \$ additional
Additional fee per GB	6,95 \$	6,95 \$	6,95 \$	6,95 \$	INDUSTRIAL	
Additional GB packets	10 \$ = 5 Gig	10 \$ = 5 Gig	10 \$ = 5 Gig	10 \$ = 5 Gig	on demand	
Contract	36 months	36 months	36 months	36 months		
Static IP / month	5,00 \$	5,00 \$	5,00 \$	5,00 \$		



For more information, contact Michel Lapointe at 1 (877) 534 – 0666.

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Your membership fees represent only a portion of the association's budget, which is put towards water testing, navigational buoys, the website, printing this newsletter, and social activities such as the Canada Day fireworks, fishing derby and regatta.



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Maps of Our Lake

Studying a map can be a very satisfying activity. Here are some ways to get maps of Lac Sinclair:

1. Google Maps

<https://goo.gl/maps/1FFBs>

Google maps is probably the most popular online mapping website. Google's map of the roads around the lake is pretty accurate but the satellite view of the terrain is of a low resolution, which makes it difficult to snoop on your neighbor's property.

If you notice that your road is missing or misplaced, you can submit a change using the Google Mapmaker: <https://www.google.ca/mapmaker>

2. Bing Maps

<http://binged.it/1fYOr1o>

Bing Maps is Microsoft's online mapping service. The roads data is very bad - it shows many roads cutting right through the lake. However, Bing has high resolution images which let you see the lake in great detail; I can make out the sun parasol on our dock.

3. Paper Maps

Paper maps can be purchased from retailers. JLC Geomatique has a website <http://www.macarte.ca> where topographical, hunting and forestry maps of Lac Sinclair can be purchased. World of Maps on Wellington Street is the main brick and mortar map retailer in Ottawa.

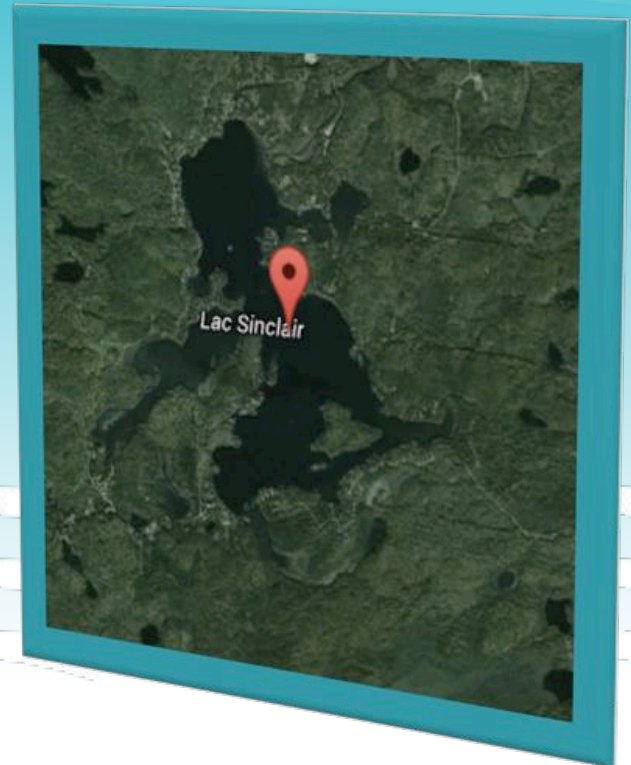
4. Government Maps

Finding information on government websites is always a frustrating exercise. The Ministère des Ressources naturelles and the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement, de la Faune et des Parcs publish maps but good luck finding them on their websites. Claude Tremblay was able to get a bathymetric map of the lake (a map that shows water depths) from a contact at the ministry. I have uploaded it here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0ZQ7hsK69y0aUNUaTRFclRRNTA/edit?usp=sharing>

If you know of any other good mapping resources, please let us know.

Luc Vezina



Claude Bernier

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