



Memphrémagog
Conservation

Annual general assembly
Saturday, June 3rd, 2023, 9:30 AM

The Southière-sur-le-lac owners' association chapel
313, de la Chapelle avenue in Magog

MINUTES

Attendance of administrators and employees of Memphremagog Conservation inc. (MCI)

<u>Administrators</u>	Attendance
Johanne Lavoie, president	Yes
Pascale Bédard, vice president and secretary	Yes
Peter Lépine, vice-president	Yes
Olivier Barsalou-Provost, treasurer	Yes
Santiago Doyon, chairman of the board	Yes
Robert Benoit, administrator	Yes
Douglas Casson Coutts, administrator	Yes
Maxime Veillette, administrator	Yes
Eric Phendler, administrator	Yes
Gisèle Lacasse Benoit, administrator	Yes
<u>Observers</u>	
Marie-Josée Huot	Yes
Yves Bergevin	Yes
<u>General manager</u>	
Ariane Orjikh	Yes
<u>Administration</u>	
Lucie Dépôt, meeting secretary	Yes
<u>Patrol & project management</u>	
Chanel Racine-Mineault	Yes
Marguerite Duchesne	Yes
Fanny Deblois	Yes
Olivier Gagnon	Yes
Nicolas Boucher	Yes

Approximately 60 members were in attendance.

Assembly chairman: Mrs. Johanne Lavoie

Assembly secretary: Mrs. Lucie Dépôt

1. Opening of the meeting

Mrs. Johanne Lavoie, president, welcomes the members to MCI's 56th annual general assembly and thanks the members for their presence.

She also thanks MCI's personnel, the board of Directors, the volunteers, the universities and municipalities for their significant involvement.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Proposed by: Mrs. Kate Williams

Seconded by: Mrs. Gisèle Lacasse Benoit

Adopted.

3. Approval of the minutes of the annual general assembly of June 18, 2022

Proposed by: Mr. Maxime Veillette

Seconded by: Mrs. Chantale Brouillette

Adopted.

4. President's report

Mrs. Lavoie emphasizes the importance of MCI's actions for the protection and monitoring of Lake Memphremagog for present and future generations.

She highlights the three areas the organization concentrates on:

- Acquisition of knowledge
- Protection of achievements
- Improvement of disturbed environments

She presents the 2023 edition of the annual newsletter *Le Memphré* which will be sent to all members in the coming days.

She introduces the Board of Directors, highlighting the work of each, and thanks them for their involvement in the organization.

5. Membership report by Peter Lépine

Mr. Peter Lépine presents the annual membership report.

Note that the membership pamphlet has been updated to reflect the adjustment in the cost of the different membership categories.

A mass mailing to 1,422 shoreline residents who are not members was sent at the beginning of May 2023.

As of May 2023: 323 members in 5 months (an increase of 30% over May 30th, 2022)

It should be noted that though membership has decreased overall, these numbers are better than the previous year. (see Annex 1)

An effort on the part of current members to promote MCI among your friends and neighbours is suggested.

6. Presentation and approval of the financial statements as of March 31, 2023

Erratum: The title of the item on the agenda should have read Filing of the financial statements as of March 31, 2023.

Mr. Olivier Barsalou-Provost presents the results of the financial year ending March 31, 2023. (see Annex II)

He notes MCI's excellent financial situation and the government support that MCI has benefited from.

As well, Mr. Barsalou invites those wanting more detail on MCI's finances to contact MCI in writing. He will be pleased to answer their questions.

7. Nomination of the accountant

Mr. Yann Philibert, CPA's mandate has been renewed as accountant.

Proposed by: Mr. Peter Lépine
Seconded by: Mr. Robert Benoit
Adopted.

