



## NEWSLETTER WINTER 2026

### LAKE BARRON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

#### Hello Lake Barron!

Winter is coming to an end, and summer will soon be upon us. The LBCA Leadership and Committees continue to work for all residents of Lake Barron. Members of the Board of Directors are Heather Anderson, Danielle Parent, Remi St. Laurent, Yann Claudio, Suzanne Guérin, and Margaret Gurinskas. We hope you enjoy the latest news.

#### NEWS FROM THE 2025 AGM:

##### Membership:

There has been a significant change to the annual membership fee this year (effective January 1, 2026). It has been increased to \$40. At the 2025 Annual General Meeting, the majority of members present voted in favour of this increase.

##### Why the increase? Here are the reasons behind this decision:

- Over the years, our expenses have been increasing faster than our income. A new bilingual website and email system and water testing are just some of the expenses in the annual budget.
- It is important to create a contingency fund to deal with the challenges posed by invasive plants and species. Watermilfoil and Chinese Mystery snails are some examples.
- Important safety buoys require maintenance and replacement at a cost estimated at \$1000 per buoy.
- The annual membership fee has not been increased in over 30 years.



### What your membership fee covers:

- In regard to invasive plants and species, your membership will help cover the costs of monitoring the presence of Chinese Mystery snails and invasive aquatic plants. If you are a diver, your help is needed in collecting Chinese Mystery snails and detecting its presence in different sections of the lake. Contact the LBCA today at [president@lbca.ca](mailto:president@lbca.ca)
- Membership fees also cover the day-to-day operations of the LBCA and include entry to most LBCA social functions.
- New members receive a welcome kit with important Lake info and environmental protection ideas. They also receive two non-motorized boat stickers, valued at \$20
- Your membership increases the power of our voices with the Municipality of Gore. The LBCA Board of Directors works with the Municipality on Lake safety and Lake health.

Minutes of the 2025 LBCA AGM are available [here](#).

Minutes of the 2025 Special Meeting LBCA are available [here](#).





## YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT!

There were over 90 members of the LBCA in 2025. An increase in membership is needed in 2026. Your involvement will enable us to continue protecting the Lake and its environment for us and future generations.

Please click on the Membership Application link below, complete the form and return to [president@lbca.ca](mailto:president@lbca.ca). We accept e-transfer and cheque.

Complete membership form [here](#).

## LAKE ENVIRONMENT

### I protect my lake

We are awaiting the results and analyses of water tests carried out in 2025 and sent to the RSVL (Réseau de surveillance volontaire des lacs). As soon as we receive them, we will share them with you. Previous results can be found on the Lake website: <https://arlb-lbca.ca/en/water-testing/>

In the meantime, here is a reminder of the best practices to follow to protect our lake.

- Only use phosphate-free and/or biodegradable soaps and household products. You can find these at reasonable prices in all supermarkets.
- Maintain a permanent, unmaintained vegetated area, ideally 10 meters wide and composed of three layers: herbaceous plants, shrubs, and trees.
- Ensure that your septic system complies with provincial law Q2R2. A compliant system includes a septic tank and a drain field.
- Have your septic tank emptied in accordance with municipal regulations (every 2 years for full-time residents and every 4 years for part-time residents).
- Make sure not to use fertilizers and herbicides on your property that are prohibited by the Municipality of Gore. [Bylaw 228](#)

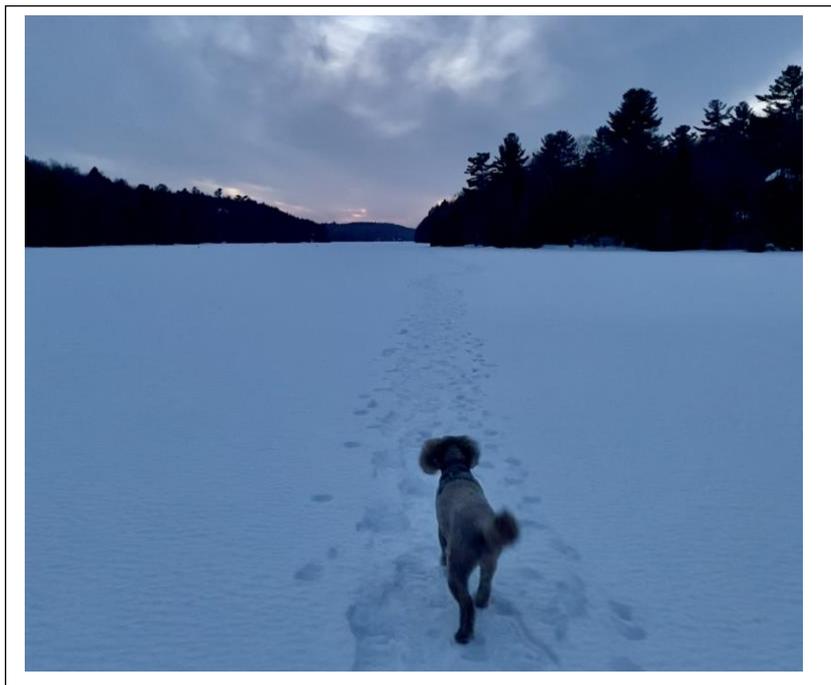
We are privileged to enjoy a magnificent lake, so let's take care of it!



