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St-Adolphe d'Howard le 25 mai 2010

Dear Fellow Member of APEL St-Joseph,

I would like to thank you for renewing your membership in, or becoming a new member of APEL St-Joseph. By so doing you are demonstrating your willingness to join us in preserving and protecting our lake and its environment.

I would especially like to mention the great generosity of many of you who made a donation to APEL St-Joseph in addition to your membership dues. These funds will support the work of the Association. I want to thank you personally and also on behalf of all the members of the executive. If any other members wish to be included among our numerous donors it is not too late to send in your donation.

For those few members who have not yet renewed for 2010 we ask that you act quickly as this will be our last written reminder. Your support is essential if you want the Association to continue working for the protection of lake St-Joseph.

For those who were unable to attend the annual general meeting on May 23rd we have outlined some of the key points below.

The Board invited the Sûreté du Québec (SQ – Quebec Provincial Police) to send a representative to the meeting to explain the role of the SQ nautical patrol on lake St-Joseph and to respond to questions. Constable Lavallée from the MRC des Pays d'en Haut de St-Sauveur spent 30 minutes answering questions and was made aware of members' concerns. Everyone was pleased with the participation of the SQ and this may be repeated for future meetings.

Following a review of the association's objectives for last year and plans for the current year, the Board was mandated to forward a number of resolutions to the Municipality.

The first resolution expressed the members' displeasure that there is no representative from APEL St-Joseph on the Municipality's Comité consultative de l'environnement (Advisory council on the environment). The resolution therefore requested that the Municipality name a member of APEL St-Joseph, nominated by the Board of APEL, to the committee.

The second resolution concerns the need for the Municipality to inform members about measures being taken to protect the environment of lake St-Joseph. Many members take their water directly from the lake for their domestic use. Everyone is aware of the dangers of blue algae and its impact on public health. This resolution therefore requests that the Municipality quickly present an action plan to control and follow the health of the lake this summer and that the Board of APEL be informed so the Board can inform its members. Should blue algae be identified in our lake, the association wants to know if a disaster plan is in place and what it consists of.

The third resolution results from the presentation of Constable Lavallée. The SQ is very conscious of the growing number of motorized craft on the lake with higher power and faster speeds. For speed limits to be enforced buoys must be installed and they must be well positioned and visible. The resolution therefore requests that the Municipality place these buoys immediately and according to the plan submitted and accepted by Transport Canada. Also the Municipal nautical patrol must not tolerate behaviour outside the accepted limits.

Five members were re-elected to the Board for 2010-2011 and Ms Danielle Piche has joined the Board. This brings the number of Board members to nine.



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I wish you a good summer and don't hesitate to communicate with the Association if you wish to discuss a specific subject or particular issue.

Yours truly,

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