8. 2022-2023 activities report

MCI's General manager, Ariane Orjikh, introduces MCI's work teams and provides a summary of their projects:

2023 summer patrol

The 2023 patrol is an experienced, dynamic team:

Fanny DeBlois, Bachelor's in ecology

Chanel Racine-Mineault, Bachelor's in ecology

Marguerite Duchesne, Bachelor's in ecology

Olivier Gagnon, student in a bachelor's program in environmental studies

Nicolas Boucher, student in a bachelor's program in environmental studies

MCI worked on the following **projects** in 2022-2023:

Conservation plan – city of Magog:

- Characterization of the natural areas
- Analysis of the ecological value of the natural areas
- Analysis of the potential pressures on the natural areas
- Next step:
Creating a conservation strategy and an action plan in collaboration with a work group coordinated by MCI.

Conservation plan for the Lake Memphremagog watershed

- Federal subsidy: Priority areas designated by regional actors, species at risk
- In collaboration with Appalachian Corridor and Nature Conservancy Canada (NCC)

Voluntary conservation: protection of the natural areas in the Fitch bay watershed

- Federal subsidy: priority areas designated by local communities.

As well, MCI is involved in the following **files**:

Coventry file:

- Moratorium on the discharge of leachate in the watershed until January 1, 2028
- Summer 2023:
Submission of a proposal for a pilot plant to treat leachate onsite.
Application of the precaution principle: leachate, treated or not, must not be released into the Lake Memphremagog watershed.
MCI is following the situation regarding the release of toxic leachate coming from the landfill into the water table closely.

MCI is also present on various organizations' committees, round tables, boards of directors, etc. where **MCI participated in over 30 meetings in 2022-2023:**

- Québec-Vermont committee (2)
- Coventry landfill oversight committee (2)
- The city of Magog's environmental consultation committee (4)
- RAPPEL's board of directors and its AGM (6)
- Memphremagog Watershed Association's board of directors (2)
- DUMP's board of directors (10)
- COGESAF's board of directors and its AGM (2)
- Grouping of Austin's lake associations (1)
- The University of Sherbrooke's first conference about Lake Memphremagog (1)
- Workshops on the conservation of natural areas (1)
- Symposium on exotic invasive aquatic plants given by the CREE (1)
- RAPPEL's colloquium on water (1)

Fanny DeBlois and Chanel Racine-Mineault, patrol coordinators and project managers, present the report on the past year's and the ongoing activities.

Zebra mussel inventories by snorkel

Objective: Confirm the presence of zebra mussels in areas where their presence had not yet been confirmed.

- 2 snorkelers for 30 minutes (1 person-hour)
- 164 sites since 2018
- Project financed partly by the Memphremagog MRC and the shoreline municipalities.

Water quality sampling

The patrol will be monitoring water quality in collaboration with the Québec government, the Memphremagog MRC and the city of Magog.

Surveillance of protected natural areas

- Projected Michael Dunn biodiversity reserve (Contract in partnership with the Québec government) since 2020
- Long island and Molson island (Contract in partnership with Nature Conservancy of Canada) since 2021

Characterization of Eurasian water milfoil beds - 2022

- 102 herbaria described
- Shorelines examined: 29.9 km
- Quebec shorelines: 24.5 %
- Total shorelines: 21.3 %

Project supported by:

- City of Magog
- Austin
- Municipality of Stanstead Township

New item:

- Interactive map available on MCI's web site – cyanobacteria blooms

Awareness activities

- Tree distribution (2,200 in 2022 and 1,950 in 2023)
- Media interviews
- Information kiosk at the Magog boat launch location (2022)
- Magog public market and Georgeville parade (2022)
- Training on exotic invasive species given by Ariane (2023)

Buoys for ecosensitive zones

Buoys indicating ECOSENSITIVE ZONE were installed in 5 locations on Lake Memphremagog to sensitize users of the lake to take care in these zones.

Presentation of a new project:

ACTION BANDES RIVERAINES : ENSEMBLE POUR NOS RIVES! Subsidized by:
The Programme de soutien régional aux enjeux de l'eau (**PSREE**) from Québec's 2018-2023
action plan within its 2018-2030 Water strategy

Problem: significant intake of phosphorus -> proliferation of cyanobacteria blooms

Action: enlarge shoreline buffer zones (10 m wide + 3 vegetative strata)

Objective: Implementation of wider shoreline buffer zones in residential areas to improve the lake's water quality

A call to shoreline residents! (Revegetation subsidized at 80% by the PSREE)

Communication activities

- Infoletters: 16
- Facebook posts: 46 (32 MCI posts; 11 shared posts)
- Instagram posts: 28
- Ongoing updating of the web site
- Ordering of missing promotional articles
- Ongoing filming of a promotional video

Facebook, Instagram etc.... communications have been improved and we already note more traffic on these sites.

