



Our lake: a common heritage to be protected

Cyanobacteria, Eurasian water milfoil, spiny, or fishhook water flea are all organisms that threaten the full enjoyment of our Lake Wentworth heritage.

To prevent these organisms from spreading or developing in Lake Wentworth, it is important to realize that certain behaviors should be avoided. It is important to avoid introducing them into the lake. For example, any boat or trailer can transport water-milfoil fragments from one body of water to another, hence the importance of cleaning it if it has been used on another body of water. The use of ballasts is also to be avoided because it can be an important source of contamination if it releases in our lake water coming from a body of water affected by some kind of problem.

Last week, La Presse published two articles (if you read French): [Plante «zombie» : plus d'une centaine de lacs menacés](#) et [Myriophylle à épi: le PQ demande une politique nationale de prévention](#).

The Regional Environmental Council of the Laurentians also published a guide last September which you can download at the following address (in English)

http://www.crelaurentides.org/images/images_site/documents/guides/guide_myriophylle_AN.pdf

A new municipal by-law related to compulsory boat washing came into force in spring 2016. This year, the Association for the Protection of Lake Wentworth, along with several other lake associations, signed a collaboration agreement with the municipality. The municipality will undertake two inspections and permit verification visits. In return, the association must provide a volunteer and a boat to carry out these inspections. Here is the link to the page of the website of the municipality that concerns this regulation: [Règlement 2017-459-1 concernant la protection et l'accès aux plans d'eau du territoire de la municipalité de Wentworth-Nord](#)

We must also avoid feeding unwanted organisms. A good protective shoreline, a septic system that is efficient and regularly maintained, and control of waves that erode the banks and put organic matter back into shallow areas are all ways of cutting off food supplies to these organisms.

The beach

André Allard has been in charge of the maintenance of the association's beach for many years. I would like to thank him on behalf of all those who benefit from this beautiful environment. Unfortunately, again this year, someone decided to get rid of a boat in bad condition by abandoning it on the beach. You must bring this type of waste to the Ecocentre of the municipality on your own. It is free of charge with proof of residence or property.

Embellishment of the Lobel entrance

Braving mosquitoes and black flies this spring, Micheline Kingsberry, with the help of many volunteers, orchestrated the planning and planting of the flowerbeds of the Lobel entrance which now look very proud. With such beautiful flowerbeds, the Association hopes to win the Wentworth-Nord 2017 contest in the commercial category. Good luck to all those who registered in the residential category!

2017 Summer Events

To stay informed about the activities and events around the lake, join our Facebook group [Les riverains du lac Wentworth](#) (You can write posts in English.)

Annual Meeting : Saturday, July 22, 2017 Time : 10 AM

- Place : **in the covered courtyard next to Town Hall**

Follow up with the RSVL

This year again, measures of the water transparency at the usual three places will be taken every two weeks by Julie Gouin. Mélanie Deslauriers is in charge of taking water samples and sending them to the RSVL for chemical analysis. Mr. Jean-Pierre Durand and his daughter continue the periphyton measurements they started two years ago.

Corn Roast :

Date : Sunday, August 13 at 11AM.

Cost: Free entrance, corn and hot dogs for members and their minor children. \$ 5 for non-members. Bring your favorite drinks. Officers in charge: Mélanie Deslauriers and Émilie Tremblay-Wragg.

Fish stocking :

The fish farm with whom Alain Renaud had managed to reserve 1500 gray trout for a stocking this spring saw its stock of fish significantly reduced following the visit of hungry ducks. We will therefore stock the lake with 2500 to 3000 and 8-9-inch gray trout and splake at the beginning of October.

Septic tank clean out: The offer is valid all summer. For 750 gallon tanks, Fosses Septiques Miron offers us the complete clean out at \$ 170 plus tax and selective clean out at \$ 145 plus taxes. If it is a sealed tank (typically 1000 gallons), prices are also very competitive at \$ 190 plus taxes. Your septic lids must be exposed at the arrival of the truck. If you are interested, call the company directly at 450-562-5516 or 1-800-336-5516 and mention that you are a member of the association for the protection of Lake Wentworth.

Dues for 2016-2017: \$ 30

• For several years, the annual fee has been \$ 30. Several people also contribute to the fish fund. This fund is exclusively used for fish stocking. For two years, members have expressed a desire to contribute an additional amount to the environment. So we've added this option. It was from this fund that we paid for the plants, the soil and the mulch from the Lobel entrance. Thank you for returning your completed form and your contribution early in the season. This small gesture saving a lot of time our volunteers. Simply mail your completed form and your check to the address of the association or submit your form and contribution at the general meeting of July 22.

A big thank you to all those who have the environment of Lake Wentworth at heart!