

To

Candidates for the 2021 Kazabazua Municipal Election

The Lakes Association of Kazabazua (LAK) is a legally chartered group of residents, both seasonal and permanent, who live on various lakes in the Municipality of Kazabazua. Currently, our Association includes nine lakes: Danford Lake, Little Danford Lake, McConnell Lake, Lyons Lake, McAuley Lake, Shea Lake, Egg Lake, Red Pine Lake, and Farm Lake.

Over the years, we have enjoyed a productive partnership with the municipal councils of Kazabazua. We hope that the next council will also be an effective partner on matters of mutual concern.

To that end, our Board of Directors has prepared the attached questionnaire, which covers areas of greatest concern to our members, i.e. cooperation and partnership between the Municipality and our Association, the protection and preservation of the lakes, noise control, and access to high-speed Internet.

Your response to this questionnaire would be very appreciated.

It will be shared with the LAK membership.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,

David Prime,

Chair of the Board of Directors

Lakes Association of Kazabazua

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We would ask that you please respond to the questionnaire by October 15, either by email to [davidprime228@gmail.com](mailto:davidprime228@gmail.com) or by mail at the following address: Lakes Association of Kazabazua, P.O. Box 254, Kazabazua, Quebec J0X 1X0.

1. In their 2016 and 2018 reports on the health of the nine lakes represented by the Lakes Association of Kazabazua, the biologists of the Agence du bassin versant des 7 (ABV-7) recommended that the MRC ‘develop tools for efficiently ensuring compliance of regulations and remain uncompromising when granting new permits and approving projects which would increase the use of shores or new recreational and tourism activities on shores that might compromise the health of the lakes’. This important responsibility was transferred to each municipality in our MRC in 2017 (Municipal By-law No. 2017-006 amending Zoning By-law No. 201 of the Municipality of Kazabazua to incorporate standards to establish measures for the protection of surface waters, shoreline and river banks protection).

1.1 Will you commit to developing tools for ensuring compliance with the current regulations aimed at protecting the lakes?

I am committed to working with the lake association to ensure that our lakes and natural eco systems within remain protected.

2. In 2016 and 2018, the Municipality and the Lakes Association of Kazabazua co-financed a study of the health of the nine lakes by the Agence du bassin versant des 7 (ABV-7). This study is to be used as a baseline for the regular monitoring of the health of the lakes in the future.

2.1 Would you be prepared to recommend to Council that financial support for LAK in lakes health research be provided again when necessary?

I am very interested in the study of health of the lakes. I also have a few questions myself regarding this section.

- a) Are the 2016 and 2018 studies available to the public online?
- b) Was there a more recent study done?
- c) Based on the pattern above would the association be interested in having a study of health done regularly, for example every 2 years?

3. In 2019, 2020 and 2021, rave parties on private properties disrupted the peace and quiet of many residents (permanent and seasonal). They also caused great concerns related to the spread of the Coronavirus. According to Art. 17 of the Municipal By-law on Nuisances (No. 2017-003), ‘The person responsible for the application of this by-law is any officer or municipal employee appointed by the council.’ According to Art. 17 again, the Municipality can request assistance from the Sûreté du Québec in this matter.

3.1 Do you commit to consulting with the Lakes Association of Kazabazua on such de issues that directly affect its members

Many residents both seasonal and permanent of Kazabazua have decided to live here on the premise of it being a quiet and relaxing environment. As a resident myself I have found that the last few years with the raves has been disruptive to our communities. I want to ensure that should there be another rave that complaints are handled appropriately and no resident feels like they are not being heard. No resident should feel uncomfortable or uneasy in their own homes. Surete du Quebec should be notified beforehand of any future raves to be sure they are not left without the power to resolve any issues that arise from these events.

3.2 Will you commit to clarify the respective roles of the Municipality and of the Sûreté du Québec so that Kazabazua residents know exactly what to expect from them and how to proceed during such events?

As a member of council I would like to look into ensure that all community members know their rights and who to contact with concerns.

3.3 Given the disruptive nature of these parties, would you be amenable to limiting the number of hosts and the frequency of these events?

Giving that we are in a pandemic ideally I would like to ensure that we limit the spread. If such large events are to be permitted again I believe that these parties should also be held to the same accountability and standards that a public event would have. For example, permits, capacity limits, noise limits, time limits. In the past these simple requests were not respected and the people responsible should have some form of accountability.

4. Public access to waterways for launching boats and swimming—The outgoing municipal council committed to consulting with the Lakes Association of Kazabazua in the development of options to respond to the wishes of some residents of Kazabazua to have a public access to water for swimming and boating. All the lakes represented by our Association are fragile ecosystems showing early signs of aging, which led ABV-7 biologists to recommend shoreline restoration measures aimed at slowing down that process, preserving fish habitat, and preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species.

4.1 Will you honour this commitment and continue consulting with the Lakes Association of Kazabazua?

As a resident who has been swimming in these lakes my entire life I believe with regulations we can have a place to swim while also keeping our lakes clean. I would like to have a public access beach for swimming. Because of the size of some of these lakes I believe limited boat access would be something I would like to continue with.

The outgoing Council included, among several options, opening a site on one of the lakes exclusively for swimming. In their reports, ABV-7 biologists raised concerns and recommended against 'approving projects which would increase the use of shores or new recreational and tourism activities on shores that might compromise the health of the lakes'.

4.2 Do you agree that any proposal to open a site on one of the lakes should receive environmental scrutiny, and if the new Council is able to secure the necessary governmental approvals, will you commit to putting measures in place that will (in adherence with the ABV-7 recommendations) preserve the lake's shoreline integrity, protect its water quality and fish habitat, prevent the introduction of invasive species, and preserve the peace and quiet of the lake's residents?

If we don't work together to preserve the lakes, there will no longer be lakes to enjoy by all. I would like to ensure that the health of the lakes is of priority. I would like to continue to work with biologists to find an option that would benefit all community members. If a public access beach was granted I would like to make sure it is regulated to ensure swimmers are respectful to the lake and lake residents.

5. Over the past year, the Lakes Association of Kazabazua has actively supported efforts by the Municipality of Kazabazua and the MRC Vallée-de-la-Gatineau to bring high-speed Internet to the Region.

5.1 Will you commit to ensuring that the high-speed internet accessibility program is available to all residents of our region and that the same quality service is provided to all?

I believe as it stands high speed is being introduced to more residents but I would look into ensure that all residents are being offered the same services. With the current pandemic and a lot of residents working remotely it would be beneficial that everyone has high speed internet.