

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2025

LAKE BARRON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

HAPPY SPRING! The LBCA Leadership has been working over the winter, and we are ready for the busy summer season at Lake Barron. The existing Board of Heather Anderson, Danielle Parent and Remi St. Laurent welcomes four new Directors: Yann Claudio, Suzanne Guérin, Margaret Gurinskas, and Etienne Viel.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR ALL RESIDENTS:

The following continue to be important issues and projects on Lake Barron:

- Impact of climate change on the Lake
- Presence of invasive species: Chinese Mystery Snails have been discovered in the Lake.
 The LBCA Board is preparing a plan of action that will be discussed at the 2025
 AGM. (see Lake Environment below)
- Yearly Aquatic Plant Surveys by volunteers to monitor the Lake for invasive plants (Eurasian milfoil is the most worrisome).
- Water testing three times a year in conjunction with the RSVL Program (Réseau de surveillance des volontaires des lacs)
- Updating the Association By-laws dated 1962.
- Communication with the Municipality about the septic tanks around the Lake

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT!

• There were 77 members of the LBCA in 2024. An increase in membership is needed in 2025 to support important lake projects. Your involvement will enable us to continue protecting the Lake and its environment for us and future generations.

Download the LBCA Membership Application here

SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY JULY 13, 2025
LBCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10:00 A.M. - 12 NOON

Gore Community Centre, chemin Cambria

More Information to follow



LAKE ENVIRONMENT

We are one of 2 lakes in Gore to have the invasive Chinese Mystery Snail. A summary of the research on these snails and our proposal for a plan of action will be available at a future date. An experienced diver who has studied these snails surveyed the Lake in August and September of 2024 and found that the snails were concentrated in one main area.

We are in the process of applying for a Permit from the Ministry of Environment for the LBCA to document and do research on this invasive species, perhaps even to retrieve as many as possible to prevent their spread. Retrieval would require volunteers and funds to pay the scuba diver(s).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ANNUAL AQUATIC PLANT SURVEY

(Mon. July 14 or Tues. July 15): Please consider volunteering for a pleasant few hours on the Lake checking out the plants in the shallows, keeping an eye out for the dreaded Eurasian Milfoil.

DID YOU KNOW?

It was the 2024 Aquatic Plant Survey that found the invasive snails in the Lake!



INFORMATION ON CHINESE MYSTERY SNAILS



GORE BY-LAWS

Many of us, even longtime residents, are not as familiar with the Municipal regulations as we should be. It was through the monthly Council meetings that we learned about the Municipality's 2- year project to simplify and organize their By-Laws to make them more user-friendly. The LBCA Board is looking at summarizing relevant excerpts of current By-Laws and then communicate them to our residents.

LINK TO GORE BYLAWS

MUNICIPAL BOAT LAUNCH (CH. SCOTT)

In 2016 the LBCA encouraged the Municipality to buy the land and set up the Launch. Before this, a landowner was allowing anyone access to the Lake for a fee. There are over 49 Laurentian Lakes with Eurasian milfoil, and it only takes one contaminated boat or piece of equipment to infect our Lake.

This year, through the hard work of the LBCA Boating & Safety Committee, a Gore Council Resolution was passed to increase the cost for Boating Permits to hire an attendant at the Launch. By this action, the Municipality of Gore is hoping to tighten up security at the Launch. This committee is working with Gore to set the schedule for the Boat Launch.

APPLY TODAY!

Canton de Gore - Attendant Lake Barron Boat Launch

If you know anyone who is interested in filling this position, and for more information, please contact the Municipality (450-562-2025).

https://www.cantondegore.qc.ca/en/publications/job-offers





Let's prevent Eurasian Milfoil from invading Lake Barron

WASH ALL BOATS BEFORE LAUNCHING IN ANY LAKE!

More information found <u>here</u>

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SUMMER AHEAD. BECOME INVOLVED IN THE LAKE ASSOCIATION, EMAIL <u>president@lbca.ca</u>

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