9. Nominations committee report

Mrs. Pascale Bédard presents the proposed slate of members of the Board of directors for 2023-2024. All current board members remain in their current positions (Annex III).

The nominations committee recommends that Mrs. Marie-Josée Huot, currently an observer, be named as a member of the Board of directors.

Proposed by: Mr. Jean-Claude Duff
Seconded by: Mrs. Catherine Benoit
Adopted.

10. Ratification of the administrators' actions

Mrs. Pascale Bédard asks the assembly to ratify the administrators' actions, so that all the activities, transactions and actions taken by the Board and the executive committee of the corporation since the last annual general meeting be ratified and approved.

Proposed by: Mr. Jean-Claude Duff
Seconded by: Mrs. Mary Monty
Adopted.

11. Conferences

Mrs. Cynthia Patry, Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC)

The Nature conservancy of Canada is a unifying force for nature across the country. NCC looks for solutions to the double crisis of the rapid loss of biodiversity and climate change thanks to its permanent conservation of land across the country. As a trusted partner, NCC works with individuals, communities, businesses and the government to protect and maintain our most important natural areas. Since 1962, NCC has united Canadians for the conservation and restoration of more than 15 million hectares, including close to 50,00 hectares in Québec. NCC is a registered charity. Through nature NCC is building a more prosperous world.

With offices in every province, NCC works locally in collaboration with different partners and stakeholders to acquire tracts of land.

Mrs. Patry emphasizes the importance of rallying all stakeholders towards a common goal, the protection of natural areas across the country.

Mrs. Caroline Bisson, Appalachian corridor (ACA)

Appalachian corridor is a conservation non-profit organization founded in 2002 whose mission is the protection of the natural areas of the Appalachian region in southern Québec.

ACA sees itself as an active player who can count on a network of 17 affiliated partners, including MCI.

The organization's main mission is to link up the islands (protected areas) to create a protected corridor for all of the species living there.

Mrs. Judy Hopps, Memphremagog Wetlands Foundation (MWF)

The foundation was created in 1991 to acquire, restore and maintain wetlands in the Lake Memphremagog watershed in perpetuity.

Mrs. Hopps discusses the issues related to wetlands and explains the benefits of conserving marshy land. The foundation works in concert with local municipalities, shoreline residents and organizations such as MCI to join our efforts to protect the environment.

12. Question period and member comments

Members asked questions about the following:

- Coventry
- Zebra mussels
- Several questions and comments regarding the subsidy program for shoreline buffer zones.

13. Gordon-Kohl Prize

Johanne Lavoie and the Board of directors underlines the tireless devotion, all as a volunteer, of Mr. Robert Benoit for the past 20 years with MCI.

As a thank you, MCI offered and planted a tree on his property in Austin. Congratulations and Thank You to Mr. Robert Benoit.