## Gore By-Laws:

If you need information about the Municipal regulations in areas such as the By-Laws on boating, fire and fireworks regulations, and restrictions on the use of chemicals, pesticides and fertilizers, please look at the link below. The Municipality of Gore is available by phone at 450-562-2025 or by email at [info@cantondegore.qc.ca](mailto:info@cantondegore.qc.ca)

Link to Municipality of Gore By-Laws: <https://www.cantondegore.qc.ca/en/publications/rules>



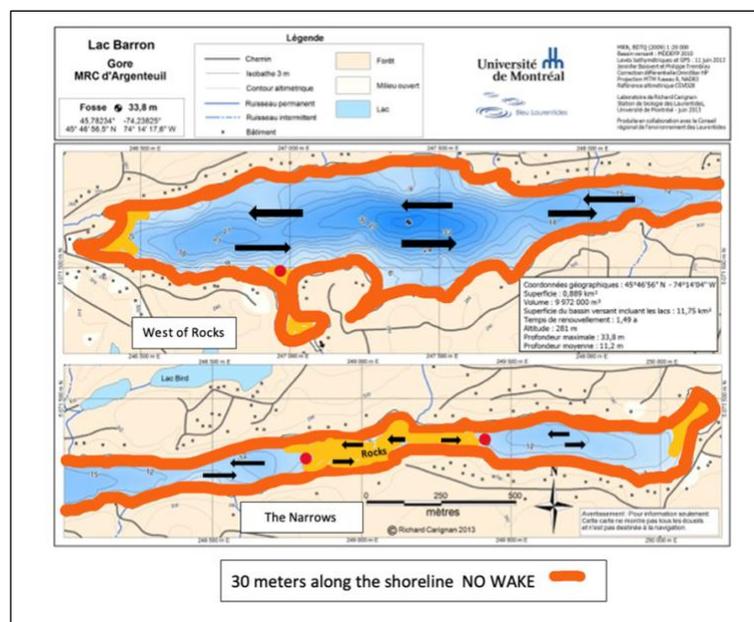


## Navigation of Lake Barron

Although the lake is still frozen, here are the navigation rules to review before your boat is put into the lake:

- o Always display your Gore sticker on the front right side of the boat.
- o You must wash your boat before launching it.
- o Remember that a boating safety course is mandatory for all operators of watercraft, whether motorboats, personal watercraft, sailboats, catamarans, etc. (PCOC info [here](#))
- o You must always have your Pleasure Craft Operator Card with you when operating a boat.
- o Always travel counterclockwise.
- o When passing another boat, swimmers, paddlers, or other small boats, you must do so on the left side, while maintaining a speed and distance that will avoid creating too many waves for the boat or swimmer you are passing.
- o The maximum speed in the No-Wake/Buffer zone of 30 meters or 100 feet from the shore is less than 8-10 kph, to prevent erosion of the shoreline and avoid damaging docks and other boats. Maintain No-Wake throughout the Narrows.
- o When towing a skier or other inflatable equipment, you must have a spotter watching the person or persons being towed. You must have a seat in the boat for anyone being towed. This includes PWC (e.g. Sea-Doos).

Follow all federal navigation rules. <https://arlb-lbca.ca/en/boating-lake-safety/>





## **RAPPEL - Colloque sur l'eau 26 et 27 mars**

The LBCA is a member of RAPPEL (Regroupement des associations pour la protection de l'environnement des lacs et des bassins versants), an organization dedicated to protecting the environment of lakes and watersheds. Every year, RAPPEL organizes a water symposium, and as members, we are entitled to a maximum of 10 registrations. This is a 100% online event spread over two afternoons, and registration is free for members. To view the program, please visit the following link: <https://rappel.qc.ca/ne-manquez-pas-le-colloque-sur-leau-2026/>. Please contact the LBCA at [president@lbca.ca](mailto:president@lbca.ca) if you would like to register so that we do not exceed the maximum of 10 registrations.

All the presentations at the symposium are in French only.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Please consider submitting your name to be a Lake Barron volunteer. We are looking for volunteers to perform certain tasks, including being a part of the team that conducts water tests, the team that collects Chinese mystery snails, the team that monitors invasive aquatic plants, the social event team, and more.

Contact LBCA today to become part of this amazing group!

## **Join the LBCA Board of Directors**

For 2026, 4 positions are open for nomination to ensure the association's succession and sustainability. There are also positions open on the LBCA Committees: Environment, Social, Communication and Boating. Contact [president@lbca.ca](mailto:president@lbca.ca) for more information or to volunteer today!



If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact us

[president@lbca.ca](mailto:president@lbca.ca)

SEE YOU SOON ON THE WATER!

Heather, Danielle, Remi, Yan, Suzanne and Margaret

LBCA Board of Directors



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