

Candidates' Questionnaire 2017 - Responses from Henri Chamberlain

1. Do you support continuing collaboration with the Lakes Association of Kazabazua (LAK)?

Yes. Ongoing dialogue is important in order to understand the needs and concerns of the LAK. I would also support collaboration with all other community organizations in the municipality like the Generation of Tomorrow, the Community Centre Committee, the Gatineau Valley Retirement Village, and the Fire Department Association. Members of these groups are volunteering their time for the benefit of our community. Everyone should be heard, and all ideas, recommendations and concerns must be considered. Working together benefits everyone.

2. Would you be prepared to recommend to council that financial support for the LAK in lakes' health research be provided when necessary?

The health of our lakes is important to everyone in the municipality, including those who do not own lakefront property.

Before recommending financial support, I would ask why research is necessary. Is this an Environment Quebec responsibility? Is there evidence of a problem? Is the source manmade and should the municipality take action to correct or lessen the problem? Are there preventive actions to undertake?

I would also ask how the research project would be managed. Would the LAK have complete control or would the municipality collaborate with the LAK? And what does the LAK intend to do with the research outcome?

The current council was questioned at a public council meeting two years ago about a boat-wash program for Kazabazua. They said they would be studying the file before making a decision. Two years have passed. Did the study happen and if it did have the results been made public? Blue Sea, Gracefield and Low municipalities have had a boat-wash program for two years. How do they manage the program and could their service be shared with the neighbouring municipalities? This is the information this municipality needs in order to decide if and how it will manage a program in Kazabazua.

3. Would you be prepared to cooperate with LAK in finding solutions to waste management concerns?

I am prepared to cooperate with the LAK as well as individuals and businesses in the municipality to finding solutions to waste management concerns.

The current council had a plan for management of household waste. The first phase was purchasing containers that empty mechanically into the garbage truck (lessens the risk of

employee injury when manually handling the garbage). Now that the containers are in use, other issues need to be looked at. Examples: multiple residences on private roadways; businesses that require larger containers.

Regarding septic waste, the municipality has a regular pumping schedule (every two years for full-time residents; every four years for seasonal residents). The program was supposed to help the municipality find illegal (non-conforming) septic systems and deal with other issues. The program has been in place for many years, but there are still non-conforming septic systems and other issues that need to be dealt with.

4. Would you be prepared to address LAK concerns with road maintenance?

I would be interested in learning more about the LAK concerns with road maintenance. The municipality has complete control over road maintenance and conditions now that they've taken over the snow removal in winter, along with summer grading, calcium spreading, etc. Suggestions from the LAK to improve these services would be welcome.

5. Do you support retaining the mail-in vote for seasonal residents in municipal elections?

Absolutely. Every property owner has the right to vote in municipal elections. Mail-in response rates from previous elections do not change the fact that mail-in vote should remain an option for seasonal residents.

6. The library is a very important resource for all residents. Are you prepared to consult with the LAK prior to taking any decision on relocating the library?

I do not support the idea of the library relocating. In my opinion its current location on the main street of Kazabazua is ideal. If the new council considers relocation I would insist that the Cultural and Social Committee, the reading clubs, the LAK and any other community organization that uses the library be consulted first.