14. Closing of the assembly

Assembly closed at 11:55 AM

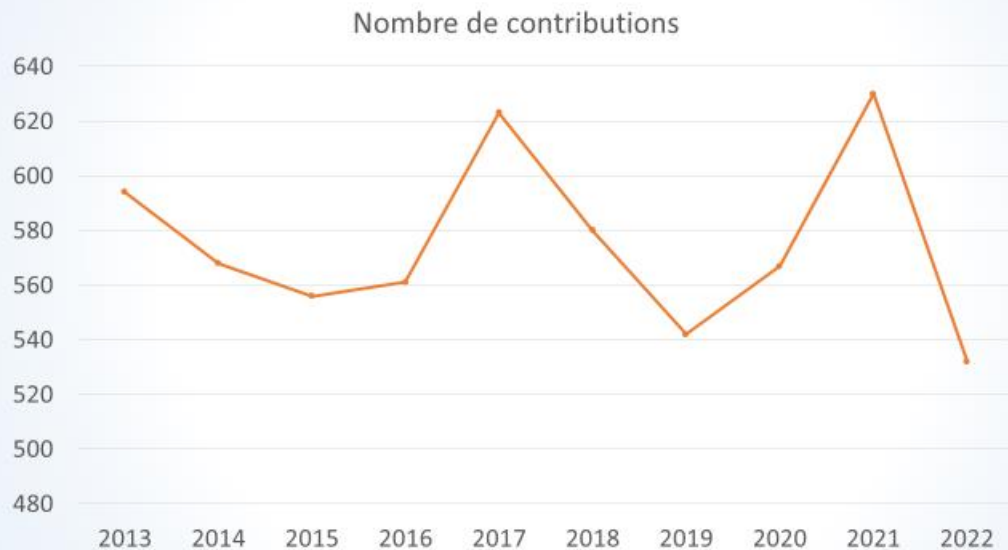
Proposed by: Mrs. Lisette Maillé
Seconded by: Mrs. Kate Williams
Adopted.

Annex I : Membership report

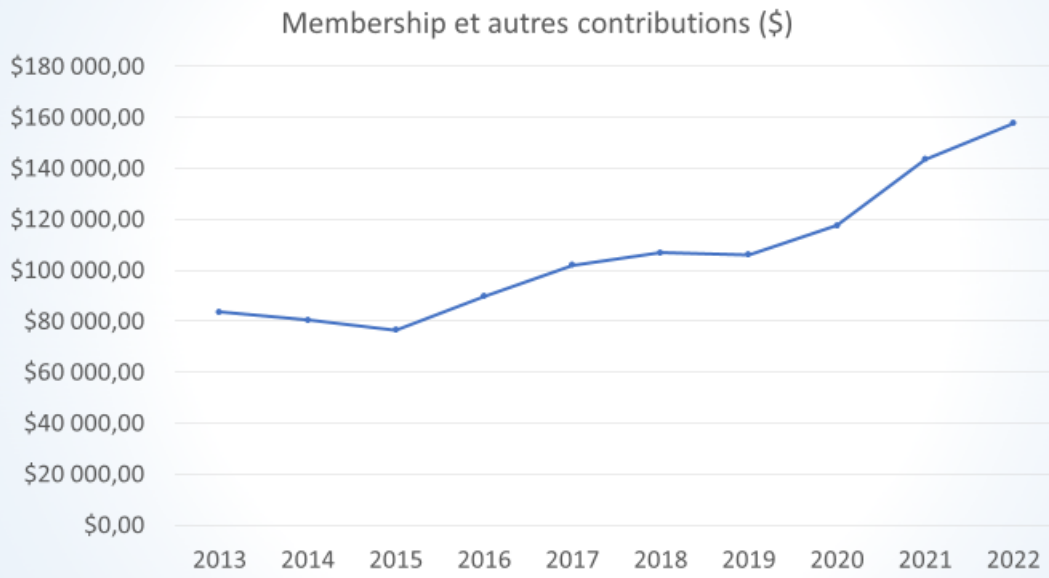
Rapport des adhésions 2022 / 2022 Membership report

Catégories de membres / membership categories	(qté)
Membre réciproque et/ou honoraire / Reciprocal or honorary member	4
Membre familial / <i>Family membership (60\$)</i>	331
Membre de soutien / <i>Sustaining membership (200\$)</i>	124
Membre du cercle du patrimoine / <i>Heritage circle membership (600\$+)</i>	54
Membres totaux	509
Contributions des municipalités / <i>Municipalities' contributions</i>	2
Dons supplémentaires ou spéciaux / <i>Special donations</i>	21
Contributions totales	532

Rapport des adhésions / Membership report



Rapport des adhésions / Membership report



Annex II : Financial statements as of March 31, 2023

BILAN

Au 31 mars

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
ACTIF		
À court terme		
Trésorerie	120 014	121 830
Débiteurs et autres sommes à recevoir	5 515	2 506
Dons et subventions à recevoir	11 224	21 844
Subvention à recevoir - prêt CUEC	20 000	—
Charges payées d'avance	2 476	3 417
Inventaires	4 427	1 860
	163 656	151 457
Subvention à recevoir - prêt CUEC	—	20 000
Placements <i>[note 5]</i>	121 520	107 647
Immobilisations corporelles <i>[note 4]</i>	12 029	15 142
	297 205	294 246
PASSIF		
À court terme		
Créditeurs et charges à payer	10 859	22 877
Produits reportés	1 990	3 293
Portion court terme de la dette à long terme	60 000	—
	72 849	26 170
Dette à long terme <i>[note 6]</i>	—	60 000
ACTIF NET		
Fonds non-affectés	162 963	160 623
Fonds affectés - bourse d'études	61 393	47 453
	224 356	208 076
	297 205	294 246

Voir les notes ci-jointes

Au nom du conseil d'administration,

ÉTAT DES RÉSULTATS

Pour l'exercice clos le 31 mars

		2023		2022
		\$		\$
PRODUITS				
Adhésions		138 034		111 412
Dons et événements		24 366		29 428
Services et autres revenus		47 228		6 004
Subventions et contributions [note 3]		66 784		136 442
		276 412		283 286
CHARGES				
Projets				
Salaires et honoraires professionnels	175 860		142 385	
Amortissement immobilisations corporelles	3 007		—	
Autres dépenses de projets	17 504	196 371	23 863	166 248
Communications et promotion		6 205		3 663
Charges d'administration				
Salaires et honoraires professionnels	48 054		51 967	
Assurances	618		666	
Autres frais d'administration	8 778		10 100	
Amortissement immobilisations corporelles	106	57 556	212	62 945
		260 132		232 856
Excédent des produits par rapport aux charges		16 280		50 430

Voir les notes ci-jointes

	Fonds non- affectés	Fonds affectés - bourse d'études	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Actif net, au début de l'exercice	160 623	47 453	208 076	157 646
Excédent des produits par rapport aux charges	2 340	13 940	16 280	50 430
Transfert inter-fonds	—	—	—	—
Actif net, à la fin de l'exercice	162 963	61 393	224 356	208 076

Voir les notes ci-jointes

NOTES AFFÉRENTES AUX ÉTATS FINANCIERS

Au 31 mars

1. L'ENTREPRISE ET SES ACTIVITÉS

L'organisme, constitué en vertu de la partie III de la loi sur les compagnies (Québec), a pour objectif d'assurer la sauvegarde de l'environnement du lac Memphrémagog et de son bassin versant pour les générations futures. Il est un organisme de bienfaisance enregistré au sens de la Loi de l'impôt sur le revenu.

2. MÉTHODE DE COMPTABILITÉ APPLIQUÉE DANS LA PRÉPARATION DES INFORMATIONS FINANCIÈRES

La méthode de comptabilité appliquée dans la préparation des informations financières se fonde sur le coût historique, compte tenu des opérations de trésorerie ainsi que des éléments suivants:

- Débiteurs, déduction faite, s'il y a lieu, d'une provision pour créances douteuses;
- Dons et subventions à recevoir, lorsque les conditions permettant l'encaissement sont rencontrées;
- Inventaires, déduction faite, s'il y a lieu, d'une provision pour désuétude;
- Les immobilisations corporelles sont amorties selon la méthode et les taux suivant :

	<u>Méthode</u>	<u>Taux</u>
Bateau	Linéaire	5 ans
Matériel informatique	Linéaire	3 ans

- Crédeurs et charges à payer;
- Produits reportés constatés lorsque des sommes sont encaissées pour des charges à venir ou pour des services devant être rendus postérieurement à la fin d'exercice;
- Produits constatés lorsque les conditions des dons et des subventions sont rencontrées ou les services ont été rendus.

3. SUBVENTIONS ET CONTRIBUTIONS

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Gouvernement du Canada	14 279	35 937
Gouvernement du Québec	123	35 720
Municipalités et villes	20 661	28 286
Fondations et autres	31 721	36 499
	<u>66 784</u>	<u>136 442</u>

NOTES AFFÉRENTES AUX ÉTATS FINANCIERS

Au 31 mars

4. IMMOBILISATIONS CORPORELLES

	2023		
	Coût	Amortissement cumulé	Valeur nette
	\$	\$	\$
Bateau	37 405	(25 376)	12 029
Matériel informatique	635	(635)	—
	38 040	(26 011)	12 029

	2022		
	Coût	Amortissement cumulé	Valeur nette
	\$	\$	\$
Bateau	37 405	(22 369)	15 036
Matériel informatique	635	(529)	106
	38 040	(22 898)	15 142

5. PLACEMENTS

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Dépôts, au coût	60 127	60 194
Placement - bourse d'étude, au coût	61 393	47 453
	121 520	107 647

Au cours de l'exercice terminé le 31 mars 2023, le placement - bourse d'étude a enregistré des contributions nettes de 9 830\$ et des revenus de placements nets des frais de placements de 4 110\$.

La juste valeur marchande des placements - bourse d'études s'établit à 58 152\$ au 31 mars 2023 [47 727\$ au 31 mars 2022].

6. DETTE À LONG TERME

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Prêt compte d'urgence pour les entreprises canadiennes (CUEC) d'un montant de 60 000\$, ne portant pas intérêts jusqu'au 31 décembre 2023. Le remboursement d'un montant de 40 000\$ avant le 31 décembre 2023 entraînera la radiation du solde restant de 20 000\$. Après le 31 décembre 2023, le solde du prêt portera intérêt au taux de 5% et pourra être remboursé par 24 versements mensuels ou sinon remboursable à son échéance au 31 décembre 2025.	60 000	60 000
	60 000	60 000
Portion à court terme	60 000	—
Portion à long terme	—	60 000

7. SOLDES COMPARATIFS

Les soldes comparatifs de l'exercice 2022 ont été redressés afin de les rendre comparables à l'exercice 2023.

Annex III – Nominations committee report

Membres du CA en élection / *Members of the Board up for Election*

Nomination 2023-2024			
		Nb d'années avant la fin du mandat	En élection
1	Robert Benoit	1	
2	Poste vacant	2	En élection
3	Santiago Doyon	1	
4	Pascale Bédard	2	En élection
5	Douglas Coutts	1	
6	Gisèle Lacasse Benoit	2	En élection
7	Johanne Lavoie	1	
8	Peter Lépine	2	En élection
9	Olivier Provost-Barsalou	1	
10	Maxime Veillette	2	En élection
11	Eric Phendler	1	

Mandats reconduits / *Mandates renewed*

Nomination 2023-2024			
		Nb d'années avant la fin du mandat	2023-2024
1	Robert Benoit	1	
2	Poste vacant	2	
3	Santiago Doyon	1	
4	Pascale Bédard	2	Pascale Bédard
5	Douglas Coutts	1	
6	Gisèle Lacasse Benoit	2	Gisèle Lacasse Benoit
7	Johanne Lavoie	1	
8	Peter Lépine	2	Peter Lépine
9	Olivier Provost-Barsalou	1	
10	Maxime Veillette	2	Maxime Veillette
11	Eric Phendler	1	

Nouvelle administratrice / *New Board member*

Nomination 2023-2024

		Nb d'années avant la fin du mandat	2023-2024
1	Robert Benoit	1	
2	Poste vacant	2	Marie-Josée Huot
3	Santiago Doyon	1	
4	Pascale Bédard	2	Pascale Bédard
5	Douglas Coutts	1	
6	Gisèle Lacasse Benoit	2	Gisèle Lacasse Benoit
7	Johanne Lavoie	1	
8	Peter Lépine	2	Peter Lépine
9	Olivier Provost-Barsalou	1	
10	Maxime Veillette	2	Maxime Veillette
11	Eric Phendler	1	

Conseil d'administration proposé pour 2023-2024 / *Board members proposed for 2023-2024*

1	Robert Benoit
2	Marie-Josée Huot
3	Santiago Doyon
4	Pascale Bédard
5	Douglas Coutts
6	Gisèle Lacasse Benoit
7	Johanne Lavoie
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